

**Department 15 Section 7 class 1 2025 homemade chocolate cake baking contest**

**Prizes: 1st-\$25    2nd-\$15    3rd-\$10**

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 PA Preferred Chocolate cake contest at any other fair in 2025.**
3. Entire entries must be **made from scratch**. 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 recipes 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 be made from scratch(no pre-packaged frosting)
7. The entire cake 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 and PA Farm Show and will not be returned
9. Recipes must be submitted on one side of an 8 ½”x 11” paper. The recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of all pages.(all recipes and pies will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
10. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after the 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 will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor (smell, taste,balance of flavoring)	35 points
Inside Characteristics(moist and tender crumb;not soggy or dry)	25 points
Frosting(taste,texture,even color)	20 points
Overall appearance	15 points
Creativity	5 points
Total	100 points

First place winner will be eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show Competition

**Premiums for the 2026 PA Farm Show Competition**

**1st-\$500                      2nd-\$250                      3rd-\$100                      4th and 5th- Rosette  
ribbon**

**Sponsors:Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs**

**Exhibits can be entered on July 6,2025 from 2-4pm or July 7,2025 from  
12-8pm. And can be picked up on July 13,2025 from 2-4pm**