

THE NEFFS NATIONAL BANK HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE BAKING CONTEST

Saturday, June 20 at 4:00 p.m.

*Entries accepted from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m. Judging starts at 4:00 p.m.
Free gate admission for entrant. Park on the 309 side of Fire Hall and enter Green Gate. Contest held in the Social Club.*

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 2026.
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*). Any decorations must just be edible.
4. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
5. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake** (composed of two or more individual cake layers that are stacked vertically, with each layer separated by a suitable edible filling). No internal supports permitted. **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 also 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. The Cake entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will **not** be returned.
9. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the **back** side of all the pages.
10. 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.
11. **Judging Criteria** (100 total points possible):

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

PRIZES: 1st = \$ 150.00 2nd = \$100.00 3rd = \$50.00

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition.
Farm Show Prizes: 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250; 3rd = \$100; 4th = Rosette; 5th = Rosette*

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