

**DEPARTMENT 15, OPEN CLASS HOME AND DAIRY**  
**SECTION A-CLASS #79- HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST**

*Homemade Chocolate Cake entries are to arrive on Saturday Aug. 19 between 9:00 -10:00 AM in the Family Living Building Judging will begin at 11:00 AM. Awards and tasting at the conclusion of the judging.*

**2023 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST**

**RULES:**

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 Homemade Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2023.**
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. 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 also be made from “scratch” (No pre-packaged frosting)
7. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or other disposable setting. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned).
8. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2” 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.

**9. Judging Criteria:**

- Flavor**.....**30 points**  
*(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)*
- Texture** .....**25 points**  
*(moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)*
- Inside Characteristics** .....**20 points**  
*(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)*
- Outside Characteristics**.....**15 points**  
*(consistent shape/size/surface; overall appeal)*
- Frosting** .....**10 points**  
*(taste, texture, even color)*

**TOTAL 100 points**

**Local Premiums: 1st = \$100.00 2nd = \$4.00, 3rd = \$3.50, 4<sup>th</sup>= \$3.00 5<sup>th</sup>=\$2.50**

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2024 PA FARM SHOW competition.*

**Premiums for the 2024 PA FARM SHOW competition**

**First Place-\$500.00 Second Place \$250.00 Third place \$100.00**

Fourth Place -Rosette, Fifth Place – Rosette

**Sponsor: PA State Association of County Fairs**

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