



2025 SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS PREMIUM BOOK



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Welcome to the 260th York State Fair!

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Hort Hall, Old Main, and 4-H/FFA

Online Entries are due by
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Dear York State Fair Exhibitors,

Welcome to the 2025 York State Fair which marks the 260th anniversary of our Fair! As we celebrate this incredible milestone, I would like to recognize all the entrants from previous years. Our Fair is what it is today because of the contributions of the past. In this same vein our Fair will be highly regarded in the future because of the contributions you make today whether it be baked, grown, canned or quilted. Your efforts to be the best at your craft provide products that challenge the judges to determine a singular winner. Thanks to you, the York State Fair will continue to be a tribute to and recognition of the Agricultural heritage that is woven deep into our community. Good luck!

Patrick Ball
CEO

GENERAL INFORMATION ADMISSIONS & HOURS OF OPERATION

For the most updated hours of operation and admission prices,
please visit www.yorkstatefair.com or call the office at 717-848-2596.

PARKING RULES

- Automobiles and all other vehicles must be parked on space assigned by the Parking Department. All vehicles improperly parked will be towed away.
- Under no circumstances can automobiles be parked around buildings, in fire lanes, or in open areas throughout the central part of the grounds.
- Livestock trailer/truck parking in assigned areas. Camper parking in assigned areas with permit only. See Livestock Office.
- The Society will not be liable, under any circumstances, through negligence of itself, its agents, acts of third party, or otherwise, for injury to the person or property of the owner or occupant, for any property loss or damage.

GENERAL RULES

1. **All rules and regulations referred to herein are made a part of the conditions under which entries are accepted and permits granted for exhibits and concessions.**
2. The Management reserves the right to interpret, amend or add to its rules and regulations.
3. Persons violating general, special rules or engaging in personal misconduct shall be subject to such penalty as the management may impose including forfeiture of all privileges and premiums.
4. The management encourages the reporting of mistreatment or extortion by concessionaires and any discourtesy or irregularity of its employees. Violation of Local, State or Federal laws should be reported promptly to the Police Department.
5. **No pets, except properly identified service animals and properly identified service animals-in-training will be allowed anywhere on the fairgrounds. All service animals must remain leashed. Dogs, whether leashed or not, are prohibited on the grounds.**

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

Read carefully all rules pertaining to each department.

NEW FOR THE 2025 YORK STATE FAIR:

1. Premium payments will be made via check or cash. Only exhibitors receiving less than \$50 have the option to be paid via cash.
 - a. Payments will be available for pickup August 15th, 2025. If not picked up by August 22, 2025, payments will be mailed.
2. Premium checks must be cashed by October 31, 2025, all uncashed premium checks as of November 1, 2025 will be considered a donation back to the York County Agricultural Society.
 - a. **Deadline for reporting any discrepancies in award checks is September 30, 2025.**

GENERAL EXHIBIT & EXHIBITOR RULES:

1. Applications for entries of Livestock must be made on forms furnished by the Society in accordance with instructions and rules of the premium list.
2. Right is reserved to close entries before specified closing date. Entries cannot be changed after closing date.
NO REFUNDS.
3. Entries must be made in the name of a bona fide owner. Violation of this rule shall work a forfeiture of premiums.
4. **All livestock must stay in the designated area.**
5. **The Management has the right to require any unhealthy animal to be removed from the Fair Grounds.**
6. All livestock entries (except steers, market goats, & companion goats) must be registered with their National Breed Association. Hereford cattle must be in the American Polled Hereford Association Record and or The American Hereford Assoc. All animals must have clearly legible tattoo identification and such identity must conform to the tattoo recorded on the official registry certificates.
7. **All exhibits must be delivered and removed at time indicated by rules of each department.**
8. Exhibits must be displayed in the manner requested by Department Superintendents.
9. **All livestock must be judged in order to be eligible for premiums.**
10. **Any exhibitor removing any of their animals from the barn before the release time will forfeit all their premium money.**
11. The posting and distribution of advertising matter is strictly prohibited other than in or from space occupied by exhibitor.
12. The Management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to stock or exhibits from any cause.
13. The Management will take every precaution to protect the safety of stock or articles entered or shown after their arrival and placement; but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the York County Agricultural Society for any and all damages.
14. The Society reserves the right to withhold awards where its rules and regulations are not complied with, where fraud or deception has been practiced, or where the exhibit does not merit an award.
15. Fair reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry. In all cases, the decision of the management shall be final.
16. False representation, interference or misconduct by an exhibitor or his agent will be dealt with by the Director in Charge of the departments wherein the exhibit is entered. There will be no appeal from this decision.
17. Protests against awards must be in writing and indicate the reason there for and be filed with the Secretary not later than the day after the award is made. Protestants will be granted a hearing if deemed necessary, by the Management.

JUDGES

1. Exhibitors are not permitted to act as judges in a class in which he or she exhibits or is directly or indirectly interested.
2. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. In the absence of competition, or where only one exhibit is entered, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or no premiums will be awarded according to the merit of the exhibit.
3. Judges will make special mention of meritorious exhibits for which no premium is offered.
4. Interference with judges will not be permitted. Interfering exhibitors will be barred from competition.
5. All award books or sheets must be properly signed by the judges and returned to the head of the department immediately after the completion of awards.
6. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the entry book and sheets, signed by superintendents and judges. Ribbons, cards, and labels that may be attached to the exhibits will not be recognized.
7. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of the Management will be final.

Horticultural Hall

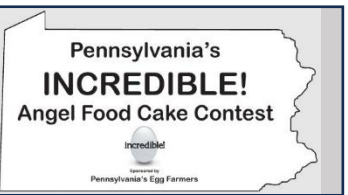
Patty Dow, Director
Jeff Myers, Superintendent

Rules & Information:

- **ENTRY POLICY** For exhibits in Horticulture Hall use Gate No. 2 (Madison Ave. at Richland Ave.)
- **All Mail-In Entries must be postmarked by June 23rd, 2025 and online entries must be submitted by July 11th, 2025.**
 - Entries must be mailed to (entry form blanks are available in the Fair Office or the website):
York State Fair Attn: 334 Carlisle Ave. York, PA 17404
 - Online Entries may be made at yorkstatefair.com.
 - **Note: Special Baking Contest (Dept. 22: Division 11-16 formally Dept. 40) entries must be pre-registered, no walk-in entries will be accepted for Special Baking Contest (Dept. 22: Division 11-16 formally Dept. 40)**
- **Pre-Registered & Walk-In Entries must be made in the Horticulture Hall Building, on the Fair Grounds as follows:**
 - **Tuesday, July 15th, 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.- All Departments!**
 - **Wednesday, July 16th**
 - **Dept. 15-1 & 11-15-1 Baked Products & Special Baking Contest (Dept. 22: Division 11-16):
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**
 - *****Please Note Dept. 15 & Special Baking Contest (Dept. 22: Division 11-16) must be entered by 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 16th, as judging begins at 12:00 P.M.*****
 - **All Other Departments: 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**
- **Exhibits must be removed:**
 - **Monday, July 28th, 12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
 - **Tuesday, July 29th, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**
- **There is no entry fee.**
- Entries will be recorded and identifying cards and/or labels will be ready at the exhibit hall when exhibits are brought in.
- Exhibitors, upon delivery of their article or articles to the proper department, will be given an exhibitors ticket which will bear the identifying numbers of the exhibit. This entitles Exhibitors to purchase one (1) Exhibitor Admission Ticket (\$10.00 value) for \$5.00 for each item entered. These Special Tickets are available in the Exhibition Hall when entering your items. **They will NOT be available on any other dates. Only one ticket per item entered.**
 - This Coupon is void if reproduced or tampered with in any way.
- Exhibits which have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Director in Charge and Superintendent of the Department, be transferred to the proper class previous to the judging. If such classes have been judged they shall not be re-judged.
- Only one entry allowed per exhibitor under each item.
- Premiums shall be paid only on awards indicated by Judges' records. Names shall be covered on exhibits until judging is completed.
- In the absence of competition in any class, the right is reserved to award premiums which the exhibit merits.
- Exhibits will be returned to the exhibitor only upon the presentation of the identification ticket during the designated pick-up times. The management will exercise reasonable diligence to protect exhibits until 7:00 P.M. on July 30th but will consider exhibits left after that time to be abandoned by the exhibitor.
- **SPECIAL NOTICE: We reserve the right to remove and destroy any perishable exhibits which become unworthy for display!**



**DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS**
Division 07-01 – Class 01
2025 INCREDIBLE ANGEL FOOD CAKE CONTEST



Judging: Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 11th. Recipe must be submitted with your cake.

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Incredible Angel Food Cake Contest at any other PA Fair in 2025.
3. The Angel Food Cake and any Fillings and Frosting must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. (ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) **Any decorations must be edible.**
4. The recipe shall include eggs that were produced in Pennsylvania, if possible.
5. 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.)
6. Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry **(printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper)**. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of all the pages. (All recipes and cakes will become the property of the York State Fair and/or the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
7. Refrigeration is NOT available at the York State 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. Judging will be based on the following criteria for a total of **100 points**:

	<u>PRIZES:</u>	
-Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	40 points	1 ST - \$100.00
-Inside Characteristics (texture & lightness)	30 points	2 ND - \$75.00
-Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, & color)	20 points	3 RD - \$50.00
-Topping, Icing or Decoration	10 points	

9. 2025 Participating Fair and 2026 PA Farm Show Contest Rules PSACF Released: January 2025

The First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the PA State Angel Food Cake Winners: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$100; 4th - Rosette Ribbon; 5th - Rosette Ribbon



**DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS**
Division 07-02 – Class 01
2025 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST



Judging: Wednesday, July 16th, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 11th. Recipe must be submitted with your cake.

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2025.
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) **All decorations must be edible.**
4. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient**.
5. Entry must be **a layered chocolate cake**. **The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12" high by 12" wide by 12" deep.**
6. Entry **must be frosted** and frosting must be made from "scratch". (no pre-packaged frosting).
7. 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.)
8. The recipe must be submitted with the entry, **printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper**. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of all the pages. (All recipes and cakes will become the property of the York State Fair and/or the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the York State Fair or the 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.
10. **Judging Criteria** for a total of **100 points**:

	<u>PRIZES:</u>	
-Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	35 points	1 ST - \$150.00
-Inside Characteristics (texture, moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)	25 points	2 ND - \$75.00
-Frosting (taste, texture, even color)	20 points	3 RD - \$50.00
-Overall Appearance (surface, shape, finished size, color)	15 points	
-Creativity	5 points	

11. 2025 Participating Fair and 2026 PA Farm Show Contest Rules PSACF Released: January 2025

The First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the Homemade Chocolate Cake Winners: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$100; 4th - Rosette Ribbon; 5th - Rosette Ribbon



DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

Division 07-03

2025 PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest
Cookies, Brownies, and Bars



Judging: Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 12th. Recipe must be submitted with your product.

The goal of the PA Preferred® Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania's agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

- Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
- Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2025.**
- Entry must be **six (6) individual sized portions** of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies, or bars).
- The Cookies, Brownies, or Bars, and any fillings and frostings, **must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) All decorations must be edible.**
- At least two (2) PA Preferred® or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred® grains (such as oats or flour), butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
- A PA Preferred® logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. **The name of the ingredient and the company name is sufficient.** Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
- 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.)
- Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, **printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper.** Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred® ingredients must be listed clearly in the ingredient list, specifying the ingredient and the company that made/grew them** (ex. PA Preferred Milk-Galliker's Brand or Apples- Maple Lawn Farms). 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 York State Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
- Refrigeration is not available at the York State Fair or the 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** for a total of **100 points:**
 - Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) **40 points**
 - Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked) **30 points**
 - Outside Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) **20 points**
 - Topping, Icing, Decoration **10 points**

OVERALL PRIZES:

1st - \$70.00 Gift Certificate

2nd - \$40.00 Gift Certificate

3rd - \$25.00 Gift Certificate

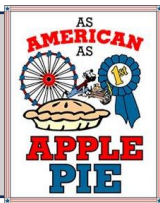
Class #	Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Cookies	\$10	\$7	\$5
2.	Brownies	\$10	\$7	\$5
3.	Bars	\$10	\$7	\$5

11. 2025 Participating Fair and 2026 PA Farm Show Contest Rules PSACF Released: January 2025

The First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest

Cookies, Brownies, and Bars Winners: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$100; 4th - Rosette Ribbon; 5th - Rosette Ribbon



**DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS**
Division 07-04 – Class 01
The 37th Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest



Judging: Wednesday, July 16th, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 11th. Recipe must be submitted with your pie.

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at any other Pennsylvania fair in 2025.
3. The American Apple Pie, including fillings and crust, must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*) **Any decorations must be edible.**
4. Recipe **must include at least 60% apples in the filling**. It does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
5. The entry 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.*)
6. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted by being **printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper**. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities, and the preparations instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back side** of all the pages. (*All recipes and pies will become the property of the York State Fair and/or the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
7. Refrigeration is **not** available at the York State Fair or the 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. **Judging Criteria** for a total of **100 points:**

PRIZES:

-Flavor	30 points	1 ST - \$200.00	4 TH - \$75.00
-Filling	25 points	2 ND - \$150.00	5 TH - \$50.00
-Crust	20 points	3 RD - \$100.00	6 TH - \$25.00
-Overall Appearance	15 points		
-Creativity	10 points		

9. 2025 Participating Fair and 2026 PA Farm Show Contest Rules PSACF Released: February 2025

The First Place Winner is eligible for the 2024 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Winners: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$100; 4th - Rosette Ribbon ; 5th - Rosette Ribbon



**DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS**
Division 07-05 – Class 01
2025 King Arthur Coffee Cake Contest



Judging: Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 11th. Recipe must be submitted with your cake.

Sponsored By: King Arthur Flour

Coffee Cakes will be judged on taste and presentation.

1. Bake your coffee cakes using King Arthur Flour; limit one entry per person.
2. Six (6) pieces measuring approximately 3" x 3" and must be displayed on a disposable plate.
3. Entries must be made from "scratch". No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*) **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
4. With your pre-baked entry, the recipe for the coffee cake must be submitted. It should be submitted by being **printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper**. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities, and the preparations instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back side** of all the pages. Along with recipe and entry, contestants should submit their contact information and a **King Arthur Flour package, or a UPC label**.
5. All recipes entered become the property of King Arthur Flour Co. By participating, contestants agree that King Arthur Flour may edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use any or all of the recipes entered. They may also use contestant names and photos for publicity, promotion, or advertising without compensation.

Prizes:

1st Place: \$75 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com

2nd Place: \$50 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com

3rd Place: \$25 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com



**DEPARTMENT 22-
SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS**
Division 07-06 – Class 01
2025 King Arthur Youth Cupcake Contest



Judging: Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, 12:00 P.M.

All contestants must be preregistered by July 11th. Recipe must be submitted with your cupcakes.

Sponsored By: King Arthur Flour

Cupcakes will be judged on taste and decorations.

1. Open to any youth between the ages of 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest.
2. Bake your cupcakes using King Arthur Flour; limit one entry per person.
3. Six (6) cupcakes must be displayed on a disposable plate.
4. Entries must be made from "scratch". No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*) **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
5. With your pre-baked entry, the recipe for the coffee cake must be submitted. It should be submitted by being **printed on one-side of 8- 1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper**. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities, and the preparations instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. Along with recipe and entry, contestants should submit their contact information and a King Arthur Flour package, or a UPC label.
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Prizes:

1st Place: \$40 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com

2nd Place: \$25 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com

3rd Place: \$25 Gift Card to the Baker's Catalogue/ www.KingArthurFlour.com