

DEPARTMENT 15 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

and DEPARTMENT 11

PA PREFERRED® JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST - COOKIES, BROWNIES & BARS

Chairperson: Lori Lorah-Sauder - (717) 984-0237

2024 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

Sponsored: PA State Association of County Fairs

RULES

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 2024.
3. Entire entry 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. Cake recipe must feature **chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
5. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake**.
6. Entry **must be frosted** and frosting must also 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. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 1/2"x11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back** side of all the pages. (*All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. 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.



10. Judging Criteria:

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Flavor <i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i> | 30 | points |
| Texture <i>(moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)</i> | 25 | points |
| Inside Characteristics <i>(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)</i> | 20 | points |
| Outside Characteristics <i>(consistent shape/size/surface; overall appeal)</i> | 15 | points |
| Frosting <i>(taste, texture, even color)</i> | 10 | points |
| TOTAL | 100 | points |

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$100 2nd = \$20 3rd = \$15

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.
Premiums for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition
1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250, 3rd = \$100
Fourth Place - Rosette Ribbon
Fifth Place - Rosette Ribbon*

Top Overall
sponsored by:
**WEAVER
MARKETS**

2024 PA PREFERRED® JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST COOKIES, BROWNIES AND BARS

The goal of the PA Preferred® Junior 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.



RULES

1. 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.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in the PA Preferred® Junior Baking Contest at any other fair in 2024.
3. Entry must be **six (6) individual sized portions** of the baked entry item.
4. Entire entry 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. At least two (2) PA Preferred® 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.
6. A **PA Preferred® logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient. Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
7. 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.*)
8. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 1/2"x11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred® ingredient must be clearly listed along with the source that made/grew the product** (*ex: PA Preferred Milk - Galliker's brand or Apples - Smith Field Orchard*). 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 Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. 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.

10. Judging Criteria:

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Flavor <i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i> | 30 | points |
| Texture <i>(appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar)</i> | 25 | points |
| Inside Characteristics <i>(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)</i> | 20 | points |
| Outside Characteristics <i>(uniform size, shape, appearance; overall appeal)</i> | 15 | points |
| Creativity | 10 | points |
| TOTAL | 100 | points |

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$100 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.
Premiums for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition
1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250, 3rd = \$100
Fourth Place - Rosette Ribbon
Fifth Place - Rosette Ribbon
SPONSOR: PA Preferred®*

Top Overall
sponsored by:
**WEAVER
MARKETS**