

DEPARTMENT 15 – HOME and DAIRY PRODUCTS

SECTION 8 - 36th BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

CLASS 1

RULES for local Fair and the PA Farm Show contests are as follows:

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 Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2026.**
3. Entire entry 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. 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.
5. 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.*)
6. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on an 8 ½” by 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. (*All recipes and pies will become the property of the Fair or Pennsylvania Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
7. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or Pennsylvania 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. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor	35 points
Filling: consistency, doneness, moistness & Flavor	25 points
Crust: Color, flavor, texture doneness	20 points
Overall Appearance	15 points
Creativity	<u>5 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points



Premiums: 1st (\$80) 2nd (\$60) 3rd (\$40) 4th (\$20)

Creativity is essential to a varied competition. Do not limit your contest to a “traditional” two-crust apple pie.

Notes: • We are looking for a variety of fillings in the pies; the pie must include at least 60% apples in the filling.

- The recipe for the pie and pie crust will also need to be submitted when entering at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.
- *If an individual has already won 1st place at another fair in 2024 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2025 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.*

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA FARM SHOW competition.

Premiums for the 2027 PA FARM SHOW competition

First Place - \$500 Second Place - \$250 Third Place - \$100

Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon

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