



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.

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. [SEP]
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.