

- In selecting vegetables for exhibition, choose specimens that would bring the highest market price.
- Do not select the largest, select the medium-size specimens.
- Do not Mix varieties
- The following factors are generally used by an expert vegetable judge:
 - All the specimens are from only one variety
 - Uniformity in shape, size, and color
 - Be sure to pick out a perfect specimen, then select the others as similar to it as possible. Never mix specimens of different maturity
 - Free from dirt, disease, infection, blemishes, and mechanical damage
 - Condition and Maturity
 - Potatoes should NOT be washed. Remove soil using a soft cloth or brush
 - Tomatoes should have stems removed.
 - Carrots, Beets, Onions, etc. should have tops (leaves) removed from the vegetables, leaving about 2-inch stems
 - Entries will be disqualified for the incorrect number of specimens
 - Small labels or rubber stamps are time saving in filling our entry tags

Section 13 – YOUTH Vegetables

Class **1st: \$4 2nd: \$3 3rd: \$2**

1. Beans, Green, 10
2. Beans, Yellow, 10
3. Beans, Lima, Not Shelled, 10
4. Beets, Topped, 3
5. Cabbage, 1 head
6. Carrots, Topped, 5
7. Corn, Sweet, Ears with Husks, 5
8. Cucumbers, Pickling, 8
9. Cucumbers, Slicing, 3
10. Eggplant, 1
11. Gourds, 3
12. Onions, Bulbs, Topped, 5
13. Peppers, Sweet, Green or Red or Yellow, 3
14. Peppers, Hot, Green, 3
15. Peppers, Hot, Red, 3
16. Potatoes, White, 5
17. Potatoes, Red, 5
18. Pumpkins, Ornamental Mini, 3
19. Pumpkins, Pie, 1
20. Pumpkins, Field, 1
21. Pumpkins, Field Largest by Weight, 1
22. Pumpkins, Special White, Warts, Etc., 1
23. Squash, Summer Crook neck, 1
24. Squash, Summer Straight neck, 1
25. Green Zucchini, 4-6 inches, 1
26. Green Zucchini, 7-12 inches, 1
27. Green Zucchini, Over 12 inches, 1
28. Yellow Zucchini, 1
29. Other Zucchini, 1
30. Squash, Winter, Butternut, 1
31. Squash, Winter, Buttercup, 1
32. Other Winter Squash, 1
33. Tomatoes, Green, 3
34. Tomatoes, Red, 3
35. Tomatoes, Small, 10

38. Other Vegetable

This section is divided into 3 age groups: <8, 8-11, and 12-18. Please give age on all items in this section.

- Do not cut the pumpkins
- Glue, Paint, and appropriate Decorating Supplies can be used

40. Decorated Pumpkin, Animal 8-11

42. Decorated Pumpkin, Person <8

43. Decorated Pumpkin, Person 8-11

44. Decorated Pumpkin, Person 12-18

45. Decorated Pumpkin, Misc. <8

46. Decorated Pumpkin, Misc. 8-11

47. Decorated Pumpkin, Misc. 12-18

Class	1st: \$4	2nd: \$3	3rd: \$2
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1. Cantaloupe, 1
2. Watermelon, 1

This section is divided into 3 age groups: <8, 8-11, and 12-18. Please give age on all items in this section.

- No commercial exhibits accepted. Items must be made by exhibitor
- Please use disposable plates or containers
- Use zip-lock bags to package baked goods to protect them
- The fair is not responsible for returning any pans or plates
- See Dept. 15 for General Rules of Entry

Class	1 st : \$4	2 nd : \$3	3 rd : \$2
1st	10	10	10
2nd	10	10	10
3rd	10	10	10
4th	10	10	10
5th	10	10	10
6th	10	10	10
7th	10	10	10
8th	10	10	10
9th	10	10	10
10th	10	10	10
11th	10	10	10
12th	10	10	10
13th	10	10	10
14th	10	10	10
15th	10	10	10
16th	10	10	10
17th	10	10	10
18th	10	10	10
19th	10	10	10
20th	10	10	10
21st	10	10	10
22nd	10	10	10
23rd	10	10	10
24th	10	10	10
25th	10	10	10
26th	10	10	10
27th	10	10	10
28th	10	10	10
29th	10	10	10
30th	10	10	10
31st	10	10	10
32nd	10	10	10
33rd	10	10	10
34th	10	10	10
35th	10	10	10
36th	10	10	10
37th	10	10	10
38th	10	10	10
39th	10	10	10
40th	10	10	10
41st	10	10	10
42nd	10	10	10
43rd	10	10	10
44th	10	10	10
45th	10	10	10
46th	10	10	10
47th	10	10	10
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63rd	10	10	10
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82nd	10	10	10
83rd	10	10	10
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86th	10	10	10
87th	10	10	10
88th	10	10	10
89th	10	10	10
90th	10	10	10
91st	10	10	10
92nd	10	10	10
93rd	10	10	10
94th	10	10	10
95th	10	10	10
96th	10	10	10
97th	10	10	10
98th	10	10	10
99th	10	10	10
100th	10	10	10

Cookies/Bars – 6 per plate

1. Cookies - Dropped <8
2. Cookies - Dropped 8-11
3. Cookies - Dropped 12-18
4. Cookies - Filled <8
5. Cookies – Filled 8-11
6. Cookies – Filled 12-18
7. Cookies – Bar <8
8. Cookies – Bar 8-11
9. Cookies – Bar 12-18
10. Cookies – Other <8
11. Cookies – Other 8-11
12. Cookies – Other 12-18

Candy – 6 per plate

13. Candy <8
14. Candy 8-11
15. Candy 12-18

Cupcakes – 6 per plate

16. Cupcakes – White <8
17. Cupcakes – White 8-11
18. Cupcakes – White 12-18
19. Cupcakes – Chocolate <8
20. Cupcakes – Chocolate 8-11
21. Cupcakes – Chocolate 12-18
22. Cupcakes – Other <8
23. Cupcakes – Other 8-11
24. Cupcakes – Other 12-18

25. Special PA Preferred Junior Baking Contest

2026 PA Preferred Cookies, Brownies, and Bars

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**2026 PA Preferred®
Junior Baking Contest
Cookies, Brownies and Bars
Sponsor: PA Preferred®**

The goal of the PA Preferred® Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania's agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

RULES:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2026.
3. Entry must be six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies or bars).
4. The Cookies, Brownies or Bars, 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.
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred® or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients include grains (such as oats or flour), butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
6. A PA Preferred® logo is not required because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient (see attached example). Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
7. Entry must be submitted for judging on a food safe disposable setting. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
8. The PA Preferred® 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 8-1/2" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions. The name of each PA Preferred® ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be clearly listed with the words "PA Preferred" and then the name of the source that made/grew the product (ex: PA Preferred Milk – Galliker's brand; or PA Preferred Apples - Smith Farm Orchard). Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all 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:

Flavor	40 points
(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	
Inside Characteristics	30 points
(texture, even grain, evenly baked)	
Overall Appearance	20 points
(surface, shape, size, color)	
Topping, Icing, Decoration	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$20 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2027 PA FARM SHOW competition

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

Section 17 – YOUTH Flowers

- All flowers must be in a suitable container
- NO plastic or paper cups will be accepted
- The use or display of artificial flowers is prohibited
- All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor (Except for fillings in arrangements)
- Flowers and plants must be of more than ordinary standard and quality to be awarded
- All exhibits must be resented ready for display when they arrive at the fair. No work on premises permitted
- Entries will be disqualified for incorrect number of blooms
- Small labels or rubber stamps are time saving in filling out tags

Class

1st: \$4 2nd: \$3 3rd: \$2

1. Asters, 6
2. Bachelor Buttons, 5
3. Calendula, 6
4. Cosmos, 6
5. Dahlia, Cactus, 3
6. Dahlia, Decorative, 1
7. Dahlia, Pompon, 3
8. Gladiolus, 1 Spike
9. Marigold, Single, 5
10. Marigold, Double, 5
11. Marigold, Large, 5
12. Nasturtium, 6
13. Pansy, 6
14. Petunia, 6
15. Snapdragon, 3 Spikes
16. Strawflowers, 6
17. Sweet Peas, 6
18. Verbena, 3
19. Zinnias, Giant, 3
20. Zinnias, Small, 3
21. Zinnias, Cactus, 6
22. Zinnias, Pompom, 6
23. Zinnias, Novelty, 3
24. Other Flowers, 3 Blooms

- 25.Sunflower, Decorative, 3
- 26.Sunflower, Ornamental 3
- 27.Chrysanthemum, Cushioned, 3
- 28.Chrysanthemum, Daisy, 3
- 29.Chrysanthemum, Spider, 3
- 30.Rose Hybrid Tea, 1
- 31.Rose Miniature, 1

All Arrangements must have 5 specimens or more

- 32.Arrangement in Animal Container
- 33.Garden Flowers Arrangement
- 34.Wildflowers Arrangement

Section 18 – YOUTH Clothing & Needlework

This section is divided into 3 age groups: <8, 8-11, and 12-18. Please give age on all items in this section.

- No article can compete as more than one entry, an article can only be judged once
- All entries must be laundered and ironed if applicable
- All entries must have been completed since September 1st of last year
- Each exhibit will be judged on workmanship, worth of article, appropriateness of material and design
- An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class
- Small labels or rubber stamps are time saving in filling out tags

Section 18 – YOUTH Clothing

Class	1st: \$4	2nd: \$3	3rd: \$2
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1. Apron <8
2. Apron 8-11
3. Apron 12-18
4. One Piece Outfit <8
5. One Piece Outfit 8-11
6. One Piece Outfit 12-18
7. Two Piece Outfit <8
8. Two Piece Outfit 8-11
9. Two Piece Outfit 12-18
- 10.Three Piece Outfit <8

- ## 11.Three Piece Outfit 8-11

- ## 12.Three Piece Outfit 12-18

Section 18 – YOUTH Needlework

Class **1st: \$4 2nd: \$3 3rd: \$2**

- 13.Needlepoint Plastic <8
- 14.Needlepoint Plastic 8-11
- 15.Needlepoint Plastic 12-18
- 16.Needlepoint Yarn <8
- 17.Needlepoint Yarn 8-11
- 18.Needlepoint Yarn 12-18
- 19.Pillows <8
- 20.Pillows 8-11
- 21.Pillows 12-18
- 22.Stuffed Toys <8
- 23.Stuffed Toys 8-11
- 24.Stuffed Toys 12-18
- 25.Useful Items <8
- 26.Useful Items 8-11
- 27.Useful Items 12-18
- 28.Decorative Items <8
- 29.Decorative Items 8-11
- 30.Decorative Items 12-18
- 31.Latch Hook <8
- 32.Latch Hook 8-11
- 33.Latch Hook 12-18
- 34.Other <8
- 35.Other 8-11
- 36.Other 12-18

Section 19 – YOUTH Photography, Painting, and Art

This section is divided into 3 age groups: <8, 8-11, and 12-18. Please give age on all items in this section.

- All entries must be the work of the exhibitor since September 1st of last year
- An exhibitor may only enter one exhibit her class
- All paintings and drawings must be framed or matted (NO larger than 22"x28") and have wire or brackets for hanging

- Photographs must be mounted or over matted (NO larger than 8"x10")
- Original means not copied

Class

1st: \$4 2nd: \$3 3rd: \$2

1. Acrylic <8
2. Acrylic 8-11
3. Acrylic 12-18
4. Charcoal <8
5. Charcoal 8-11
6. Charcoal 12-18
7. Crayon Drawing <8
8. Crayon Drawing 8-11
9. Crayon Drawing 12-18
10. Colored Pencil Drawing <8
11. Colored Pencil Drawing 8-11
12. Colored Pencil Drawing 12-18
13. Magic Marker Drawing <8
14. Magic Marker Drawing 8-11
15. Magic Marker Drawing 12-18
16. Pen & Ink Drawing <8
17. Pen & Ink Drawing 8-11
18. Pen & Ink Drawing 12-18
19. Pencil Drawing <8
20. Pencil Drawing 8-11
21. Pencil Drawing 12-18
22. Etchings <8
23. Etchings 8-11
24. Etchings 12-18
25. Mixed Media <8
26. Mixed Media 8-11
27. Mixed Media 12-18
28. Oil Painting by Number <8
29. Oil Painting by Number 8-11
30. Oil Painting by Number 12-18
31. Oil Painting Copied <8
32. Oil Painting Copied 8-11
33. Oil Painting Copied 12-18
34. Oil Painting Original <8
35. Oil Painting Original 8-11
36. Oil Painting Original 12-18

Painting on Fabric – Use Fabric Paint, Markers, or Crayons

- 37. Painting on Fabric <8
- 38. Painting on Fabric 8-11
- 39. Painting on Fabric 12-18

- 40. Pastels <8
- 41. Pastels 8-11
- 42. Pastels 12-18
- 43. Watercolors <8
- 44. Watercolors 8-11
- 45. Watercolors 12-18

Minecraft Poster – 14.5"x22" Maximum.

Create a world using Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils

- 46. Minecraft Poster <8
- 47. Minecraft Poster 8-11
- 48. Minecraft Poster 12-18

- 49. Metal Repousse <8
- 50. Metal Repousse 8-11
- 51. Metal Repousse 12-18
- 52. Other <8
- 53. Other 8-11
- 54. Other 12-18

Photography – Black & White

- 64. Black & White Animal <8
- 65. Black & White Animal 8-11
- 66. Black & White Animal 12-18
- 67. Black & White People <8
- 68. Black & White People 8-11
- 69. Black & White People 12-18
- 70. Black & White Scenery <8
- 71. Black & White Scenery 8-11
- 72. Black & White Scenery 12-18
- 73. Black & White Misc. <8
- 74. Black & White Misc. 8-11
- 75. Black & White Misc. 12-18

Photography – Color

- 76. Color Animal <8
- 77. Color Animal 8-11

- 78. Color Animal 12-18
- 79. Color People <8
- 80. Color People 8-11
- 81. Color People 12-18
- 82. Color Scenery <8
- 83. Color Scenery 8-11
- 84. Color Scenery 12-18
- 85. Color Misc. <8
- 86. Color Misc. 8-11
- 87. Color Misc. 12-18

Section 19 – YOUTH Handcrafts

This section is divided into 3 age groups: <8, 8-11, and 12-18. Please give age on all items in this section.

- Neatness, Uniformity, and Originality will be considered
- All exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor
- No commercial exhibits will be accepted
- Ceramic articles should have identification marks to indicate that they are originals
- An exhibitor may enter ONLY one exhibit per class

Class	1st: \$4 2nd: \$3 3rd: \$2
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- 91. Beadwork <8
- 92. Beadwork 8-11
- 93. Beadwork 12-18
- 94. Jewelry <8
- 95. Jewelry 8-11
- 96. Jewelry 12-18

Button Art – Picture made entirely out of buttons

- 97. Button Art <8
- 98. Button Art 8-11
- 99. Button Art 12-18
- 100. Diamond Art Kit <8
- 101. Diamond Art Kit 8-11
- 102. Diamond Art Kit 12-18
- 103. Seed Work <8
- 104. Seed Work 8-11
- 105. Seed Work 12-18

Clay Projects

- 106. Cast Plaster <8
- 107. Cast Plaster 8-11
- 108. Cast Plaster 12-18
- 109. Ceramics Glazed <8
- 110. Ceramics Glazed 8-11
- 111. Ceramics Glazed 12-18
- 112. Ceramics Stained <8
- 113. Ceramics Stained 8-11
- 114. Ceramics Stained 12-18
- 115. Pottery/Stoneware <8
- 116. Pottery/Stoneware 8-11
- 117. Pottery/Stoneware 12-18
- 118. Poly Clay <8
- 119. Poly Clay 8-11
- 120. Poly Clay 12-18

- 121. Foam <8
- 122. Foam 8-11
- 123. Foam 12-18
- 124. Leather Work <8
- 125. Leather Work 8-11
- 126. Leather Work 12-18
- 127. Paper-Mache <8
- 128. Paper-Mache 8-11
- 129. Paper-Mache 12-18
- 130. Sand Art <8
- 131. Sand Art 8-11
- 132. Sand Art 12-18

Paper Crafts

- 133. Collage <8
- 134. Collage 8-11
- 135. Collage 12-18
- 136. Scrapbook (Minimum 6 Pages) <8
- 137. Scrapbook (Minimum 6 Pages) 8-11
- 138. Scrapbook (Minimum 6 Pages) 12-18

Wood Crafts

- 139. Wood Model 1 Entry <8
- 140. Wood Model 1 Entry 8-11

- 141. Wood Model 1 Entry 12-18
- 142. Woodworking <8
- 143. Woodworking 8-11
- 144. Woodworking 12-18

Knex & Lego Projects

- 145. Knex <8
- 146. Knex 8-11
- 147. Knex 12-18
- 148. Lego Model Airplane <8
- 149. Lego Model Airplane 8-11
- 150. Lego Model Airplane 12-18
- 151. Lego Model Car <8
- 152. Lego Model Car 8-11
- 153. Lego Model Car 12-18
- 154. Lego Model Truck <8
- 155. Lego Model Truck 8-11
- 156. Lego Model Truck 12-18
- 157. Lego Misc. <8
- 158. Lego Misc. 8-11
- 159. Lego Misc. 12-18

Plastic Models

- 160. Plastic Model Airplane <8
- 161. Plastic Model Airplane 8-11
- 162. Plastic Model Airplane 12-18
- 163. Plastic Model Car <8
- 164. Plastic Model Car 8-11
- 165. Plastic Model Car 12-18
- 166. Plastic Model Display <8
- 167. Plastic Model Display 8-11
- 168. Plastic Model Display 12-18
- 169. Plastic Model Truck <8
- 170. Plastic Model Truck 8-11
- 171. Plastic Model Truck 12-18
- 172. Plastic Model Other <8
- 173. Plastic Model Other 8-11
- 174. Plastic Model Other 12-18

Decorated Items

- Can use any media and embellishments to decorate with
- Do not cut/carve the potatoes or Gourds

- **Gingerbread Houses, Gourds, and Pinecones Display categories must contain 2 or more pieces of that category (Gingerbread Houses, Gourds, or Pinecones)**
- **Jars can be decorated inside or outside**
- **Mount the Decorate the Animal Exhibits for stability, can use cardboard or foamboard**

175. Jazzy Jar <8

176. Jazzy Jar 8-11

177. Jazzy jar 12-18

178. Decorated Flower Pot <8

179. Decorated Flower Pot 8-11

180. Decorated Flower Pot 12-18

181. Decorate the Animal (Must use template on last page) <8

182. Decorate the Animal (Must use template on last page) 8-11

183. Decorate the Animal (Must use template on last page) 12-18

Decorated Gourds

184. Decorated Gourd <8

185. Decorated Gourd 8-11

186. Decorated Gourd 12-18

Display (2 or more gourds)

187. Decorated Gourd Display <8

188. Decorated Gourd Display 8-11

189. Decorated Gourd Display 12-18

Decorated Pinecones

190. Decorated Pinecone <8

191. Decorated Pinecone 8-11

192. Decorated Pinecone 12-18

Display (2 or more pinecones)

193. Decorated Pinecone Display <8

194. Decorated Pinecone Display 8-11

195. Decorated Pinecone Display 12-18

Gingerbread Houses

196. Single Gingerbread House <8

197. Single Gingerbread House 8-11

198. Single Gingerbread House 12-18

Display (2 or more pieces)

199. Gingerbread House Display <8

200. Gingerbread House Display 8-11

201. Gingerbread House Display 12-18

- 202. Potato Dress Up (Animal, Person, or Vehicle) <8
- 203. Potato Dress Up (Animal, Person, or Vehicle) 8-11
- 204. Potato Dress Up (Animal, Person, or Vehicle) 12-18

Creative Items

- 205. Creative Holiday Item <8
- 206. Creative Holiday Item 8-11
- 207. Creative Holiday Item 12-18
- 208. Other <8
- 209. Other 8-11
- 210. Other 12-18

Make Something representing the Fair Theme **1st: \$8 2nd: \$6 3rd: \$4**
“Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Family, and PA Fairs”

- 211. Fair Theme Item <8
- 212. Fair Theme Item 8-11
- 213. Fair Theme Item 12-18

2026 Youth Poster Contest

The Department of Agriculture is once again conducting a statewide poster contest. Each fair in the state may submit a winning poster in each of the three age groups for the competition at the 2027 PA Farm Show in January.

This year’s poster them is “GROWING A NATION”

- Contestants are asked to submit artwork that depicts the important role Pennsylvania agriculture played in providing innovative processes and solutions that helped to grow our nation. Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.
- Only one poster may be submitted per exhibitor, per age group
- There will be three state competitions: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify.
- The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level.
- Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor’s age.
- Farm Show Winner Prizes: 1st place 2nd place 3rd place \$100 \$75 \$50

Class **1st: \$20 2nd: \$15 3rd: \$10**

- 211. Poster 8-11
- 212. Poster 12-14
- 213. Poster 15-18

