



Adult Culinary Arts

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2025 Schedule

Deadline for Entries Friday, Sept. 12, 2025

Delivery for Entries Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pick-Up Dates for Ribbons... Wednesday, Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

***Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org. Please note that on-line entries are charged \$1.00 per class. Mail- in entries must be accompanied by a check or money order per exhibitor to cover entry fees.**

Mail entry forms to SFVA Arts, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047.

Faxed entries will not be accepted.

Department Terms & Conditions

1. **State Fair of Virginia General Rules & Guidelines-** By entering, you agree to the State Fair of Virginia Rules and Guidelines and the rules of the Department. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. **Disputes-** Should any dispute arise, the State Fair of Virginia Executive Director, Manager of Agriculture Education or Department Superintendent’s decision is final.
3. **Damaged/ Lost Items-** The State Fair of Virginia is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.
4. **Admission-** All exhibitors entering the fairgrounds on or after Friday, September 26, must pay admission or have an admission ticket upon entry. Any exhibitor leaving the fairgrounds, wishing to return the same day must obtain a hand stamp from the gate attendant or pay admission to re-enter.
5. **Exhibit Drop Off-** Exhibitors that have a check-in time during the Fair will receive the necessary unloading pass and admission ticket to enter the grounds on those dates specified.
 - a. **For live competitions during fair:** Recipes must be submitted by email (arts@statefairva.org) prior to your competition day AND a printed recipe must be provided on day of competition. Failure to do so will result in a competition penalty.
6. **Judging**
 - a. All culinary contests will be judged on appearance (30%), texture (30%) and flavor (40%) unless otherwise noted.
 - b. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there be competition or not.
 - c. With the exception of live contests during the fair, exhibitors will not be allowed to be in the building while judging is taking place nor will they be allowed to talk to the judges about exhibit pieces.
 - d. The judge is the “judge and jury” and will have the final decision on exhibit pieces.
7. **Results-** The State Fair will upload results online as soon as possible. However, we cannot guarantee them until the conclusion of the fair due to time restraints. For the earliest results, we recommend coming to the fair.
8. **Premiums-** Premiums are awarded on a class-by-class basis. Please review class listings for premium assignments. **Premium checks will be mailed after the fair concludes by the end of November.** To ensure proper delivery, be sure to enter your full and complete address on your entry form.

Adult Baked Goods Department Rules & Entry Information:

1. **Online registration** will be available at www.sfva.fairwire.com and must be completed prior to the entry deadline. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
2. The mail-in entry form can be found on the website and fully completed. No late additions or alterations of

- entries are permitted. Mailed forms postmarked after **September 12** will not be accepted.
3. Exhibits must be made or prepared by the exhibitor and shown in his or her own name (excluding the Antiques Division). **Articles created by professionals, teachers, etc. will not be eligible for competition, except where indicated.** Employees of the Culinary Arts Department are not permitted to compete in this department. Students in grades K through 12 attending school in Virginia or youth 18 years old and under should enter in the Youth Culinary Arts Department, including Parent/Child Cookies, Division 65.
 4. List article on entry form according to DIVISION and CLASS. You may make only one entry per class with no more than **15** items entered all together in the Culinary Arts department. As a competitor, you are solely responsible for deciding on the proper DIVISION and CLASS for your entry. **Entries improperly classified will not be changed or judged.** We reserve the right to accept or refuse an exhibit.
 5. No article will be accepted unless there is a DIVISION and CLASS covering it as listed in the Competition Guide. Articles entered in the "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must not fit in any class listed elsewhere in the Guide. Articles entered in "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must be named and described on entry form.
 6. Upon receiving and processing your entry form, the State Fair will print entry identification tags which will be made available to you to attach when your entries are brought to the Fair. Altered tags will not be accepted, but you may add requested information to the back of the tag. If the item is original or unusual, please include that information on the **BACK** of the tag. Items consisting of multiple parts must be connected, mounted or stabilized in some way to keep all pieces together.
 7. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibited items from any cause. Any insurance desired on an entry must be carried by the individual who entered it. No one will be allowed to set up, remove, handle or rearrange exhibits. Security will be provided. Every possible care will be taken to protect the exhibit and competitor's materials. All articles will be entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the State Fair of Virginia until after close of the Fair.
 8. Entries that do not receive a ribbon will not be displayed if space does not permit. **All items become property of the State Fair of Virginia and will not be returned after the Fair.**

Again, no Baked Goods entries will be returned but ribbons will be available during pickup.

NOTE: Baked goods and candies must be brought to the **Arts Hall** on **Wednesday, September 24, between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

- All entries, except cakes, must be put in clear zipper lock plastic bags. All entries must be placed on non-returnable plates. Cardboard base for cakes must not exceed 13 inches square. Whole cakes and pies are required for judging.
- Decorated cakes to be judged on decorations only so forms may be used. Cakes are to be on cardboard base or disposable plate not to exceed 13 inches square. Cakes not to exceed 18" tall, including decorations.
- All baked goods become the property of the State Fair of Virginia and will not be returned.

Division 79: Yeast

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
7901	Bread, White (<i>loaf</i>)	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
7902	Bread, Wheat or Other (<i>loaf</i>)		
7903	Dinner Rolls (<i>1/2 dozen</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
7904	Savory Bread and Rolls	3 rd	Ribbon
7905	Sweet Bread & Rolls (<i>NEW</i>)	Best of Section	Rosette
7906	Freeform or Rustic Bread		

Division 81: Quick Breads

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8101	Fruit Bread	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8102	Vegetable Bread		
8103	Sweet Bread or Breakfast Bakes (<i>NEW</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
8104	Cornbread (<i>including hush puppies or other quick bread made with cornmeal or cornmeal mix</i>)	3 rd	Ribbon
8105	Muffins	Best of Section	Rosette
8106	One Dozen Biscuits		

Division 82: Sourdough (*NEW*)

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8201	Breads	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
		2 nd	Ribbon
8202	Other Bakes	3 rd	Ribbon
		Best of Section	Rosette

Division 83: Cookies

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8301	Chocolate Chip Cookies without Nuts	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8302	Chocolate Chip Cookies with Nuts (<i>NEW</i>)		
8303	Fruit Cookie	2 nd	Ribbon
8304	Sugar Cookie (<i>any kind</i>)		
8305	Spice Cookie	3 rd	Ribbon
8306	Oatmeal Cookie (<i>NEW</i>)		
8307	Drop Cookie (<i>including coconut macarons, NEW</i>)	Best of Section	Rosette
8308	Filled or Sandwich Cookie (<i>includes meringue macarons, NEW</i>)		
8309	Other Cookie		

½ dozen for each entry. Must be on a paper plate; cookies and plate inserted in Ziplock plastic bag.

Division 84: Cakes

No refrigerated cakes

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8401	Pound Cake (<i>iced or uniced</i>)	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8402	Fruit or Vegetable Cake (<i>apple, pumpkin, etc.</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
8403	Chocolate Cake (<i>any kind</i>)	3 rd	Ribbon
8404	Cupcakes (<i>any kind, half dozen</i>)	Greatest State Fair Cake (Best of Section)	\$35 & Rosette
8405	Miscellaneous		

Division 85: Decorated Cakes & Cookies

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8501	Fair Themed Cake (<i>NEW</i>)	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8502	Other Decorated Cakes		
8503	Decorated Cupcakes (<i>half dozen</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
8504	Decorated Cookies (<i>half dozen</i>)	3 rd	Ribbon
8505	3D Sculpted Cookie (<i>NEW, base no larger 12"x12", cookie should be 100% edible except for base</i>)	Best of Section	Rosette
8506	Professionals: Decorated Cake, Cupcake or Cookie (<i>NEW</i>)		

Decorated cakes and cookies are judged on appearance and not taste.

Division 86: Pies

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8601	Apple Pie (<i>NEW</i>)	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8602	Other Fruit Pie		
8603	Vegetable Pie	2 nd	Ribbon
8604	Chocolate Pie		
8605	Chess Pie	3 rd	Ribbon
8606	Nut Pie		
8607	Cream or Cheesecake Pie	Greatest State Fair Pie (Best of Section)	\$35 & Rosette
8608	Savory Pie		
8609	Other Pie		

Division 87: Bar Desserts (*NEW*)

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8701	Brownies	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8702	Blondies	2 nd	Ribbon
8703	Fruit or Vegetable Bars	3 rd	Ribbon
8704	Other Bars	Best of Section	Rosette

½ dozen for each entry. Must be on a paper plate; bars and plate inserted in Ziplock plastic bag.

Division 88: Candy

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8801	Brittle (<i>any flavor</i>)	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8802	Fudge (<i>any flavor</i>)		
8803	Toffee (<i>any flavor</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
8804	Chocolate or Chocolate Covered Candy (<i>NEW</i>)	3 rd	Ribbon
8805	Crockpot Candy (<i>NEW</i>)	Best of Section	Rosette
8806	Any Other Candy		

Division 89: Honey Cookery

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
8901	Candy	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
8902	Pie	2 nd	Ribbon
8903	Bread	3 rd	Ribbon
8904	Other	Best of Section	Rosette

Division 91: Gluten-Free

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
9101	Quick Breads	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
9102	Bars or Brownies	2 nd	Ribbon
9103	Cakes	3 rd	Ribbon
9104	Snacks (<i>non-refrigerated, NEW</i>)	Best of Section	Rosette
9105	Other		

Division 92: Low or No Sugar (NEW)

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
9201	Savory Treats	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
9202	Sweet Treats	2 nd	Ribbon
9203	Other	3 rd	Ribbon
		Best of Section	Rosette

Recipes are required for this division. All entries should be diabetes-friendly. Low sugar constitutes as containing less than 10g of sugar per serving.

Division 93: International Favorites

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
9301	Dessert	1 st	\$5.00 & Ribbon
9302	Bread (<i>NEW</i>)	2 nd	Ribbon
9303	Dish	3 rd	Ribbon
		Best of Section	Rosette

Division 94: Snacks and Appetizers, Recipe Card Round-Up (NEW)

Class #	Class Description	Class Awards & Premiums	
9401	Protein Balls or Bites	1 st – 2 nd – 3 rd	\$10 - \$5 - Ribbon
9402	Healthy (After School) Snacks		
9403	Picnic Potluck Dish (<i>prepared dish</i>)	1 st – 2 nd – 3 rd	\$30 - \$20 - \$10
		Best of Section	\$20 & Rosette

This division will be used for the **new** Recipe Card Round-Up program. Winning recipes will be used to make collectible recipe card and distributed during the 2026 State Fair of Virginia.

Recipe must be provided for this Division. Print recipe should be included with entry at drop-off and a digital copy should be emailed to arts@statefairva.org prior to the fair.



Virginia Potatoes Recipe Contest

Division 95, Class 9501

Potatoes are the most grown vegetables in the world and considered stem tubers, growing underground and packed with nutrients. Virginia grows over 3,000 acres of potatoes with the Eastern Shore accounting for roughly 80% of that (Accomack and Northampton Counties). [Dublin Farms](#) is a fifth-generation family farm in Accomack County producing potatoes, corn, soybeans and green beans. Their main goal is to preserve and improve the land for the next generation while producing healthy, nutritious, and delicious food for their communities. You can find Dublin Farms' Virginia's Finest Potatoes in grocery stores throughout Virginia when they are in season.


ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

PRIZES

1st Prize.....	\$100
2nd Prize.....	\$75
3rd Prize	\$50
Honorable Mention.....	\$25

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
2. Recipe must be submitted. Potatoes (white, red, or yellow) must be "the star of the show" but may include any other ingredients. *sweet potatoes do not count*
3. To be a contestant, enter on-line at [StateFairVa.org](#). Division 95, class 9501. Please note the entry fee is \$5. Email your typed recipe before competition day to arts@statefairva.org.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons or fractions thereof; also include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any other pertinent information. Recipe should serve between 4-6 servings. 
5. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (50%), Creativity (30%), Ease of Preparation (10%) Presentation (10%).
6. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Upon submission recipes become the property of the [Dublin Farms Potatoes](#) and the State Fair of Virginia, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
8. Entries must be presented at the Fair ready for judging.
9. The cooking contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Entries will be received from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Competitive Arts. Please bring a copy of your Contents List with you on the day of the contest. The Contents Lists must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- This competition is open to eighteen contestants.
- Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded at 7:00 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and ticket will be sent after entries close.
- Entries may be brought in any type of container (preferably disposable); it is not the responsibility of the fair to return any dishes or containers.
- Entries must be prepared at home and brought to the fair on the day and time of the contest.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.



Peanut & Peanut Butter Pies & Mini Pies Recipe Contest

Peanuts are delicious, nutritious and packed with protein. They can be incorporated into any meal or enjoyed as a snack. Get creative with a peanut packed pie or mini-pie recipe made with peanuts and/or peanut butter! Sweet or Savory. It's time to WOW the judges and win first prize with VA peanuts! **Division 96, Class 9601**

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Sunday, October 5, 2025

PRIZES

1st Prize.....	\$125
2nd Prize.....	\$100
3rd Prize	\$75
Honorable Mention.....	\$50

CONTEST RULES

10. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
11. Recipe must be submitted. All recipes must use at least ½ cup of peanut butter and/or fresh peanuts. Mini-Pie recipe should produce at least 12-15 mini-pies.
12. To be a contestant, enter on-line at StateFairVa.org. Division 96, class 9601. Please note the entry fee is \$5. Email your typed recipe before competition day to arts@statefairva.org.
13. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons or fractions thereof; also include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any other pertinent information. Recipe should serve between 4-6 servings. ^[SEP]
14. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (50%), Creativity (30%), Ease of Preparation (10%) Presentation (10%).
15. Decision of the judges will be final.
16. Upon submission recipes become the property of the Virginia Peanut Growers Association and the State Fair of Virginia, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
17. Entries must be presented at the Fair ready for judging.
18. The cooking contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Entries will be received from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Competitive Arts. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest. The recipe must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- Judging will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded at 2:00 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and tickets will be sent via email after entries close.
- Entries may be brought in any type of container (preferably disposable); it is not the responsibility of the fair to return any dishes or containers.
- Entries must be prepared at home and brought to the fair on the day and time of the contest.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.

King Arthur Baking Contest

Harvest Pie

<https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/>



Division 99 Class 9901 – Adult Culinary Arts

***Delivered with all other culinary dishes on 9/25/24**

Adult Category

- 1st place: \$75 gift certificate to the online Baker's Catalogue at kingarthurbaking.com
2nd place: \$50 gift certificate to the online Baker's Catalogue at kingarthurbaking.com
3rd place: \$25 gift certificate to the online Baker's Catalogue at kingarthurbaking.com

All winners will also receive a beautiful ribbon.

Special Rules:

1. **Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when he/she submits the entry.**
2. Entry may use any ingredients for recipe as long as King Arthur Flour is used. Harvest means any pie made for this contest must be made of a fruit, vegetable, meat, nut, etc. that is harvested in Virginia.
3. Enter on-line or by mail using Division 99, Class 1 in Adult Culinary Arts.
4. All entries must be submitted on a disposable container for judging and follow all other general Adult Culinary Arts guidelines and delivery instructions (entries to be delivered with other culinary items on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024).
5. Must provide a typed recipe; recipe must use King Arthur Flour.
6. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor	50 points
Overall Appearance & Creativity	25 points
Texture	<u>25 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

7. Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.
8. Please include a list of ingredients with your entry. Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at 804-994-2847.

Dairy Days: Grilled Cheese Your Way!

Sponsored by the Virginia State Dairymen's Association

Class 9701



Everyone loves a good grilled cheese sandwich. The object of this competition is to create the ultimate explosion of taste and texture using bread and cheese as the base and making it an original entrée by adding your very own perfect ingredients.

This makes your grilled cheese “Your Way”!

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 1:00 PM

PRIZES

1st Prize\$100 & Rosette
2nd Prize\$75 & Rosette
3rd Prize\$50 & Rosette
Honorable Mention..... \$25 & Rosette

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
2. All entries may use any type of bread and cheese or a mixture of cheeses and additional ingredients to make this sandwich your way.
3. To be a contestant, enter on-line at StateFairVa.org. Division 97, class 9701. Please note the entry fee is \$5. **Email your typed recipe before competition day** to arts@statefairva.org.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear as possible. Since sandwiches are not usually considered as being measured with cups and teaspoons, please give the information in easy-to-follow instructions and your list of ingredients.
5. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (50%), Originality/Appearance (30%), Ease of Preparation (10%) Presentation (10%).
6. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Upon submission, recipes become the property of the State Fair of Virginia and the Virginia State Dairymen's Association which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
8. Entries will be prepared onsite beginning at 1p.m. in the Creative Arts area.
9. The cooking contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Contestants may arrive after 12:00 p.m. in Competitive Arts. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest. The recipe must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- This competition is open to twelve contestants. Electric skillets will be provided for your use. Please bring everything you may need to prepare your sandwich including utensils and all ingredients.
- The competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. Judging will commence as soon as the sandwiches are prepared.
- Prizes will be awarded at 2:30 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and tickets will be sent via email after entries close.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.



Milk. A part of everything that's good.

Dairy Days: Charcuterie Board Competition

Presented By: Southland Dairy Farmers, Class 9702

Charcuterie boards have increasingly stolen the hearts of people in the last few years, as a “girl dinner,” appetizer, wine pairing, party food and so much more. However, charcuterie boards date back to the 15th century with cheese plates being a staple meal component in affluent European cultures to Ploughman’s Lunch featuring cheeses, breads, cured meats, fruits, and/or pickled vegetables for field workers. As these evolved, so did the pairing and presentation. Our featured competition highlights the role of cheese in this beloved grazing board and the abundance of Virginia food and agriculture. Try your creative culinary hand at this fun competition and see who has what it takes to take home the top prize.

ENTRY DEADLINE: September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:00 PM

	<u>PREMIUMS</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 st Place.....	\$150.00	Rossett
2 nd Place.....	\$100.00	Rossett
3 rd Place	\$75.00	Rossett
Honorable Mention	\$50.00	Rossett

CONTEST RULES

2. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
3. Please turn in a list of items on your board. You must include at least **5 dairy products** and at least 4 items on your board that are processed or grown in Virginia (this may include the dairy products).
4. To be a contestant, enter on-line at StateFairVa.org. Division 97, class 9702. Please note the entry fee is \$5. Email your typed contents list before competition day to arts@statefairva.org.
5. Directions for preparing the board should be approximate with any pertinent information.^[L]_[SEP]
6. Judging will be based on Presentation (35%), Selections/Food pairing (35%), Uniqueness(30%).
7. Decision of the judges will be final.
8. Upon submission Contents Lists become the property of the State Fair of Virginia, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
9. Entries must be presented at the Fair ready for judging.
10. The contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Entries will be received from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Competitive Arts. Please bring a copy of your Contents List with you on the day of the contest. The Contents Lists must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- This competition is open to fifteen contestants.
- Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded at 7:00 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and tickets will be sent via email after entries close.
- Entries may be brought in on any type of board or serving dish.
- Entries must be prepared at home and brought to the fair on the day and time of the contest.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.



Milk. A part of everything that's good.

Dairy Days: Milkshakes of Champions

Presented By: Southland Dairy Farmers, Class 9703

Milk is a nutrient-rich powerhouse filled with protein, calcium and 11 other essential nutrients for strong bones and healthy living! Milkshakes are a fun and tasty way to enjoy your favorite dairy products with all your favorite ingredients. You can make it fruity or decadent, you can add your favorite toppings or keep it classic. Get ready to blend up a treat and have some fun!

ENTRY DEADLINE: September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Sunday, September 28, 2025, 4:00 PM

	<u>PREMIUMS</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 st Place.....	\$100.00	Rossett
2 nd Place.....	\$75.00	Rossett
3 rd Place	\$50	Rossett
Honorable Mention	\$25	Rossett

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
2. Participants may use any type of ingredients they want as long as ice cream and milk are dairy. Milk and vanilla ice cream will be provided. All other ingredients must be provided by participant on contest day.
3. To be a contestant, enter on-line at StateFairVa.org. Division 97, class 9703. Please note the entry fee is \$5. **Email your typed recipe before competition day** to arts@statefairva.org.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe (Quart size) must be clear as possible. Please give the information in easy-to-follow instructions and your list of ingredients when measurements are not applicable.
5. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (75%), Originality (15%), Ease of Preparation (10%)
6. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Upon submission, recipes become the property of the State Fair of Virginia and Southland Dairy Farmers which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
8. Entries will be prepared onsite beginning at 4 p.m. in the Southland Dairy Pavilion. Blenders will be provided.
9. The contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Contestants may arrive & Check in at 3:30 p.m. in the Southland Dairy Pavilion Courtyard. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest. The recipe must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- This competition is open to fifteen contestants. Blenders will be provided for your use. Please bring everything you may need to prepare your milkshake including utensils and all other ingredients (Whole milk & Vanilla ice cream provided).
- The competition will begin at 4:00 p.m. Judging will commence as soon as the shakes are prepared.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the contest. (Premium Checks will be mailed)
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with supplies on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and tickets will be mailed after entries close. (Youth Exhibitors will receive 2 tickets, adult entries will receive 1).
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.



Virginia is for Beef Lovers: Commonwealth Burger Battle

Presented By: Virginia Beef Council, Class 9801



A hamburger is an American icon, a favorite for summertime and bringing family and friends together. We're bringing **Virginia Verified Beef** to the State Fair and inviting you to show our judges- including some of Virginia's cattle producers- your delicious and nutritious creation! Virginia Verified Beef is bred, born, raised and processed in Virginia. With beef's 10 essential nutrients, including protein, iron, zinc, beef keeps you fueled and energized to enjoy a full day at the fair! It's your turn to make your mark as a grill master and create your own powerhouse burger because Virginia is for **Beef** Lovers!

ENTRY DEADLINE: September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Sunday, October 5, 2025, 2:00 PM

	<u>PREMIUMS</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 st Place.....	\$150.00	Rossett
2 nd Place.....	\$100.00	Rossett
3 rd Place	\$75.00	Rossett
Honorable Mention	\$50.00	Rossett

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to all ages. Must be a legal US resident.
2. All entries may use any type of bread, toppings and ingredients as desired. The State Fair will provide ½ pound of Virginia Verified Beef. All other ingredients must be provided by participant on contest day.
3. To be a contestant, enter online at StateFairVa.org. Division 98, class 9801. Please note the entry fee is \$5. **Email your typed recipe before competition day** to arts@statefairva.org.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear as possible. Since burgers are not usually considered as being measured with cups and teaspoons, please give the information in easy-to-follow instructions and your list of ingredients when measurements are not applicable.
5. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (70%), Originality (10%), Ease of Preparation (10%) and Presentation (10%).
6. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Upon submission, recipes become the property of the State Fair of Virginia and Virginia Beef Council which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
8. Entries will be prepared onsite beginning at 2 p.m. in the Blue Ribbon Tent
9. The cooking contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Contestants may arrive after 1:30 PM. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest. The recipe must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- This competition is open to fifteen contestants.
- Grilling Set Up: A large open flame grill and flat top grill will be provided at the center of the cooking area. The grill will be shared by contestants with each contestant having their own table space to prep and prepare their burger. Ground beef provided, please bring all other supplies.
- Judging will begin at 3:00 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded at 4:30 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with their supplies on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and instructions will be sent via email after entries close.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.