

**2016 PA PREFERRED® CHOCOLATE CAKE
BAKING CONTEST**

RULES:

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2016.
3. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch" (no mixes).
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. At least one (1) ingredient must be a **PA Preferred®** product. Ingredient is to be identified as "PA Preferred®" along with its **brand name** in the recipe (ex: PA Preferred Eggs - Weis brand; PA Preferred Milk - Galliker's brand; PA Preferred Berries – Strile's Orchards). All package labels from the PA Preferred® product(s) used, including the name of the product, must accompany the recipe. Look for the blue and yellow **PA Preferred®** logo on the ingredient packaging to ensure that the product was produced in Pennsylvania. Please note some packaging may **not** have the blue and gold logo. A list of **PA Preferred®** producers can be found at www.pafairs.org under "Members-Baking Contest". You can also search for local products at www.papreferred.com.
7. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or a disposable plate. (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. PA Preferred® product labels must be attached to the recipe. (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 Criteria:**

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



PRIZES: 1st = \$25 2nd = \$20 3rd – \$15

*First Place Winner is eligible for the 2017 PA Farm Show competition.
Prizes for the PA Preferred® Chocolate Cake Winners: 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250; 3rd = \$100*

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