

Dept. 22
Class 56
Entry Fee: \$2.50

2025 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST



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 2025.
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No prepackaged ingredients may be used (ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.). Any decorations must just 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 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. The Cake entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
9. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" 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 side of all the pages.
10. 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.
11. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) 35 points
 - Inside Characteristics (texture & lightness) 25 points
 - Frosting (taste, texture, even color) 20 points
 - Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) 15 points
 - Creativity 5 points
 - TOTAL: 100 Points

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$25 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 PA FARM SHOW competition

First Place - \$500.00 Second Place - \$250.00 Third Place - \$100.00

Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon

Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon

Sponsor: PA State Association of County Fairs

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CONTEST SUMMARY FORM



DEADLINE: November 15



Return form by NOVEMBER 15 using one of these options:

Online Form: <https://forms.gle/QbFPySvkBAQGB7YRA>

Mail: Karen Dobson, 9 Ebelhare Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465

Scan to Email: kardob@msn.com **Cell:** 610-212-6180

FAIR NAME: _____

Reporting Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

FAIR REPORT: Total # of Homemade Chocolate Cake Entries Judged

WINNER: (please print or type all the required information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

2nd place Name _____ Phone: _____

3rd place Name _____ Phone: _____

I understand that the Fair will be reimbursed for premiums awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the Angel Food Cake and the PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookies, Brownies, Bars contests. Any Fair premium monies for the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie and the Homemade Chocolate Cake contests were at the discretion of my Fair.

I understand that the premium reimbursement will be calculated after the November 15 Contest Summary Report deadline. No premiums will be distributed if Fairs do not submit the Contest Summary Reports.

I hereby acknowledged that all PSACF Special Baking Contests held at our 2025 Fair were conducted in a manner that complies with the Contest Rules and Participation Requirements as published by PSACF.

I understand that the **Official PA Farm Show Certification Entry Forms** will be emailed/mailed directly from the PA Fairs Special Baking Contest Committee to the 1st place winners listed in this Contest Summary Report by December 6.

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