

# HOOKSTOWN FAIR

## 2025 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

**Prizes:      1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50      2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$35      3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2025.**
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.** 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 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) 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 05 Points
11. Entries will be accepted by the Special Baking Committee on Monday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 PA Farm Show

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

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