2019 FAIR
CONTEST PACKET

SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

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REPORTS DUE: NOV 15
2019 PSACF Baking Contests
Angel Food Cake      Apple Pie       Chocolate Cake       Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars

Angel Food Cake / Apple Pie:                Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars / Chocolate Cake
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FAIR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

☐ Advertise the 2019 Official Contests Rules in your Fair’s Premium Book.

☐ Publish Pre-Contest Press Releases prior to the Contest. (newspaper, website, etc. Samples will be provided; also available at www.pafairs.org

☐ Accept entries only from contestants who have not won 1st place at any other fair in 2019 for that particular PSACF Special Baking contest. (i.e. “once and done” – once a person wins 1st place in one contest, they cannot compete in that same contest for the rest of 2019)

☐ Display all contest entries. Include Sponsor signage, if applicable. (distributed by PSACF).

☐ Keep an accurate count of all special baking contest entries.

☐ Determine only one 1st-place, one 2nd-place, and one 3rd-place winner each for the contests according to the Judging Criteria listed in the 2019 Official Contest Rules (see attached).

☐ Publish Post-Contest Press Releases announcing the Contest winners. (newspaper, website, etc. Sample will be provided; also available at www.pafairs.org (Members/Baking Contest)

☐ Certify the 1st place winners on the Farm Show Certification Forms (1-page form) If the 1st place winner is not attending the PA Farm Show, certify the next place winner (as long as that individual has not won 1st place at another Fair). We want to see as many fairs represented at Farm Show as possible!

☐ Give the Farm Show Certification Forms to the winning representative by November 15.

☐ Submit only the “Contest Summary Report” to the appropriate PSACF coordinator by November 15. (Available at www.pafairs.org) Premium monies will be distributed after November 15 based on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners listed on each Contest Summary Report. No premiums will be distributed if Fairs do not submit the Contest Summary Reports.

Any Fair not complying with the above will be ineligible for funding for the 2019 Contests.

PSACF RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide the following to each Fair that submits an Intent to Participate form by February 15:

1. Official Rules and Contest Requirements
2. Logo Artwork for Premium Catalog/Tabloid contest announcements
3. Premium monies for Fair’s Family Living Area for applicable baking contests. (Angel Food = $50; Apple Pie = $0; Chocolate Cake = $0; Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars = $45)
4. All contest ribbons are at the discretion of the Fair
5. Contest Summary Form – to be completed and returned to Contest Coordinator by Nov. 15.
6. Farm Show Certification Forms - Fair to give to the winners immediately after the local contest
7. Samples of official Contest Press Releases
8. Courtesy Mailing (to the certified winners) about the upcoming PA Farm Show competition

Released January 2019 at Convention
Contest Forms and Documents also available at www.pafairs.org
CONTEST SUMMARY ONLINE SUBMISSION OPTION

We have created a similar Google online form so that your Fair can submit all its 2019 Baking Contest Summaries at one time! No stamps, no mailing!

**Instructions:**

1. Prepare by having all your contest winners’ information (names, addresses, phone numbers, county residence) for 1st – 3rd places.
2. Open up your Internet browser
3. Type in the following web address to access the 2018 Baking Contest Summary form
   
   https://forms.gle/HjDnYH1eHHELGqza8

4. Fill in the answers to each question and click SUBMIT
5. You will see a Confirmation screen letting you know your form was submitted.
6. *Not Computer Savvy?* No worries...we will still accept the papers form by email or mail.
BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED BY FAIRS AT THEIR 2019 EVENT
Each county/local fair is encouraged to conduct a 32nd Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at their 2019 event. Listed below are the criteria which we would like each fair to use in their contest. The certified first place winner from each fair will then have the opportunity to enter an apple pie in the BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST at the 2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW.

RULES for local Fair and the PA Farm Show contests are as follows:

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; only one entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2019.**
3. Entry to be a pie that 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.
4. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8 ½” by 11” paper. The recipe must list all the 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 pies will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
6. 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.
7. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
   - Flavor: 30 points
   - Filling: consistency, doneness, moistness & flavor: 25 points
   - Crust: color, flavor, texture doneness: 20 points
   - Overall Appearance: 15 points
   - Creativity: 10 points
   - TOTAL: 100 Points

**NOTE:**
Creativity is essential to a varied competition. Do not limit your contest to a “traditional” two-crusted apple pie. We are looking for a variety of fillings in the pies; the pie must include at least 60% apples in the filling.

The recipe for the pie and pie crust will also need to be submitted when entering at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Each Fair must sign a Certification Form verifying the winning apple pie baker, and this person will be eligible to enter the state competition at the 2020 Farm Show.

**NOTE:** If an individual has already won 1st place at another fair in 2019 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2020 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.

Premiums for the 2020 PA FARM SHOW competition will be as followed:
- First Place: $500.00
- Second Place: $250.00
- Third Place: $100.00
- Fourth Place: Ribbon
- Fifth Place: Ribbon

At the PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW level, this contest is sponsored by: The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

PSACF Release: January 2019
32nd ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

SAMPLE PRE-CONTEST PRESS RELEASE

(Please insert specific Fair information)

CONTACT NAME:
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:
DATE:

(TOWN) – Calling all bakers for the 2019 Blue Ribbon Apple Pie baking contest to be held on

DATE at the NAME OF FAIR. The contest is sponsored by The Pennsylvania State Association
of County Fairs.

Over 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best pie. NAME OF FAIR’S
contest is preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final Blue Ribbon Apple Pie
winner held each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The first place winner at the Farm
Show will be awarded a cash prize of $500.00 for their winning entry. Other cash prizes will also
be available for the top five entries.

The rules for NAME OF FAIR’S contest are as follows:

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; only one entry per person.
2. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any
other fair in 2019.
3. Entry to be a pie that 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.
4. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and
dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be
submitted on an 8 ½” by 11” sheet of paper. The recipe must list all the 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 pies will become the
property of the Fair or Pennsylvania Farm Show and will not be returned.)
6. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or Pennsylvania 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.

7. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
   - Flavor: 30 points
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   - Crust: color, flavor, texture, doneness: 20 points
   - Overall Appearance: 15 points
   - Creativity: 10 points

   TOTAL 100 Points

So dig out that favorite Apple Pie recipe and give it a try. You could end up being the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie winner at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. For more information on entry requirements, obtain a NAME OF FAIR Premium Book at LOCATION, or contact NAME OF FAIR COORDINATOR at COORDINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER.
2019 Apple Pie Contest

CONTEST SUMMARY FORM

DEADLINE: November 15, 2019

FAIR NAME: __________________________________________________________

Reporting Person: ______________________________________________________

Phone: Day: __________________ Night: __________________ FAX: ______________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

WINNER:

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

County: ______________________________________________________________

City, Zip: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________

2nd place name and phone #: _____________________________________________

3rd place name and phone #: _____________________________________________

FAIR REPORT: Total # of Apple Pie Entries __________

CHECKLIST:

I am submitting the following items as per the agreed upon Participation Requirements.
(Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2020 program)

_____ Completed “Contest Summary Form”

Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2019 to:

Online Form:  https://forms.gle/HjDnYH1eHHEL.Gqza8

Mail: Kevin Bieber, PO Box 105, 613 Main St., Oley, PA 19547
Scan to Email: KBieber@BBandT.com  Cell: 484-256-8009

PSACF Release: April 2019
CERTIFICATION
APPLE PIE CONTEST
2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

Name of Fair _________________________________________________________________________

Name of Winner ______________________________________________________________________

Address of Winner ____________________________________________________________________

County of Winner _________________________________________

Telephone Number of Winner ___________________________________________

Number of Entries in Local Contest ________________

TO BE CERTIFIED BY FAIR:

This is to certify that __________________________________ was the ___ place winner of the Apple Pie Contest at our 2019 Fair Event.

____________________________________________
Signature of Fair President or Secretary

Fair Contact & Phone Number ___________________________________________

Please give this form to your contest winner and advise them to bring it along to the 2020 PA Farm Show with their entry. Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2019.

The recipe containing both ingredients and instructions for the pie and the pie crust must accompany the entry to the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show for competition. (All recipes and pies will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)

The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)

Entries will be accepted at the PA Farm Show at the “Family Living Center”. Please take your pie to the Maclay Street entrance (Main Hall in Farm Show Complex) on Friday January 3 between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm or Saturday January 4 between 8:00 am and 9:00 am.

Judging will take place Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 am.

Winners will be contacted following the contest. Recipes will be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

Please direct all questions to Kevin Bieber (484-256-8009) or email KBieber@BBandT.com
32nd ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

(FOR RELEASE FOLLOWING THE CONTEST)
SAMPLE POST CONTEST PRESS RELEASE
(USE FAIR LETTERHEAD AND INSERT SPECIFIC FAIR INFORMATION)

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(TOWN) - Did you see all those apple pies at the NAME OF FAIR last week? Our own hometown bakers created those special pies for competition in the annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest.

This year’s Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest winner was NAME OF WINNER from NAME OF TOWN says QUOTE ABOUT THE PIE FROM THE WINNER.

INSERT THE WINNING PIE RECIPE

More than 100 fairs across the state are offering cash prizes as part of the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest. NAME OF FAIR’S contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final Blue Ribbon Apple Pie winner to be held each January at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. This year’s contest was sponsored by The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

PSACF Release: April 2019
ANGEL FOOD CAKE CONTEST RULES

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident.
2. **Entrants may NOT** have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake contest at any other fair in 2019.
3. Entry must be an Angel Food Cake made from “scratch”.
4. **Pennsylvania produced & packed eggs** are requested to be used if at all possible. Please look for the PEQAP or PA Preferred logo or PA packaging dates on the carton.
5. 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.
6. The entire Cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
7. 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 paper*). Entrant’s name, address and phone # must be printed on the back of all the pages. (All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
8. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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<td>Flavor (smell, taste, flavoring)</td>
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<td>Inside Characteristics (texture &amp; lightness)</td>
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<td>Overall Appearance (surface, size, color)</td>
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<td>Creativity</td>
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<td>Topping, Icing or Decoration</td>
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**PRIZES:**  

1st = $25  
2nd = $15  
3rd = $10

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2020 PA Farm Show competition. Prizes for the PA State Angel Food Cake Winners: 1st = $500 2nd = $250 3rd = $100*

Sponsors: Pennsylvania’s Egg Farmers & PA State Association of County Fairs
Pennsylvania’s 16th Annual INCREDIBLE Angel Food Cake Contest

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(TOWN)- The Angel Food Cake contest is returning to the competitive exhibit lineup at the FAIR NAME Fair this year. The INCREDIBLE Angel Food Cake contest, sponsored by Pennsylvania Egg Farmers and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs, will be held on DAY, DATE, TIME.

Baking a cake is a very rewarding area of home cookery. There are two main types of cakes, butter and foam (egg-leavened). Angel food is the classic example of a foam cake. The cake is 100% fat free and, because of the eggs, is a good source of the highest quality protein, as well a source of choline, which is essential to memory and brain development.

Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake contest at any other fair in 2019.

Prizes awarded will be 1st place: ______; 2nd place: ______; and 3rd place: _____. The winning cake will be eligible for competition at the PA Farm Show in January 2020, where the winner will receive $500.00 for first prize.

When entering your cake, which must be made from scratch and using eggs produced in Pennsylvania, you must also submit the recipe.

Cakes will be judged on the following categories and percentages:

30% Flavor (smell, taste, flavoring)
25% Inside Characteristics (texture, lightness)
20% Overall appearance (surface, size, color)
15% Creativity
10% Topping, Icing or Decoration

If you have any questions, contact CHAIRMAN from the FAIR NAME Fair at PHONE NUMBER.
2019 Angel Food Cake Contest

CONTEST SUMMARY FORM

FAIR NAME: _________________________________________________________________

Reporting Person: ___________________________________________________________________________

Phone: Day: __________________ Night: __________________ FAX: __________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________

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

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

County: ________________________________________________________________________________

City, Zip: ________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________________________________________

2nd place name and phone #: ________________________________________________________________________________

3rd place name and phone #: ________________________________________________________________________________

FAIR REPORT: Total # of Angel Food Cake Entries __________

CHECKLIST:

I am submitting the following items as per the agreed upon Participation Requirements.
(Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2020 program)

___ Completed “Contest Summary Form”

___ I understand that premium monies will be distributed after November 15 based on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners listed on this Contest Summary Report. No premiums will be distributed if our Fair does not submit the Contest Summary Report.

Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2019 to:
Online Form: https://forms.gle/HjDnYH1eHHEL.Gqza8
Mail: Kevin Bieber, PO Box 105, 613 Main St., Oley, PA 19547
Scan to Email: KBieber@BBandT.com Cell: 484-256-8009

PSACF Release: April 2019
CERTIFICATION
ANGEL FOOD CAKE CONTEST
2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

Name of Fair __________________________________________________________________________

Name of Winner __________________________________________________________________________

Address of Winner ________________________________________________________________________

County of Winner ______________________________________

Telephone Number of Winner _______________________________________________________________

Number of Entries in Local Contest _________________

TO BE CERTIFIED BY FAIR:

This is to certify that __________________________________ was the ___ place winner of the Angel Food Cake Contest at our 2019 Fair Event.

____________________________________________
Signature of Fair President or Secretary

Fair Contact & Phone Number ___________________________________________

Please give this form to your contest winner and advise them to bring it along to the 2020 PA Farm Show with their entry. Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake contest at any other fair in 2019.

The recipe containing both ingredients and instructions must accompany the entry to the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show for competition. (All recipes and cakes will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)

The entire Cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)

Entries will be accepted at the PA Farm Show at the “Family Living Center”. Please take your cake to the Maclay Street entrance (Main Hall in Farm Show Complex) on Sunday January 5 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Judging will take place Sunday, January 5 at 12:00 pm.

Winners will be contacted following the contest. Recipes will be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show, Pennsylvania Egg Farmers & the Pennsylvania State Fair Association.

Please direct all questions to Kevin Bieber (484-256-8009) or email KBieber@BBandT.com

BRING ONE (1) ORIGINAL OF THIS ENTRY FORM TO PA FARM SHOW
SAMPLE POST CONTEST PRESS RELEASE
(for release following the county contest)

USE FAIR LETTERHEAD AND INSERT SPECIFIC FAIR INFORMATION

Pennsylvania’s 16th Annual INCREDIBLE Angel Food Cake Contest

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(TOWN) - Did you see all of the angel food cakes at the NAME OF FAIR last week? Our own hometown bakers created those extraordinary cakes for competition in Pennsylvania’s INCREDIBLE Angel Food Cake Contest. Contestants use quality eggs produced in Pennsylvania to create their INCREDIBLE cakes, which are judged on a variety of categories. This year’s Angel Food Cake Contest winner was NAME OF WINNER from NAME OF TOWN. NAME OF WINNER said, “QUOTE ABOUT THE CAKE FROM THE WINNER.”

INSERT THE WINNING CAKE RECIPE

More than 100 fairs across the state are offering cash prizes as part of Pennsylvania’s INCREDIBLE Angel Food Cake Contest. NAME OF FAIR’S contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the overall Angel Food Cake Contest winner. That competition is held each January at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Eggs are a great source of the highest quality protein, as well as an excellent source of choline, which is essential for memory and brain development. The 2019 contest was proudly sponsored by Pennsylvania’s Egg Farmers and the Pennsylvania Association of County Fairs.
2019 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST
SPONSORED BY: PA State Association of County Fairs

RULES:

1. Participant must be an 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 2019.

3. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch". Pre-made mixes are not acceptable ingredients.

4. Entry must be frosted and frosting must be made from "scratch".

5. Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.

6. 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.)

7. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" 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.)

8. 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.

9. Judging Criteria:

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

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2020 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2020 PA FARM SHOW competition
First Place - $500.00 Second Place - $250.00 Third Place - $100.00
Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon
Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon

Released by PA State Association of County Fairs: January 2019
(For Release BEFORE the Contest)

Sample Pre-Contest Press Release
[Please insert specific Fair information]

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR) – Calling all bakers for the 2019 Homemade Chocolate Cake contest to be held on (INSERT DATE) at the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR). The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF).

PSACF has been in existence since 1912. Over 100 member fairs, associations or societies hold annual events that showcase the Commonwealth’s top industries – agriculture and tourism. An estimated 5.5 million people visit PA fairs each year to enjoy amusements, food, entertainment, judged competitions and our rich Pennsylvania agricultural heritage. Visit pafairs.org to learn more a PSACF Fair near you.

A contest participant must be an individual amateur baker and a resident of Pennsylvania. The entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch". The entry must be frosted and the frosting must also be made from “scratch”. The cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.

More than 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best Homemade Chocolate Cake contest. (INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final Homemade Chocolate Cake blue ribbon winner each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first-place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of $500 for the winning chocolate cake recipe.

For a complete list of rules, visit (INSERT FAIR’S WEBSITE) or contact contest coordinator (INSERT NAME OF FAIR COORDINATOR) at (INSERT COORDINATOR’S PHONE NUMBER). # # #
2019 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

CONTEST SUMMARY FORM

DEADLINE: November 15, 2019

FAIR NAME: _________________________________________________________________________________

Reporting Person: _______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: Day: ____________________ Night: ____________________ FAX: ____________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________________

CHOCOLATE CAKE WINNER:

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

City, Zip: ________________________________________________________________________________

County: __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________________

2ND PLACE CAKE WINNER: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________________

3RD PLACE CAKE WINNER: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________________

I am submitting the following information as per the agreed upon Participation Requirements (Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2020 program)

FAIR REPORT: Total # of CHOCOLATE CAKE Entries ______________

Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2019 to:
ONLINE FORM: https://forms.gle/HjDnYH1eHHEL.Gqza8
MAIL: Karen Dobson, 9 Ebelhare Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
SCAN TO EMAIL: kardob@msn.com Cell: 610-212-6180
Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

WINNER CERTIFICATION FORM
for entry at the 2020 PA Farm Show, Harrisburg

PART A: FAIR’S INSTRUCTIONS:
Fill out Part A of this Certification Form. Give the Winner 1) this Form and 2) a copy of their winning recipe.
Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2019.

PART A:
Fair Represented: ______________________________________________________________________
Chocolate Cake Contest Winner’s Name: ____________________________________________________
Winner’s Address: ______________________________________________________________________
Winner’s City: _________________________________________     Winner’s Zip: ___________________
Winner’s County: _______________________________ Winner’s Phone: __________________________

FAIR CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: We had _____ (#) of entries at our 2019 event. We hereby certify that ________________________________________________________________
(Winner’s Name)
was the _____ winner of our 2019 Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest and is eligible to compete (Place)
at the 2020 PA Farm Show.

(Fair President or Secretary’s Signature)

PART B: WINNER’S INSTRUCTIONS
It is the Winner’s responsibility (or their representative) to bring the following items in order to enter the 2020 PA State Farm Show in Harrisburg. The same rules and judging criteria used for the 2019 local competition will be used at the state competition at the 2020 PA Farm Show.
1. This Certification Form signed by the Fair (you do NOT need to sign up for a PA Farm Show Entry Tag)
2. A copy of the recipe that won at the local Fair’s contest, listing all ingredients and baking instructions for the entire cake and icing. (8-1/2 x 11 pages, one side of paper(s) only; name, address, phone on back)
3. The layered, frosted chocolate cake entry from that recipe, made from scratch by the Winner, submitted for judging on a food safe disposable setting (doily NOT required).

Entries will be accepted at the PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, Family Living Area on:
   Friday, January 3, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturday, January 4, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.
Judging: Saturday, January 4 at 4:00 pm, Main Hall, Family Living Area, Contest Stage

NOTE 1: All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
NOTE 2: All recipes and cakes will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
NOTE 3: Recipes and photos may be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show, the PA Preferred Program & the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.
NOTE 4: Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking will not be distributed to the public for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
NOTE 5: If the Fair’s 1st place winner is not attending Farm Show, that Fair can certify their next place winner as their official Farm Show contestant as long as that individual has not placed 1st at another Fair. This is done in order to encourage participation from as many Fairs as possible.

Questions: Karen Dobson, Email: kardob@msn.com   Cell: 610-212-6180
BRING ONE (1) ORIGINAL OF THIS ENTRY FORM TO PA FARM SHOW
(For Release AFTER the Contest)

Sample Post-Contest Press Release

[Please insert specific Fair information]

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR) – More than (INSERT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS) local home bakers created decadent cakes during the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR)'s “Homemade Chocolate Cake” baking contest sponsored by Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) on (INSERT DATE).

(INSERT NAME OF WINNER), from (INSERT NAME OF TOWN), took home top honors in the PSACF Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest with his/her (INSERT NAME OF RECIPE) recipe.

"INSERT QUOTE FROM WINNER." (i.e. “This is my family’s favorite dessert and they always ask me to make it for special occasions, etc.”)

Judges for the contest were (INSERT NAMES AND HOMETOWNS OF JUDGES).

(INSERT NAME OF FAIR’S) Homemade Chocolate Cake winner is now eligible to compete in the state finals in January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of $500 for the winning chocolate cake recipe.

PSACF has been in existence since 1912. Over 100 member fairs, associations or societies hold annual events that showcase the Commonwealth’s top industries – agriculture and tourism. An estimated 5.5 million people visit PA fairs each year to enjoy amusements, food, entertainment, judged competitions and our rich Pennsylvania agricultural heritage. Visit pafairs.org to learn more a PSACF Fair near you.

The Winning recipe from the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR) Homemade Chocolate Cake baking contest is:

INSERT WINNING CAKE RECIPE

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PSACF Release: April 2019
2019 PA Preferred™
Junior Baking Contest
Cookies, Brownies and Bars

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.

RULES:

1. Participant must be an individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred™ Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2019.
3. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item.
4. Entries must be made from scratch. Premade mixes are not acceptable ingredients.
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. 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.)
7. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2” x 11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. The 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). 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.)
8. 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. For a list of acceptable products visit papreferred.com. Additionally, PA Preferred™ staff will assist in locating PA Preferred™ ingredients, as needed.
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

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First Place Winner is eligible for the 2020 PA Farm Show competition.

**SPONSOR:** PA Preferred™

Released by PA State Association of County Fairs: January 2019

2019 Participating Fair and 2020 PA Farm Show Contest Rules
Recipe

Name of recipe: Ashlee's Apple Crisp Bars

Prep Time: _____ Cook Time: _____ Serves: _____

shortbread Crust
• 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
• 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
• 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
• 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (PA Preferred Lapp Valley Farm)

Apple Filling
• 4 cups apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (PA Preferred Barefoot Farm)
• 2 Tablespoons flour
• 1/4 cup sugar

Crisp Topping
• 1/2 cup brown sugar
• 1/4 cup sugar
• 3/4 cup flour
• 1 teaspoon cinnamon
• 1/2 teaspoon salt
• 1/3 cup chilled butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Instructions

Shortbread Crust
1. Preheat oven to 350º F. Line a 8x8 pan with parchment paper, leaving extra hanging over the ends, spray with cooking spray.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes. Add vanilla and mix until combined. Add flour and mix until combined and dough is crumbly.
3. Press dough evenly into bottom of prepared pan. Bake for 12-14 minutes, until dough is slightly puffed. Remove from oven and set aside, maintain oven temperature.

Apple Filling
4. In a large bowl, combine apples, flour and sugar. Mix until apples are thoroughly coated. Arrange apples on baked crust.

Crisp Topping
5. In a medium bowl, mix together first five ingredients. With a pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Spread topping over apples in an even layer.
6. Bake uncovered at 350º F for 45 minutes, or until topping is golden and apple mixture is bubbly. Let cool, lift apple crisp using the extra parchment paper at the ends as handles, and cut into bars.
(For Release BEFORE the Contest)

Sample Pre-Contest Press Release

[Please insert specific Fair information]

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(INsert TOWN OF FAIR) – Calling all bakers for the 2019 PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars contest to be held on (INSERT DATE) at the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR). The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s PA Preferred™ program and coordinated by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

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.

A contest participant must be an individual amateur baker age 8 through and including 18 years old and a resident of Pennsylvania. The cookies, brownies or bars entry must include two (2) PA Preferred™ ingredients. A comprehensive list of products is available at papreferred.com.

More than 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best PA Preferred™ cookies, brownies or bars in the Junior Baking Contest.

(INsert NAME OF FAIR)’s contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars blue ribbon winner each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first-place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of $500 for the winning PA Preferred™ cookie, brownie or bar recipe.

For a complete list of rules, visit (INSERT FAIR’S WEBSITE) or contact contest coordinator (INSERT NAME OF FAIR COORDINATOR) at (INSERT COORDINATOR’S PHONE NUMBER). # # #
FAIR NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Reporting Person: _______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: Day: ____________________ Night: ____________________ FAX: ____________________

Email: ______________________________________________

COOKIES/BROWNIES/BARS WINNER:

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

City, Zip: ____________________________________________________________________________________

County: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________ Age: __________________

2ND PLACE COOKIES/BROWNIES/BARS WINNER: ______________________________________________________________________________________

County: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________________________

3RD PLACE COOKIES/BROWNIES/BARS WINNER: ______________________________________________________________________________________

County: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________________________

I am submitting the following information as per the agreed upon Participation Requirements (Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2020 program)

FAIR REPORT: Total # of COOKIES/BROWNIES/BARS Entries _____

☐ I understand that premium monies will be distributed after November 15 based on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners listed on this Contest Summary Report. No premiums will be distributed if our Fair does not submit the Contest Summary Report.

Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2019 to:
ONLINE FORM: https://forms.gle/HjDnYH1eHHELPqza8
MAIL: Karen Dobson, 9 Ebelhare Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
SCAN TO EMAIL: kardob@msn.com Cell: 610-212-6180
WINNER CERTIFICATION FORM
for entry at the 2020 PA Farm Show, Harrisburg

PART A: FAIR’S INSTRUCTIONS:
Fill out Part A of this Certification Form. Give the Winner 1) this Form and 2) a copy of their winning recipe. Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars contest at any other fair in 2019.

PART A:
Fair Represented: _______________________________________________________________________

Cookies/Brownies/Bars Contest Winner’s Name: ______________________________________________

Winner’s Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Winner’s City: _____________________________________________ Winner’s Zip:_______________

Winner’s County: ______________________________

Winner’s Phone: ______________________ Winner’s Age: ______________

FAIR CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: We had _____ (#) entries at our 2019 event. We hereby certify that ________________________________________________________________

(Winner’s Name) was the _____ winner of our 2019 PA Preferred™ Cookies, Brownies, Bars Contest and is (Place) eligible to compete at the 2020 PA Farm Show.

(Fair President or Secretary’s Signature)

PART B: WINNER’S INSTRUCTIONS
It is the Winner’s responsibility (or their representative) to bring the following items in order to enter the 2020 PA State Farm Show in Harrisburg. The same rules and judging criteria used for the 2019 local competition will be used at the state competition at the 2020 PA Farm Show.

1. This Certification Form signed by the Fair (you do NOT need to sign up for a PA Farm Show Entry Tag)
2. A copy of the recipe that won at the local Fair’s contest, listing all ingredients and baking instructions for the cookies-brownies-bars. (8-1/2 x 11 pages, one side of paper(s) only; name, address, phone on back)
3. The plate of (6) cookies, brownies or bars entry from that recipe, made from scratch by the Winner, submitted for judging on a food safe disposable setting (doily optional).

Entries will be accepted at the PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, Family Living Area on:
Friday, January 3, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturday, January 4, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
Judging: Saturday, January 4 at 2:00 pm, Main Hall, Family Living Area, Contest Stage

NOTE 1: All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
NOTE 2: All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
NOTE 3: Recipes and photos may be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show, the PA Preferred Program & the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.
NOTE 4: Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking will not be distributed to the public for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
NOTE 5: If the Fair’s 1st place winner is not attending Farm Show, that Fair can certify their next place winner as their official Farm Show contestant as long as that individual has not placed 1st at another Fair. This is done to encourage participation from as many Fairs as possible.

Questions: Karen Dobson, Email: kardob@msn.com   Cell: 610-212-6180
BRING ONE (1) ORIGINAL OF THIS ENTRY FORM TO PA FARM SHOW
CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

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This is PA Preferred™’s third year of sponsoring the Junior Baking Contest. 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.

The Winning recipe from the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars Contest is: INSERT WINNING COOKIES-BROWNIES-BARS RECIPE

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