

Department 15 – Home Products

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General Rules:

See General Fair Rules and Regulations.

1. All products must have been made by the exhibitor. Premiums will not be paid for commercial products.
2. Premiums will be offered on merit of excellence, not entry alone. Therefore, in any one class all premiums may not be awarded, if in the judge's opinion, the other entries do not merit placement. This may result in the omission of some placements such as first or second for awarding of only a third.
3. Complete baked goods must be brought to Fair. After judging, the Fair may display only a portion of the product for the Fair event. Bring layered cakes in plastic covered disposable container. Cupcakes may be brought in a disposable cupcake holder with removable lid.
4. Baked goods become the property of the Fair. After judging, a small portion of the product is placed on display. Most baked goods will be auctioned off Tuesday evening of Fair week. Half of the proceeds from the auction of the baked goods will benefit the South Mountain Fair, and half will benefit a local charity. All checks written at the auction to pay for baked goods must be made payable to the South Mountain Fair. The Fair will then issue a check to the charity.
5. No cream cheese, custard filling, whipping cream, or frozen toppings allowed in any baked item.
6. Junior/Youth division is open to anyone ages 17 and under. Senior/Adult division is open to anyone ages 18 and over.
7. Early registration is encouraged. All exhibitors must have an exhibitor number at a cost of \$2.00 per exhibitor. This fee is waived if the exhibitor pre-registers their entries by July 14. The General Entries form can be found at the back of this book or on the web site at www.southmountainfair.com. The exhibitor's name, address and phone number along with the department, section, and class information is required for pre-registration. Completed exhibit cards will be mailed to the exhibitor.
8. No cloth covers may be used over lids of canned goods. Metal rings may be loosely applied while transporting jars to and from fair to prevent damage; however, rings must be removed from jars before exhibiting unless noted otherwise in certain classes or sections.
9. Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday July 20, 2025, from 2-4 p.m., and on Monday July 21, 2025, from 4-7 p.m.
10. **Exhibits will be released to exhibitors after the Fair on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. No prize money will be awarded for exhibits removed in violation of this rule. No ribbons will be mailed, any unclaimed ribbons will be reused another year. Any exhibits not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Fair office on the second Monday of August from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any exhibits not taken at that time will be discarded.**



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BAKED PRODUCTS

General Rules:

1. Cakes are judged on flavor, lightness, general appearance and crumb.
2. If possible bring cakes in boxes.
3. Pies are judged on texture of crust, as well as flavor and consistency of filling.
4. Candy is judged on uniformity, texture, and flavor.
5. Pies should be in an 8" or 9" disposable container. Slide plate of baked goods into zip lock bag instead of covering with plastic wrap.
6. No cream cheese, custard filling, whipping cream or frozen toppings in any baked item.

Section 1 - Quick Breads, 1 loaf, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Section 50 - Quick Breads, 1 loaf, Junior

Quick breads, approximately 4"x8"x5", 1 rectangular loaf placed in a zip close plastic bag.

Class		Class		Class	
1	Baking powder biscuits, 6 per plate	10	Cranberry, 1 loaf	18	Orange, 1 loaf
2	Corn bread, 4 slices	11	Date, 1 loaf	19	Blueberry peach, 1 loaf
3	Muffins, Zucchini, 6 per plate	12	Pumpkin, 1 loaf	20	Peach, 1 loaf
4	Muffins, Lemon poppy seed, 6/plate	13	Zucchini, 1 loaf	21	Applesauce, 1 loaf
5	Muffins, Banana nut, 6 per plate	14	Strawberry, 1 loaf	22	Apple fruit, 1 loaf
6	Muffins, Pumpkin, 6 per plate	15	Coffee Crumb, 1 loaf	23	Cinnamon bread, 1 loaf
7	Muffins, Blueberry, 6 per plate	16	Friendship, 1 loaf	24	Bread sticks, 6 per plate
8	Muffins, Other, 6 per plate	17	Beer Bread, 1 loaf	25	Other to be named
9	Banana Nut, 1 loaf				

Section 2 - Yeast Breads, 1 loaf, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Section 52 - Yeast Breads, Junior

Yeast breads, approximately 4"x8"x5", 1 loaf placed in a zip close plastic bag.

Class		Class		Class	
1	Poly-grain	6	Rye	11	Apple Nut
2	Pumpernickel	7	Onion Rye	12	Whole Grain
3	White	8	Cinnamon	13	Sour Dough
4	Raisin	9	French	14	Other to be named
5	Whole Wheat	10	Fancy Sweet		

Section 3 - Machine Breads, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Section 54 - Machine Breads, Junior

Machine breads, all recipes must accompany bread.

Class		Class		Class	
1	White	6	Nut	10	Wheat
2	Honey Wheat	7	French	11	Multi-Grain
3	Oatmeal	8	Rye	12	Potato Bread
4	Raisin	9	Sourdough	13	Other to be named
5	Herb				

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Section 4 - Rolls, 6 in plastic bag, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Section 56 - Rolls, 6 in plastic bag, Junior

Uniform shape and size, 6 rolls placed in zip close plastic bag.

Class

- 1 Cinnamon
- 2 Holiday, fancy
- 3 Parkerhouse

Class

- 4 White
- 5 Whole Wheat
- 6 Sticky Buns

Class

- 7 Pumpernickel
- 8 Other to be named
- 9 Plate of fancy rolls

Section 5 - Butter Cake, iced, 2 layer, Senior

Premiums: \$5.00 4.00 3.00

Section 58 - Butter Cake, iced, Junior

Iced, 2 layers on disposable plate.

Class

- 1 Chocolate
- 2 Devil's Food
- 3 Coconut
- 4 Nut

Class

- 5 Spice
- 6 White
- 7 Yellow
- 8 Banana

Class

- 9 Strawberry
- 10 Applesauce
- 11 Red Velvet
- 12 Other to be named

Section 6 - Decorated Cake, Senior

Premiums: \$8.00 6.00 4.00

Section 60 - Decorated Cake, Junior

Must be a real cake, will be cut.

Class

- 1 Any special holiday
- 2 Birthday
- 3 Novelty

Class

- 4 S. Mt Fair Theme
- 5 Wedding

Class

- 6 Anniversary
- 7 Other to be named



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Section 7 - Egg Cake, not iced, Senior
Section 62 - Egg Cake, not iced, Junior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Angel food	5	Applesauce	8	Franklin Nut
2	Chiffon	6	Jewish Apple	9	Blueberry
3	Sponge	7	Pound	10	Other to be named
4	Crumb				

Section 8 - Cupcakes, 4 on plate, Senior
Section 64 - Cupcakes, 4 on plate, Junior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

(Can use a disposable cupcake holder with removable lid.)

Class		Class	
1	White	4	Decorated Cake Pops (on lollipop stick)
2	Chocolate	5	Whoopie Pies (4 of same flavor)
3	Decorated cupcakes, any flavor	6	Other to be named

Section 9 - One Crust Pie, 8-9 inch, Senior
Section 66 - One Crust Pie, 8-9 inch, Junior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Apple Crumb	4	Pecan	7	Peach Crumb
2	Cherry Crumb	5	Raisin Crumb	8	Other to be named
3	Oatmeal	6	Shoo-Fly		

Section 10 - Tarts, Senior
Section 67 - Tarts, Junior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Strawberry, 6 per plate	2	Apricot, 6 per plate	3	Other, 6 per plate

Section 11 - Two Crust Pie, 8-9 inch, Senior
Section 68 - Two Crust Pie, 8-9 inch, Junior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Apple	6	Cherry	11	Raspberry
2	Apple dumpling	7	Grape	12	Elderberry
3	Apple turnover	8	Mince	13	Blueberry
4	Apple, other	9	Peach	14	Other to be named
5	Blackberry	10	Raisin		

Section 12 - Candy, 6 pieces, Senior
Section 70 - Candy, 6 pieces, Junior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Chocolate covered	6	Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge	11	Pretzel candy
2	Chocolate fudge	7	Peanut brittle	12	Chocolate covered pretzels
3	Mints	8	Caramels	13	Other
4	Peanut Butter Fudge	9	Heath bars		
5	Chocolate Covered Nuts	10	Bon Bons		

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Section 13 - Cookies, 6 per plate, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 72 - Cookies, 6 per plate, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Bar Cookies, Brownies	11	Raisin nut	21	Pressed
2	Bar Cookies, Lemon bar	12	Butterscotch oatmeal	22	Rolled
3	Bar Cookies, Other	13	Other Dropped	23	Sandwich
4	Drop, Chocolate Chip	14	Filled	24	Sliced or Ice Box
5	Drop, Oatmeal	15	Molded, Peanut Butter	25	Unbaked
6	Drop, Sugar	16	Molded, Snickerdoodles	26	Sugarball
7	Drop, M & M	17	Chocolate pixie	27	Cocoanut macaroons
8	Crispy fresh apple	18	Double chocolate chip	28	Gingersnaps
9	Sour cream	19	Ginger molasses	29	Novelty Cookies
10	Lace	20	Other Molded	30	Other to be named

CANNED OR DRIED PRODUCTS

General Rules:

1. Canned foods are judged on quality, general appearance, and container.
2. Use standard, clear quart/pint glass jars for preserving and exhibiting fruits, vegetables, meats, and dried products.
3. No mayonnaise or 12 oz. jars. No rusty lids will be accepted. No cloth covers over lids.
4. Use two-piece, self-sealing lids, flat discs and metal screw bands, for sealing all jars of food.
5. Metal screw bands may be loosely applied while transporting jars to and from fair to prevent damage; however, screw bands must be removed from jars before exhibiting unless noted otherwise in certain classes or sections.
6. Entries are judged on size, uniformity, clearness, color, and arrangement.
7. Entries must be home canned and home dried, **no commercial entries allowed**. Canned goods must have been canned since the last fair with the exception of Dill Pickles, which may be a year old.
8. **No artificial coloring except jellies.**
9. **The South Mountain Fair Association is not responsible for spoilage of any canned goods during the exhibition.**

Section 14 - Miscellaneous Home Products, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 74 - Miscellaneous Home Products, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Caramel Corn, 1 qt, standard lid	4	Trail Mix, 1 qt, standard lid	7	Croutons, 1 pt, standard lid
2	Noodles, 1 qt, standard lid	5	Lard, 1 pt, standard lid	8	Other to be named
3	Salted nuts, 1/2 pint jar	6	Granola, 1 pt, standard lid		

Section 15 - Canned Fruits, pint or quart, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 76 - Canned Fruits, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Applesauce	9	Pears	17	Peach Pie Filling
2	Blueberries	10	Plums	18	Other Pie Filling
3	Cherries, dark, sweet, pitted	11	Raspberries, black	19	Blackberries
4	Cherries, dark, sweet, with pits	12	Mixed Fruit	20	Plum Cranberry Sauce
5	Cherries, red sour, pitted	13	Nectarines	21	Apricots
6	Cherries, red sour, with pits	14	Strawberries	22	Cinnamon Apples
7	Cherries, white, sweet, with pits	15	Apple Pie Filling	23	Pineapple
8	Peaches	16	Cherry Pie Filling	24	Other

25 Best display of fruit, 3 jars \$5.00

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CANNED OR DRIED PRODUCTS--Continued

Section 16 - Canned Vegetables, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 78 - Canned Vegetables, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Bean, green	12	Corn, yellow	23	Tomatoes, Red and Yellow
2	Bean, limas	13	Mixed Corn	24	Potatoes
3	Bean, yellow	14	Mixed Vegetables	25	Zucchini
4	Bean, Kidney	15	Peas	26	Carrots and Peas
5	Horticultural	16	Pumpkin	27	Soup, Vegetable
6	Baked beans	17	Sauerkraut	28	Soup, Chicken Corn
7	Beets	18	Squash, white	29	Soup, Tomato
8	Broccoli	19	Squash, yellow	30	Soup, Ham and Bean
9	Cabbage	20	Succotash	31	Soup, Deer
10	Carrots	21	Tomatoes, red	32	Green Peppers
11	Corn, white	22	Tomatoes, yellow	33	Other to be named

34 Best display of vegetables, 3 kinds, 3 jars \$5.00

Section 17 - Canned Meats, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 80 - Canned Meats, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Beef	5	Sausage	8	Pudding meat
2	Beef Tongue, Pickled	6	Venison	9	Beef Stew
3	Chicken	7	Mincemeat	10	Other to be named
4	Pork				

11 Best Display meat, 3 kinds, 3 jars \$5.00

Section 18 - Pickles, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 82 - Pickles, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Beets	6	Dill	11	Piccalilli
Cucumbers		7	Mustard	12	Lime
2	Bread & Butter	8	Sour	13	Dill Green Beans
3	Mixed	9	Sweet	14	Other to be named
4	Peppers	10	Zucchini		
5	Watermelon				

Section 19 - Relishes, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 84 - Relishes, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Chow chow	4	Zucchini	7	Sweet Pickle
2	Corn	5	Chutney, Pear	8	Other to be named
3	Pepper	6	Chutney, Peach		

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CANNED OR DRIED PRODUCTS--Continued

Section 20 - Sauces, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 86 - Sauces, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Catsup	4	Spaghetti Sauce	7	Pizza Sauce
2	Chili Sauce	5	Salsa	8	Other to be named
3	Tomato Sauce	6	BBQ Sauce		

Section 21 - Spiced Fruits, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 88 - Spiced Fruits, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Cantaloupe	2	Peaches	3	Other to be named

Section 22 - Dried Fruits, pint only, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 90 - Dried Fruits, pint only, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class		Class		Class	
1	Apples	7	Grapes	13	Raspberries
2	Apricots	8	Oranges	14	Strawberries
3	Bananas	9	Peaches	15	Blackberries
4	Cherries	10	Pears	16	Blueberries
5	Cranberries	11	Pineapple	17	Nectarines
6	Elderberries	12	Plums	18	Other to be named

Section 23 - Dried Vegetables, pint only, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 92 - Dried Vegetables, pint only, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class		Class		Class	
1	Beans, green	8	Corn, yellow	14	Tomatoes
2	Beans, shelled	9	Cucumber	15	Zucchini
3	Beans, yellow	10	Eggplant	16	Onion
4	Red beets	11	Rhubarb	17	Mushroom
5	Cabbage, shredded	12	Peas	18	Green Pepper
6	Carrots	13	Hot peppers	19	Other to be named
7	Corn, white				

Section 24 - Dried Herbs, pint only, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 94 - Dried Herbs, pint only, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class		Class		Class	
1	Basil	7	Sage	13	Celery Flakes
2	Dill	8	Tansy	14	Rosemary
3	French Tarragon	9	Yarrow	15	Thyme
4	Lemon Balm	10	Lavendar	16	Spearmint
5	Mint	11	Catnip	17	Other to be named
6	Parsley	12	Oregano		

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Section 25 - Juices, pint or quart, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 96 - Juices, pint or quart, Junior

Judged on color and clarity.

Class

- 1 Grape Juice
- 2 Tomato Juice

Class

- 3 Peach Juice
- 4 Other to be named

HONEY SPREADS, JAMS, JELLIES, MARMALADES, PRESERVES, AND BUTTERS

General Rules:

1. One standard jelly glass, 4 ounce or 8 ounce, must be clear, with self-sealing, 2 piece lids. **NO PINTS.**
2. **Rings must be kept on all jars in sections 26-31 and 98-108.**
3. Judged on appearance, consistency and neatness of package.
4. Judges will open jellies and preserves for tasting.
5. No paraffin for sealing is permitted.
6. All jellies and preserves must be labeled with variety and exhibitor number on the jar and lid.

Section 26 - Jams, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 98 - Jams, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class

- 1 Blackberry
- 2 Cherry
- 3 Currant
- 4 Peach
- 5 Plum
- 6 Raspberry, red
- 7 Raspberry, black

Class

- 8 Rhubarb
- 9 Strawberry
- 10 Mixed Fruit
- 11 Grape
- 12 Blueberry
- 13 Gooseberry

Class

- 14 Apricot
- 15 Zucchini
- 16 Spicy Peach
- 17 Ginger Peach
- 18 Spicy Pumpkin
- 19 Other to be named

Section 27 - Jellies, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 100 - Jellies, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class

- 1 Apple
- 2 Blackberry
- 3 Cherry
- 4 Crabapple
- 5 Currant
- 6 Elderberry
- 7 Gooseberry
- 8 Grape

Class

- 9 Huckleberry
- 10 Peach
- 11 Plum
- 12 Quince
- 13 Raspberry, black
- 14 Raspberry, red
- 15 Mulberry
- 16 Strawberry

Class

- 17 Corn Cob
- 18 Mint
- 19 Rhubarb
- 20 Mixed Berry
- 21 Persimmon
- 22 Blueberry
- 23 Green Pepper
- 24 Other to be named

Section 28 - Preserves, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 102 - Preserves, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class

- 1 Apricot
- 2 Blueberry
- 3 Black Currant
- 4 Peach

Class

- 5 Plum
- 6 Quince
- 7 Strawberry
- 8 Apple Conserve

Class

- 9 Canteloupe
- 10 Cherry Almond
- 11 Other to be named

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HONEY SPREADS, JAMS, JELLIES, MARMALADES, PRESERVES, AND BUTTERS—Continued

Section 29 - Marmalades, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 104 - Marmalades, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Combination of fruits, usually with the addition of a citrus fruit.

Class

- 1 Peach
- 2 Strawberry

Class

- 3 Orange
- 4 Rhubarb

Class

- 5 Red Onion
- 6 Other to be named

Section 30 - Butters, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 106 - Butters, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class

- 1 Apple Butter
- 2 Plum Butter

Class

- 3 Peach Butter
- 4 Pear Butter

Class

- 5 Other to be named

Section 31 - Sugar Free, Senior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Section 108 - Sugar Free, Junior

****Keep rings on jars.****

Class

- 1 Cherry
- 2 Peach
- 3 Raspberry, black

Class

- 4 Strawberry
- 5 Blueberry
- 6 Apple Butter

Class

- 7 Pear Butter
- 8 Other to be named

Section 32 - Hostess Sampler

Class 1

Premiums: \$25.00 15.00 10.00

Quick dinner menu consisting of 5 jars (quart or pint) arranged attractively in a basket that could be given as a gift. Dinner must be ready to serve as canned, but may be heated or chilled. Print or type menu on a 3"x5" card for display.

Section 33 - Honey and Maple Syrup

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class

- 1 Honey, Light Comb
- 2 Honey, Dark Comb
- 3 Honey, Light, extracted, pint

Class

- 4 Honey, Amber, extracted, pint
- 5 Honey, Dark, extracted, pint
- 6 Honey products, other

Class

- 7 Maple Syrup, pint
- 8 Maple Sugar
- 9 Maple products, other

Section 34 - Best of Show Awards

Premiums: \$20.00

Class

- 1 Best of Show, Baked Products, Senior
- 2 Best of Show, Canned or Dried, Senior
- 3 Best of Show, Jams and Jellies, Senior
- 4 Best of Show, Anna Allison Award
- 5 Best of Show, Honey
- 6 Best of Show, Maple Syrup
- 7 Best of Show, Baked Products, Junior
- 8 Best of Show, Overall, Junior



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37th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. The Apple Pie, including fillings and crust, must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. Any decorations must be edible.
3. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a food safe disposable pie pan. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned*).
4. The pie entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8 ½"x11" paper. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the **back side** of all the pages.
6. Recipe **must include at least 60% apples** in the filling. It does not need to be a "traditional" two-crust apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
7. Refrigeration is **NOT** available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
8. The fair will certify the winning apple pie baker who will be eligible to enter their pie in the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition representing the South Mountain Fair.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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| • Flavor | 35 points |
| • Filling (consistency, doneness, moistness, flavor) | 25 points |
| • Crust (color, texture, doneness) | 20 points |
| • Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 15 points |
| • Creativity | 5 points |

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 40 - Senior Class 1

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is sponsored by:
The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$100
4th Rosette Ribbon 5th Rosette Ribbon



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Angel Food Cake Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

**Sponsored by Pennsylvania's Egg Farmers and
Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs**

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entry must be an Angel Food cake made from "scratch". No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. All ingredients and decorations must be edible.
3. The recipe shall include eggs that were produced in Pennsylvania, if possible. Please look for the PEQAP or PA Preferred logo or PA packaging dates on the carton.
4. The entire cake must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting. *All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*
5. **Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the complete preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry, (printed on one side of an 8 1/2"x11" size paper). Entrant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the back of all pages. All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.**
6. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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| • Flavor(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) | 40 points |
| • Inside characteristics (texture and lightness) | 30 points |
| • Overall appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 20 points |
| • Topping, Icing or Decoration | 10 points |

Premiums 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 43-Senior

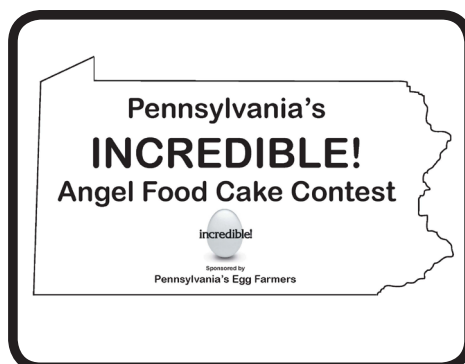
Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the **2026 PA FARM SHOW** competition

1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$250 3rd Place \$100

4th Rosette Ribbon 5th Rosette Ribbon



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Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Judy Miller.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake and the cake and all fillings and frostings must be made from “scratch” (no mixes). **All ingredients and decorations must be edible. The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12” high by 12” wide by 12” deep.**
3. Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.
4. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting. All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
5. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½”x11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions for the cake entered. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back** side of all the pages. All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA FarmShow and will not be returned.
6. Refrigeration is **not** available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold or auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
7. Judging criteria:
 - Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) 35 points
 - Inside Characteristics (texture, moist and tender crumb, not soggy or dry) 25 points
 - Frosting (taste, texture, even color) 20 points
 - Overall Appearance (surface, shape, finished size, color) 15 points
 - Creativity 5 points

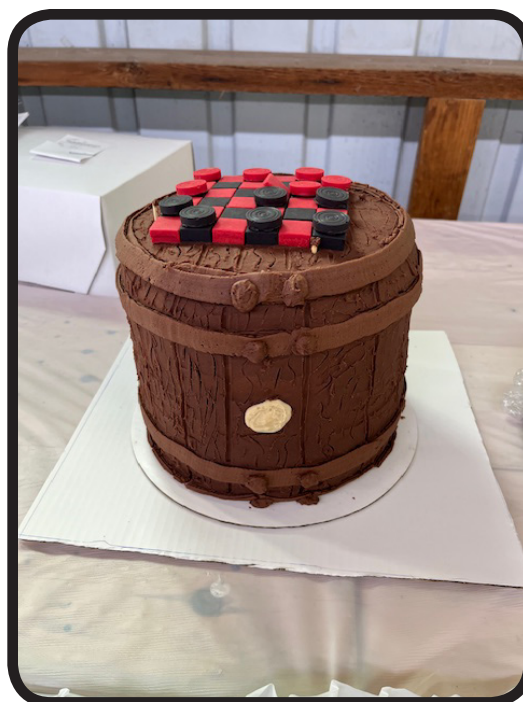
Premiums	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$20	3 rd Place \$15
Section 44-Senior		Class 1	

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is sponsored by:
The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1 st \$500	2 nd \$250	3 rd \$100
4 th Rosette Ribbon	5 th Rosette Ribbon	



Department 15 – Home Products—Continued

PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's PA Preferred™ program.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Junior Baking Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be an individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest. One entry per person.
2. This contest is not just a chocolate brownie contest. Any PA Preferred™ fruits or vegetables may be used in the cookies brownies or bars. Be creative!
3. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies or bars).
4. **At least two (2) PA Preferred™ or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. A PA Preferred™ logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred™ products carry the label. **The name of the ingredient and source is sufficient. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred™ grains such as oats or flour, butter, eggs, fruit and/or vegetables.** Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for assistance with qualifying ingredients.
5. Entry must be submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting**. All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
6. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of an 8 ½"x11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be clearly listed along with the source that made/grew the product** (*ex: PA Preferred Milk - Galliker's brand or Apples - McDannell's Farm Market*). **Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages.** All recipes and cookies/brownies/bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
7. Refrigeration is **not** available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

Judging criteria:

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| • Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) | 40 points |
| • Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked) | 30 points |
| • Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 20 points |
| • Topping, Icing, Decoration | 10 points |

Premiums 1st Place \$20 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 120 - Junior Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

1 st \$500	2 nd \$250	3 rd \$100
4 th Rosette Ribbon	5 th Rosette Ribbon	



Department 15 – Home Products—Continued

Gingerbread House Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Rules:

1. Open to all youths, ages 8 through 17 years of age.
2. All exhibitors must secure an exhibitor number for a fee of \$2.00. This fee is waived if the entry is pre-registered by July 14. The General Entry Form can be found at the back of this book or on the Premium book web page at www.southmountainfair.com.
3. Houses must be presented on aluminum foil covered cardboard or thin plywood (sturdy enough to hold the display) that is no larger than 12 by 18 inches.
4. House and all decorations must be edible.
5. Judging will be based on overall appearance, construction and creativity.
6. Gingerbread Houses will **not** be sold at the auction.

Section 121 - Junior - Gingerbread House

Class	Premiums		
1 Ages 8-10	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
2 Ages 11-13	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
3 Ages 14-17	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
4 Elaine Ecker Best Gingerbread House Award	\$10.00		

