

Department 15 – Home Products

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General Rules:

See General Fair Rules and Regulations.

1. All products must have been made by the exhibitor. Premiums will not be paid for commercial products.
2. Premiums will be offered on merit of excellence, not entry alone. Therefore, in any one class all premiums may not be awarded, if in the judge's opinion, the other entries do not merit placement. This may result in the omission of some placements such as first or second for awarding of only a third.
3. Complete baked goods must be brought to Fair. After judging, the Fair may display only a portion of the product for the Fair event. Bring layered cakes in plastic covered disposable container. Cupcakes may be brought in a disposable cupcake holder with removable lid.
4. Baked goods become the property of the Fair. After judging, a small portion of the product is placed on display. Most baked goods will be auctioned off Tuesday evening of Fair week. Half of the proceeds from the auction of the baked goods will benefit the South Mountain Fair, and half will benefit a local charity. All checks written at the auction to pay for baked goods must be made payable to the South Mountain Fair. The Fair will then issue a check to the charity.
5. No cream cheese, custard filling, whipping cream, or frozen toppings allowed in any baked item.
6. Junior/Youth division is open to anyone ages 17 and under. Senior/Adult division is open to anyone ages 18 and over.
7. Early registration is encouraged. All exhibitors must have an exhibitor number at a cost of \$2.00 per exhibitor. This fee is waived if the exhibitor pre-registers their entries by July 14. The General Entries form can be found at the back of this book or on the web site at www.southmountainfair.com. The exhibitor's name, address and phone number along with the department, section, and class information is required for pre-registration. Completed exhibit cards will be mailed to the exhibitor.
8. No cloth covers may be used over lids of canned goods. Metal rings may be loosely applied while transporting jars to and from fair to prevent damage; however, rings must be removed from jars before exhibiting unless noted otherwise in certain classes or sections.
9. Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday July 20, 2025, from 2-4 p.m., and on Monday July 21, 2025, from 4-7 p.m.
10. **Exhibits will be released to exhibitors after the Fair on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. No prize money will be awarded for exhibits removed in violation of this rule. No ribbons will be mailed, any unclaimed ribbons will be reused another year. Any exhibits not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Fair office on the second Monday of August from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any exhibits not taken at that time will be discarded.**



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Section 13 - Cookies, 6 per plate, Senior
Section 72 - Cookies, 6 per plate, Junior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class	Class	Class
1 Bar Cookies, Brownies	11 Raisin nut	21 Pressed
2 Bar Cookies, Lemon bar	12 Butterscotch oatmeal	22 Rolled
3 Bar Cookies, Other	13 Other Dropped	23 Sandwich
4 Drop, Chocolate Chip	14 Filled	24 Sliced or Ice Box
5 Drop, Oatmeal	15 Molded, Peanut Butter	25 Unbaked
6 Drop, Sugar	16 Molded, Snickerdoodles	26 Sugarball
7 Drop, M & M	17 Chocolate pixie	27 Coconut macaroons
8 Crispy fresh apple	18 Double chocolate chip	28 Gingersnaps
9 Sour cream	19 Ginger molasses	29 Novelty Cookies
10 Lace	20 Other Molded	30 Other to be named

CANNED OR DRIED PRODUCTS

General Rules:

1. Canned foods are judged on quality, general appearance, and container.
2. Use standard, clear quart/pint glass jars for preserving and exhibiting fruits, vegetables, meats, and dried products.
3. No mayonnaise or 12 oz. jars. No rusty lids will be accepted. No cloth covers over lids.
4. Use two-piece, self-sealing lids, flat discs and metal screw bands, for sealing all jars of food.
5. Metal screw bands may be loosely applied while transporting jars to and from fair to prevent damage; however, screw bands must be removed from jars before exhibiting unless noted otherwise in certain classes or sections.
6. Entries are judged on size, uniformity, clearness, color, and arrangement.
7. Entries must be home canned and home dried, **no commercial entries allowed.** Canned goods must have been canned since the last fair with the exception of Dill Pickles, which may be a year old.
8. **No artificial coloring except jellies.**
9. **The South Mountain Fair Association is not responsible for spoilage of any canned goods during the exhibition.**

Section 14 - Miscellaneous Home Products, Senior
Section 74 - Miscellaneous Home Products, Junior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class	Class	Class
1 Caramel Corn, 1 qt, standard lid	4 Trail Mix, 1 qt, standard lid	7 Croutons, 1 pt, standard lid
2 Noodles, 1 qt, standard lid	5 Lard, 1 pt, standard lid	8 Other to be named
3 Salted nuts, 1/2 pint jar	6 Granola, 1 pt, standard lid	

Section 15 - Canned Fruits, pint or quart, Senior
Section 76 - Canned Fruits, pint or quart, Junior

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class	Class	Class
1 Applesauce	9 Pears	17 Peach Pie Filling
2 Blueberries	10 Plums	18 Other Pie Filling
3 Cherries, dark, sweet, pitted	11 Raspberries, black	19 Blackberries
4 Cherries, dark, sweet, with pits	12 Mixed Fruit	20 Plum Cranberry Sauce
5 Cherries, red sour, pitted	13 Nectarines	21 Apricots
6 Cherries, red sour, with pits	14 Strawberries	22 Cinnamon Apples
7 Cherries, white, sweet, with pits	15 Apple Pie Filling	23 Pineapple
8 Peaches	16 Cherry Pie Filling	24 Other

25 Best display of fruit, 3 jars \$5.00

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CANNED OR DRIED PRODUCTS--Continued

Section 16 - Canned Vegetables, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 78 - Canned Vegetables, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Bean, green	12	Corn, yellow	23	Tomatoes, Red and Yellow
2	Bean, limas	13	Mixed Corn	24	Potatoes
3	Bean, yellow	14	Mixed Vegetables	25	Zucchini
4	Bean, Kidney	15	Peas	26	Carrots and Peas
5	Horticultural	16	Pumpkin	27	Soup, Vegetable
6	Baked beans	17	Sauerkraut	28	Soup, Chicken Corn
7	Beets	18	Squash, white	29	Soup, Tomato
8	Broccoli	19	Squash, yellow	30	Soup, Ham and Bean
9	Cabbage	20	Succotash	31	Soup, Deer
10	Carrots	21	Tomatoes, red	32	Green Peppers
11	Corn, white	22	Tomatoes, yellow	33	Other to be named

34 Best display of vegetables, 3 kinds, 3 jars \$5.00

Section 17 - Canned Meats, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 80 - Canned Meats, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Beef	5	Sausage	8	Pudding meat
2	Beef Tongue, Pickled	6	Venison	9	Beef Stew
3	Chicken	7	Mince meat	10	Other to be named
4	Pork				

11 Best Display meat, 3 kinds, 3 jars \$5.00

Section 18 - Pickles, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 82 - Pickles, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Beets	6	Dill	11	Piccalilli
Cucumbers		7	Mustard	12	Lime
2	Bread & Butter	8	Sour	13	Dill Green Beans
3	Mixed	9	Sweet	14	Other to be named
4	Peppers	10	Zucchini		
5	Watermelon				

Section 19 - Relishes, pint or quart, Senior **Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00**
Section 84 - Relishes, pint or quart, Junior

Class		Class		Class	
1	Chow chow	4	Zucchini	7	Sweet Pickle
2	Corn	5	Chutney, Pear	8	Other to be named
3	Pepper	6	Chutney, Peach		

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37th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. The Apple Pie, including fillings and crust, must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. Any decorations must be edible.
3. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a food safe disposable pie pan. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*)
4. The pie entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show 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"x11" 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. Recipe **must include at least 60% apples** in the filling. It does not need to be a "traditional" two-crust apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
7. 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.
8. The fair will certify the winning apple pie baker who will be eligible to enter their pie in the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition representing the South Mountain Fair.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Flavor 35 points
- Filling (consistency, doneness, moistness, flavor) 25 points
- Crust (color, texture, doneness) 20 points
- Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) 15 points
- Creativity 5 points

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

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

Section 40 - Senior Class 1

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

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

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



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Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Judy Miller.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake and the cake and all fillings and frostings must be made from “scratch” (no mixes). **All ingredients and decorations must be edible. The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12” high by 12” wide by 12” deep.**
3. Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.
4. 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.
5. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½”x11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions for the cake entered. 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 FarmShow 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 or auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

7. Judging criteria:

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

Premiums 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$20 3rd Place \$15
Section 44-Senior Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

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

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

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



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PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's PA Preferred™ program.

Note: Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Junior Baking Contest at any other fair this year. If the exhibitor won 1st place at another Fair this year they are not eligible to enter this contest.

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be an individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest). One entry per person.
2. This contest is not just a chocolate brownie contest. Any PA Preferred™ fruits or vegetables may be used in the cookies brownies or bars. Be creative!
3. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies or bars).
4. **At least two (2) PA Preferred™ or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. A PA Preferred™ logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred™ products carry the label. **The name of the ingredient and source is sufficient. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred™ grains such as oats or flour, butter, eggs, fruit and/or vegetables.** Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for assistance with qualifying ingredients.
5. 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.
6. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of an 8 ½"x11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the complete preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be clearly listed along with the source that made/grew the product** (ex: PA Preferred Milk - Galliker's brand or Apples - McDannell's Farm Market). **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.
7. 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.

Judging criteria:

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| • Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) | 40 points |
| • Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked) | 30 points |
| • Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color) | 20 points |
| • Topping, Icing, Decoration | 10 points |

Premiums 1st Place \$20 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Section 120 - Junior Class 1

First place winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 Farm Show competition:

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



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Gingerbread House Contest

Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

Rules:

1. Open to all youths, ages 8 through 17 years of age.
2. All exhibitors must secure an exhibitor number for a fee of \$2.00. This fee is waived if the entry is pre-registered by July 14. The General Entry Form can be found at the back of this book or on the Premium book web page at www.southmountainfair.com.
3. Houses must be presented on aluminum foil covered cardboard or thin plywood (sturdy enough to hold the display) that is no larger than 12 by 18 inches.
4. House and all decorations must be edible.
5. Judging will be based on overall appearance, construction and creativity.
6. Gingerbread Houses will **not** be sold at the auction.

Section 121 - Junior - Gingerbread House

Class	Premiums		
1 Ages 8-10	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
2 Ages 11-13	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
3 Ages 14-17	\$8.00	5.00	3.00
4 Elaine Ecker Best Gingerbread House Award			\$10.00

