

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST



CLASS

01 Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

RULES

1. Participant must be an individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident.
2. One entry per person.
3. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest at any other fair in 2026.
4. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings **must be made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*). Any decorations must just be edible.
5. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
6. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake** (composed of two or more individual cake layers that are stacked vertically, with each baked layer separated by a suitable edible filling). No internal supports permitted. **The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12" high by 12" wide by 12" deep.**
7. Entry **must be frosted** and **frosting must also be made from "scratch"** (no pre-packaged frosting).
8. 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.*)
9. The Cake entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
10. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all pages.
11. 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

Flavor	35 points
<i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i>	
Inside Characteristics	25 points
<i>(texture, moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)</i>	
Frosting	20 points
<i>(taste, texture, even color)</i>	
Overall Appearance	15 points
<i>(surface, shape, finished size, color)</i>	
Creativity	5 points
TOTAL	100 points

PREMIUMS	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$25	\$20	\$15

NOTES

1. The certified first place winner is eligible for the 2027 Pennsylvania Farm Show competition where **First Place** is

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worth \$500.

2. Winner is responsible for getting their entry to the 2027 PA Farm Show. A Certification Form issued by the PA Fairs Special Baking Contest and a copy of the winning recipe must accompany the winning entry to the 2027 PA Farm Show. Winning recipes may be used in publicity releases.
3. Entries will be accepted at the PA Farm Show Building's Family Living Area on Friday, January 8, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturday, January 9, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Judging: **Saturday, January 10 at 3:30 pm, Main Hall, Family Living Area, Contest Stage.**
4. Certified winner must notify Kimberton Community Fair prior to November 15 concerning their intentions to represent Kimberton Fair at the PA Farm Show competition. If the first-place winner is not going, then Kimberton reserves the right to certify its next place winner.
5. Certified Winner will receive a mailing reminder in late December as to entry and judging days for Farm Show.

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