

29th ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

Hookstown Fair Press Release

Hookstown, PA – Calling all bakers for the 2016 Blue Ribbon Apple Pie baking contest to be held on Tuesday, August 23 at the Hookstown Fair. The contest is co-sponsored by The Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program, The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Our local sponsor is **Rosalind Candy Castle**.

Over 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best pie. Hookstown 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 State 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 Hookstown Fair's contest are as follows:

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; only one entry per person. No professional bakers.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2016.
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.
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on an 8 1/2" x 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.
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

Prizes awarded will be 1st place = \$50; 2nd place = \$35; and 3rd place = \$25.

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 State Farm Show. For more information on entry requirements, go to www.hookstownfair.com, or contact Tracey Elliott at 724-573-9377.

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