



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 pre-packaged 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 Criteria:**

Flavor	35 points
<i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i>	
Inside Characteristics	25 points
<i>(texture, moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)</i>	
Frosting	20 points
<i>(taste, texture, even color)</i>	
Overall Appearance	15 points
<i>(surface, shape, finished size, color)</i>	
Creativity	5 points

TOTAL 100 points

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

2025 Participating Fair and 2026 PA Farm Show Contest Rules

PSACF Release: February 2025

FAIR PRIZES: 1ST = \$25 2ND = \$15 3RD = \$10

Class 05: Farm Toy Display Contest

Superintendent: Angie Craig 814-392-7092

Ages

4 & under; 5-7; 8-11; 12-14

1st Place- \$20.00

2nd Place Ribbon

3rd Place Ribbon

Rules:

1. Purpose: To create a display of toys that depicts an aspect of farm life. Does not have to be a whole farm set up. Can depict a western ranch, dairy farm, horse farm, grain farm, beef, goat, chicken, etc.

2. Acceptable items to use: any toy that will help detail farm life (house, barn, animals, action figures, equipment dolls, etc)

3. Must fit on the table size stated per age group.

4. Age groups: 4 and under, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

5. Tables/bases may be made at home but must meet size requirements. No toys or buildings can be permanently attached to the base or table. The display **MUST** be set up at fair. Tables will be provided if you do not have your own.

6. Table sizes: 4 ft. table – ages 7 and under; 6 ft. table – ages 8-14

7. Judging is based on neatness, creativity, originality, realism, and variety of toys used.

8. Entries must be checked in and completed by 11 am Sunday August 24, 2025.

Superintendent: Angie Craig 814-392-7092

Class 06: Youth Fair Poster Contest

Ages

8-11

12-14

15-18

Superintendent: Tina Elder (814) 739-2232

Posters are due by 11 am Sunday Aug 24, 2025.

Class 07: Erie County Fair Coloring Contest

Ages

3 and Under

Ages 4-6

Ages 7-9

Ages 10-12

Superintendent: Angie Craig 814-392-7092

See page 112 for the coloring sheet. Please write first name only and age on back of coloring page. Coloring pages are due by 11 am Sunday Aug 24, 2025.

DEPARTMENT 22 DIVISION 9 STATE CONTESTS

Premiums: 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

01: Angel Food Cake Contest

02: Chocolate Cake Contest

03: Apple Pie Contest

04: Apron Contest

05: Jr Baking Contest

For a list of full rules and information, see the following pages.

