



## 2021 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 1<sup>st</sup> place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2021.
3. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake** made from "scratch". Pre-made mixes are not acceptable ingredients. **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
4. Entry **must be frosted** and frosting must be made from "scratch".
5. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
6. 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.)
7. 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.)
8. 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:**

<b>Flavor</b> .....	<b>30 points</b>
<i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i>	
<b>Texture</b> .....	<b>25 points</b>
<i>(moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)</i>	
<b>Inside Characteristics</b> .....	<b>20 points</b>
<i>(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)</i>	
<b>Outside Characteristics</b> .....	<b>15 points</b>
<i>(consistent shape/size/surface; overall appeal)</i>	
<b>Frosting</b> .....	<b>10 points</b>
<i>(taste, texture, even color)</i>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 points</b>

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2022 PA Farm Show competition.*

### Premiums for the 2022 PA FARM SHOW competition

**First Place - \$500.00    Second Place - \$250.00    Third Place - \$100.00**  
Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon                      Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon

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



(For Release BEFORE the Contest)

Sample Pre-Contest Press Release  
[Please insert specific Fair information]

**CONTACT NAME**  
**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER**  
**DATE**

**(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR)** – Calling all bakers for the **2021 *Homemade Chocolate Cake*** contest to be held on **(INSERT DATE)** at the **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)**. The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF).

PSACF has been in existence since 1912. Over 100 member fairs, associations or societies hold annual events that showcase the Commonwealth’s top industries – agriculture and tourism. An estimated 5.5 million people visit PA fairs each year to enjoy amusements, food, entertainment, judged competitions and our rich Pennsylvania agricultural heritage. Visit [pafairs.org](http://pafairs.org) to learn more a PSACF Fair near you.

A contest participant must be an individual amateur baker and a resident of Pennsylvania. The entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch". The entry must be frosted and the frosting must also be made from "scratch". The cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.

More than 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best Homemade Chocolate Cake contest. **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)**'s contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final Homemade Chocolate Cake blue ribbon winner each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of \$500 for the winning chocolate cake recipe.

For a complete list of rules, visit **(INSERT FAIR'S WEBSITE)** or contact contest coordinator **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR COORDINATOR)** at **(INSERT COORDINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER)**. # # #

**2021 HOMEMADE  
CHOCOLATE  
CAKE CONTEST**



**CONTEST SUMMARY FORM**

**DEADLINE: November 15, 2021**

FAIR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**WINNER: (please print or type all the required information)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> place Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> place Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FAIR REPORT:</b> Total # of Homemade Chocolate Cake Entries _____
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**I understand that** there is NO sponsored premium monies for this contest. Any Fair premium monies for the Homemade Chocolate Cake contest are at the discretion of my Fair.

**I hereby acknowledged that** this Special Baking Contest held at our 2021 Fair was conducted in a manner that complies with the Contest Rules and Participation Requirements as published by PSACF. (Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2022 program)

**Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2021 using one of these options:**

**Online Form:** <https://forms.gle/RMmdSQ3LeXAddMih9>

**Mail:** Karen Dobson, 9 Ebelhare Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465

**Scan to Email:** kardob@msn.com      **Cell:** 610-212-6180

# Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

## CERTIFICATION ENTRY FORM

for the **2022** PA Farm Show, Harrisburg



Farm Show  
Contestant #

### **PART A: FAIR'S INSTRUCTIONS:**

Fill out **Part A** of this Certification Form. Give the Winner **1) this Form and 2) a copy of their winning recipe.** Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in **2021**.

### **PART A:**

Fair Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Cake Contest Winner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Winner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Winner's City: \_\_\_\_\_ Winner's Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Winner's County: \_\_\_\_\_ Winner's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAIR CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** We had \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of entries at our **2021** event. We

hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Winner's Name)

was the \_\_\_\_\_ winner of our **2021 Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest** and is eligible to compete  
(Place)

at the **2022** PA Farm Show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Fair President or Secretary's Signature)

### **PART B: WINNER'S INSTRUCTIONS**

It is the Winner's responsibility (or their representative) to bring the following items to enter the **2022** PA State Farm Show in Harrisburg. The same rules and judging criteria used for the **2021** local competition will be used at the state competition at the **2022** PA Farm Show.

1. This **Certification Form** signed by the Fair (you do NOT need to sign up for a PA Farm Show Entry Tag)
2. A copy of the **recipe** that won at the local Fair's contest, listing all ingredients and baking instructions for the entire cake and icing. (8-1/2 x 11 pages, *one side of paper(s) only; name, address, phone on back*)
3. The **layered, frosted chocolate cake entry** from that recipe, made from scratch by the Winner, submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting** (doily NOT required). All ingredients and decorations must be edible.

**ENTRIES:** **Friday, January 7**, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm **or** **Saturday, January 8**, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.  
PA Farm Show Complex, Main Hall. Bring the cake to the Maclay Street Lobby next to the "Family Living Center" office.

**JUDGING:** **Saturday, January 8 at 12:00 noon, Main Hall, Family Living Area, Contest Stage**

NOTE 1: All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.

NOTE 2: All recipes and cakes will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.

NOTE 3: Recipes and photos may be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show AND the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

NOTE 4: Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking will not be distributed to the public for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

NOTE 5: If the Fair's 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is not attending Farm Show, that Fair can certify their next place winner as their official Farm Show contestant if that individual has not placed 1<sup>st</sup> at another Fair. This is done to encourage participation from as many Fairs as possible.

Questions: Karen Dobson, Email: kardob@msn.com Cell: 610-212-6180

**BRING THIS SIGNED ENTRY FORM TO PA FARM SHOW**



(For Release AFTER the Contest)

Sample Post-Contest Press Release  
[Please insert specific Fair information]

**CONTACT NAME**  
**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER**  
**DATE**

**(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR)** – More than **(INSERT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS)** local home bakers created decadent cakes during the **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)**'s "Homemade Chocolate Cake" baking contest sponsored by Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) on **(INSERT DATE)**.

**(INSERT NAME OF WINNER)**, from **(INSERT NAME OF TOWN)**, took home top honors in the PSACF Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest with his/her **(INSERT NAME OF RECIPE)** recipe.

**"INSERT QUOTE FROM WINNER."** (i.e. "This is my family's favorite dessert and they always ask me to make it for special occasions, etc.")

Judges for the contest were **(INSERT NAMES AND HOMETOWNS OF JUDGES)**.

**(INSERT NAME OF FAIR'S)** Homemade Chocolate Cake winner is now eligible to compete in the state finals in January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of \$500 for the winning chocolate cake recipe.

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The Winning recipe from the **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)** Homemade Chocolate Cake baking contest is:

INSERT WINNING CAKE RECIPE

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