

HOOKSTOWN FAIR

2024 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

Prizes: 1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$35 3rd Place \$25

RULES

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person. No Professional Bakers.
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 with edible ingredients**. 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 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. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½" 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.*)
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 will be based on the following criteria:
 - Flavor (aroma, taste, good balancing of flavors) 30 Points
 - Texture (moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry) 25 Points
 - Inside Characteristics (even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets) 20 Points
 - Outside Characteristics (consistent shape, size, surface; overall appeal) 15 Points
 - Frosting (taste, texture, even color) 10 Points
11. Entries will be accepted by the Special Baking Committee on Monday, Aug 19th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the bottom of the Grange.
12. Further information is available from Tracey Elliott at (412) 818-9331.

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2025 PA Farm Show

1st - \$500 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$100
4th – Rosette Ribbon 5th – Rosette Ribbon

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