



BAKED & CANNED GOODS Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be residents of Texas and may enter one of the following divisions:

- a) **Youth** (17 years & under; must be student of a public, private or home school)
- b) **Adult** (18 years and older;)

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. All entries must include the recipe submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper. Upon entry, the recipes become property of the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
2. All entries must be prepared from scratch and must be the work of the person entering the item. From scratch means without commercial preparation that provides advantage. For example, premade piecrust, cookie dough, canned icing, frozen dough, cake mix, etc. are not permissible.
3. Entries requiring refrigeration will not be accepted
4. No decorations will be allowed inside the containers or on the jar- (including but not limited to ribbons, artificial flowers, toys, trinkets, etc.)
5. No food items will be returned to the exhibitor
6. Participants will receive one-day, free admission (good for the 2024 fair only) to the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo October 18th – October 20th, 2024.

Baked Goods:

- a) Entries in the baked goods category must be delivered by 4:00 PM Thursday, October 17th, 2024. Entries will be judged the same day.
- b) All baked goods entries must be submitted in sturdy, disposable containers and covered with a clear plastic lid. Containers will not be returned to the exhibitor following the show.
- c) Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and originality, must include a minimum of 6 servings/pieces or slices.

Canned Goods:

- a) Canned goods entries may be delivered between 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, September 23rd -4th, 2024. Entries will be judged prior to the fair. Weekend delivery is available September 21st, from 9:00-1:00pm
- b) All canned foods must have been canned within the past year.
- c) Each entry must include two (2) cans, one for judging and one for display.
- d) Both jars must be labeled with the name of the contents and the date canned. All canned items must be in a standard canning jar, no smaller than ½ pint and no larger than 1 pint, a two-piece canning lid and an airtight seal. If the seal is broken or the lid is rusty, the entry will be disqualified.
- e) Jams, Jellies and Preserves are **recommended** to be in a ½ pint canning jar, but not required. Salsa, Sauces, and Pickled items are **recommended** to be in a one pint canning jar, but not required.
- f) Entries will be judged on color, consistency, flavor, texture, pack, and taste.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Baked Goods:

- a) **Cakes:** Entry must be a whole cake made from scratch.

- b) **Cookies:** Entry must display a minimum of six cookies. No premade cookie dough. Specialty cookies requiring a commercially prepared ingredient such as caramels, marshmallows, almond bark or melted chocolate chips are acceptable.
- c) **Pies:** Entry must include whole pie. Pie must be entered in a disposable aluminum pan. Only cooked fillings and/or toppings will be accepted. Not acceptable are cool whip, heavy cream or premade pie fillings.
- d) **Other:** May include brownies, candy, loafs, muffins, or bars.

Canned Goods: (2 jars must be submitted per entry):

- a) **Jams, Jellies and Preserves**
- b) **Salsa and Sauces**
- c) **Pickled Items**

ENTRY PROCESS

Entry Deadline

- a) **Entry deadline is October 17th, 2024**
 - 1) **Entry fees:** There is a \$5.00 entry fee per item entered.

Entry Drop-Off

Baked Goods Entry Drop-off date: October 17th, 2024 (must be delivered by 4:30 PM.)

- a) Canned Goods Entry Drop-off dates: September 23 – October 4th 2024 (weekday delivery 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; weekend delivery, September 21, 2024 9:00 AM-1:00 PM)

Food exhibitors may deliver projects to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Canned goods entries may be mailed and will require a certified return receipt and signature. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done during the shipping process.

Mailing Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
 Baked & Canned Goods Contest
 PO Box 594
 Bryan, TX 77806

Physical Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
 Baked & Canned Goods Contest
 5827 Leonard Road
 Bryan, TX 77807

AWARDS

Awards will be distributed as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (in each category)
- Grand Champion (adult & youth)
- Reserve Champion (adult & youth)
- Class Honorable Mention (judge's discretion)

ALL OTHER ITEMS

Those with Baked & Canned Goods items that do not fall under a listed category may still enter their project for display only with no fee. If five or more items are displayed in that category from multiple contestants it will then be added for competition the following year. Display projects must be entered with a 3x5 card including the following information:

- **Who – name of exhibitor**
- **Technique – describe if a unique or specific technique was used**
- **Time – length of time it took to complete**
- **Title – name of project**