

HOME ARTS AND GARDENS

THE STATE FAIR OF

WEST VIRGINIA

Summer's
Best

AUGUST 13-22

2026

Exhibitor's Guide

Premiums

1. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
 2. **Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
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General Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors will be charged a \$5 entry fee. Please make checks payable to the State Fair of West Virginia
 2. Exhibits will not be accepted or released outside of normal check-in and check-out times. No exceptions will be made to this rule.
 3. All limited classes MUST be entered by paper.
 4. Fair officials will take reasonable precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits after their final arrival and arrangement in the building but will NOT be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.
 5. Fair officials reserve the right to dispose of any decomposing or deteriorating exhibits. Ribbons will be available during check-out time.
 6. The Judge maintains the right to dismiss exhibits that do not conform to the class description.
 7. All exhibits must be the product of July 2025 - August 2026, unless otherwise stated.
 8. Entry tags must be securely attached to exhibits prior to arrival.
 9. No professional exhibitors shall be allowed to exhibit. If discovered that an exhibitor receives more than 10% of their income from practicing the craft they enter, all premiums will be withheld, and the exhibitor will no longer be able to exhibit at the State Fair of West Virginia.
 10. Exhibitors are limited to ONE (1) entry per class unless otherwise noted.
 11. Fair officials retain the right to reclass exhibits based on size and class description.
 12. No checked-in exhibits will be available to be picked up until the designated check-out time for that department.
 13. A request can be made to have ribbons mailed after the fair. Ribbons will not be mailed unless a request is made.
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DEADLINES

Paper entries are due by 12 Noon Wednesday, July 15th

Online entries are due by 11:59 pm Wednesday, July 15th

Entry forms will be accepted beginning May 27th. Any entry forms received before May 27th or after July 15th will not be processed. No exception will be made.

The Fair office will accept paper entry forms from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon on July 15th.

Online entries will be accepted at www.statefairfowv.com until 11:59 pm on July 15th.

Department K – Foods

Cheryl Gum, Superintendent, Gap Mills, WV

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 12th – 7 am – 10 am Dept. K Check-In

Noon – Judging

Thursday, August 13th – 9 am Fair Opens

Saturday, August 22nd – 8 pm – 9 pm Dept. K Partial Check-Out

No cars will be permitted on grounds for this check out.

Sunday, August 23rd - 11 am – 3 pm Dept. K Check-Out

Please Note: Due to food safety guidelines, all food apart from canned goods, will be discarded prior to check out. All canned goods **MUST** be dated on the lid of the jar.

Additionally, all food must be brought in on an 8” or 9” white paper plate, unless otherwise noted. Entry tags must be affixed to the plate.

Premiums for Divisions 1-10

1 - \$8.00 2 - \$6.00 3 - \$5.00

Division 1 – Breads

For loafs, please enter only half of the loaf.

1. Any foreign bread or rolls, 3 if rolls
2. Biscuits, dropped, 3
3. Biscuits, variations ; cheese, pepper, garlic, etc, 3
4. Biscuits, rolled, 3
5. White Yeast Bread
6. Whole-Wheat Bread
7. Salt Rising Bread
8. Sourdough Bread- Plain
9. Sourdough Bread with inclusions- savory
10. Sourdough bread with inclusions- sweet
11. Muffins, variations, orange, nuts, etc., 3
12. Other Yeast Bread Specialties
13. Corn Bread, 3 2 ½ inch pieces
14. Rolls, cinnamon, 3
15. Rolls, white, yeast, 3
16. Any Fruit or Veggie Bread, apple, banana, pumpkin, etc.,

Division 2 – Undecorated Cakes

Please enter half of the cake. Cakes must be displayed on aluminum foil covered cardboard or white cake board that does not exceed more than one half inch past the edge of the cake with a hole punched for the entry tag.

1. Angel Food Cake, not iced
2. Black Walnut Cake, layer or loaf, iced
3. Devil’s Food Cake, layer or loaf, not iced
4. German Chocolate Cake, iced
5. Pound Cake, not iced
6. Pound Cake, iced or glazed
7. Yellow Cake, layer or loaf, iced
8. Cheesecake, baked crust
9. Pumpkin Roll
10. Cake, any type, iced
11. Any Jelly Roll

Division 3 – Cookies, Cupcakes, and Brownies

1. Cookies, dropped, 4
2. Cookies, rolled, 4
3. Cookies, bars, 4
4. Cookies, pressed, 4
5. Cookies, fancy decorated, 3
6. Brownies, made from scratch with recipe on a 3"x5" index card, 3
7. Brownies, variations, made from scratch with recipe on a 3"x5" index card, 3 (blonde, mint, turtle, etc.)
8. Cupcakes, iced, 3
9. Decorated Cupcakes, 18 years of age or older, 3
10. Governor's Cookie Basket (see special contests page for details)

Division 4 – Pies

Entry tag must be attached to disposable pie pan

1. One-Crust Cream/Custard Pie, no meringue
2. One-Crust Pecan Pie
3. Two-Crust Cherry Pie
4. Two-Crust Fruit Pie, other than cherry
5. Any Other One-Crust Pie
6. Any Other Pie, crumb on top
7. Cream/Custard pie, with meringue

Division 5 – Candies

All entries must be 6 pieces on a 6" white paper plate.

1. Carmel
2. Fudge, not peanut butter
3. Peanut Butter Fudge
4. White Fudge
5. Creamed Mints, uncooked
6. Potato Candy
7. Dipped or Coated Candy
8. Any Chocolate Covered Fruit
9. Non-Dairy Candy
10. Cluster Candy
11. Maple Candy, cakes (3)
12. Any Other Candy
13. First Lady's Candy Box (*see special contest page for details*)

Division 6 – Canned Goods

All entries must be exhibited in pint or quart jars with the canning year labeled on the lid. Entry tags should be attached with a rubber band. All exhibits must have been prepared within one-year prior to the judging date. If a product was not processed according to approved recommendation of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, it will be disqualified.

1. Beans, green snap
2. Beans, waxed snap
3. Beets
4. Carrots
5. Corn
6. Mixed Vegetables
7. Peppers
8. Sauerkraut
9. Any Berry, blackberry, raspberry, huckleberry, etc.
10. Squash
11. Tomato Juice
12. Whole Tomatoes
13. Apple Sauce
14. Cherries
15. Grape Juice
16. Pears
17. Peaches, yellow

Division 7 - Pickled Foods and Cooked Sauces

In pint or quart jars, with the canning year labeled on the lid. To be tasted.

1. Beets
2. Relish/Chow-Chow
3. Cucumber, dill
4. Cucumber, sweet
5. Cucumber, hot
6. Green Tomato
7. Dilly Beans
8. Any other pickled food
9. Spaghetti Sauce, no meat
10. Salsa, one pint

Division 8 – Soft Fruit Spreads

In a metal top jelly glass, ½ pint or pint jar, with the canning year labeled on the lid. To be tasted

1. Apple Butter
2. Berry Jams
3. Berry Jelly
4. Pepper Jelly
5. Other Fruit Jams
6. Other Fruit Jelly
7. Other Fruit Preserves

8. Home Grown Bonanza (see special contests page for details)-uses items from divisions 6,7,8)

Division 9 – Kid’s Stuff

All portions of entries MUST be edible.

Juniors (5-10 Years Old)

1. Cupcakes, decorated, 3
2. Cookies, dropped, 4
3. Cookies, decorated, 3

Youth (11-17 Years Old)

4. Cupcakes, decorated, 3
5. Cookies, dropped, 4
6. Cookies, decorated, 3
7. Biscuits, 3
8. Muffins, variations, orange, nuts, etc., 3
9. Brownies, made from scratch with recipe on a 3”x5” index card, 3
10. Fudge, 6 pieces on 6” plate

Premiums for Divisions 10-12

1st - \$12.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$8.00

Division 10 – Fruit Cakes

1. Fruit Cake, dark or light

Division 11 - Sugar Free

All exhibits must be accompanied by the recipe written on a 5”x7” index card. For loafs, please enter only half of the loaf.

1. Muffins, sugar free, 3
2. Quick Bread, sugar free
3. Cake, un-iced, sugar free
4. Cookies, sugar free, 4

Division 12 – Gluten Free

All exhibits must be accompanied by the recipe written on a 5”x7” index card. For loafs, please enter only half of the loaf.

1. Quick Bread
2. Brownies or Bars, 3
3. Cookies, 3
4. Cake

Premiums for Division 13

1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$15.00 3rd - \$12.00 Best of Show - \$25.00

Division 13 – Decorated Cakes

Cakes have a maximum height limit of 18”. Dummy cakes are permitted for this division only.

1. Decorated Cake, buttercream only
2. Decorated Cake, original design
3. Decorated Cake, holiday theme of choice
4. Decorated cake, everything edible (dummy cake permitted)

5. Junior Decorated Cake, original design (under 18 years)
6. Junior Decorated Cake, holiday theme of choice (under 18 years)
7. State Fair Theme Contest, decorated cake that represents the 2026 fair theme “**Summer’s Best**”, open to amateur and juniors
8. Decorated Cake, America/America 250, open to amateur and juniors
9. **Best of Decorated Cakes (Classes 1-7) (Do Not Enter)**

Divisions 14- 15 - Home Brews and Wine

General Rules:

1. Exhibits must be produced by the exhibitor who must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Exhibitors must not be involved in any way with commercial beer making or use the facilities of a commercial brewery.
3. A class should contain at least three (3) entries. Those that do not, may be combined.
4. The Judge retains the right to reclass wines and brews as deemed fit.

Home Brew Rules:

1. Brew must be shown in 12 oz., 22 oz., or 750 ml. glass bottles, all labels must be removed. State Fair entry tags should be attached and will serve as identification. Beer or beer bottles will not be returned after judging.
2. Exhibitors must submit two (2) bottles for each brew entry.
3. Judging will be by BJCP certified beer judges, professional brewers and/or experienced judges in the field of beer.
4. Judging will be based on the BJCP Beer Scoresheet that can be found at http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BeerScoreSheet.pdf. Five categories will be used: aroma, appearance, flavor, mouthfeel, and overall impression. The score sheet will be returned to the exhibitor's after the fair, upon exhibitor's request.
5. BJCP 2015 guidelines will be used and should be utilized to describe the style of beer being entered (Ex. American Pale Ale entry is 10A). Every beer entered needs a corresponding style number to be judged.

Wine Rules

1. Wine shall be exhibited in unlabeled, standard 375 ml. wine bottles.
2. No artificial coloring or flavoring allowed in exhibits (only natural ingredients).
3. An exhibitor may enter more than one (1) wine in a class, but the wines must be from different fruits or vintage years.
4. No names or labels are permitted on the bottles. State Fair entry tags should be attached and will serve as identification.
5. If corks are used that have the name of any winery printed on them or any printing is evident that could suggest that the wine may be store-bought, it is in the best interest of the contestant to show evidence of inserting the cork by striking through the printing with a pen.
6. Scoring will be done according to the American Wine Society wine evaluation chart on a scale of 20 points consisting of the following:

Appearance (3) Aroma/Texture (6) Taste/Texture (6) Aftertaste (3) Overall Impression (2)

7. No awards will be given to any wine scoring fewer than 10 points. If, in the judge's opinion, a wine is not worthy of mention, no points will be awarded. Fewer than three (3) awards may be made by in each category.

Premiums for Divisions 14-15

1st - \$15.00 2nd - \$12.00 3rd - \$10.00 Best of Show - \$25

Division 14 – Home Brews

1. Ale, Light/Blonde (Kolsch, Cream Ale)
2. Ale, Pale (Pale Ale, APA, IPA)
3. Ale, Amber (Bitter, Amber Ale, Red Ale, Alt)
4. Ale, Brown (Brown, Mild, Scottish)
5. Ale, Porter/Stout
6. Ale, Strong (Scotch Ale, Barleywine)
7. Ale, Belgian Style
8. Lager, Pale
9. Lager, Dark/Amber (Okt'fest, Bock, Dunkles)
10. Wheat (Weiss, Weizen, Dunklenweizen)
11. Specialty Brew (Fruit Beer, Spiced Beer)
12. Hard Apple Cider
13. **BEST OF SHOW (Classes 1-12 - Rosette - \$25.00 - DO NOT ENTER**

Division 15 – Wines

1. White, dry, made from 75% grapes
2. White, sweet, made from 75% grapes
3. Red, dry, made from 75% grapes
4. Red, sweet, made from 75% grapes,
5. Rose, blush, dry, made from 75% grapes
6. Rose, blush, sweet, made from 75% grapes
7. Fruit (apple, pear, peach, pineapple, plum, orange, etc.)
8. Champaign, any variety
9. Mead (Honey)
10. Melomel (fruit Mead)
11. Any other Mead
12. **BEST OF SHOW (Classes 1-11) - Rosette - \$25.00 - DO NOT ENTER**

DEPT. K Special Contests & Awards



GOVERNOR'S *cookie basket*

Prepare a basket of fancy assorted cookies made from different kinds of batter and dough. Cookies should be a variety of color and may be decorated if desired. The basket may be decorated, but must match the theme, "America 250."

Rules:

1. The container must be a basket with a handle. Basket must contain six (6) to ten (10) kinds of cookies.
2. The cookies, but not the entire basket, should be covered by clear plastic wrap.
3. Bring one (1) of each kind of cookie in a small tin, so that the judge will not need to open the plastic wrap.

The first prize cookie basket will be presented to Governor Patrick Morrisey on Governor's Day.

The winner will receive a preferred (off-grounds) parking pass and two gate admission tickets to be used on Governor's Day at the fair. Judging will be based on content only. Samples will not be returned.

Please enter Department K, Division 3, Class 10

Premiums
1st- \$75.00 2nd- \$60.00 3rd- \$50.00

HOME GROWN BANANZA



Display your canned fruit, canned vegetables or canned meat at the fair. Display must contain at least 12 jars and no more than 15 jars. Decorations are welcome, but must match the current year's theme, "Summer's Best".
All displays must not exceed 15"x 15"x 15"

Judging Criteria:
Quality of Products: 30%
Pack: 30%
Cleanliness and Neatness: 20%
Decoration: 20%

Please enter Department K, Division 8, Class 8

Premiums
1st- \$25.00 2nd- \$20.00 3rd- \$18.00

First Lady's Candy Box

Exhibit a tin or cardboard box of assorted candies from your best genuine homemade products!

Rules:

1. Exhibit must contain at least six (6) and no more than ten (10) different candies in a tin or cardboard box
2. Candy Box may be decorated if desired, but must match the theme, "America 250"
3. The box should be open and clear plastic wrap should cover the inside of the box, so that the box may be displayed. The box will be displayed until Governor's Day.
4. One piece of each candy should be put in a ziplock bag for judging.

The first prize candy basket will be presented to First Lady Morrisey on Governor's Day.

The winner will receive a preferred (off-grounds) parking pass and two gate admission tickets to be used on Governor's Day at the fair. Judging will be based on content only. Samples will not be returned.

Please enter Department K, Division 5, Class 13

Premiums
1st- \$50.00 2nd- \$35.00 3rd- \$20.00

DELMAR ROBINSON *memorial award*

The State Fair of West Virginia is pleased to present a Blenko Glass award in honor of Delmar Robinson, who served as a food editor for the *Charleston Gazette* and culinary judge for the fair for more than 20 years. The award will be presented to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of first places in Divisions 1, 2, and 3. In the event of a tie, it shall go to the exhibitor receiving the most second places. Should a tie still exist, it go to the winner with the most thirds.

DEPT. K- Special Contests

Division 17

RULES UNIQUE TO DIVISION 17:

1. All recipes must be original and those of the exhibitor. The recipe must accompany the entry on one sheet of 8 1/2 "x 11" piece of paper. The recipe must be precise, easy to follow, and neatly written.
2. Recipes become the exclusive property of the State Fair of West Virginia or the Sponsor of the contest who has the right to publish, promote, or advertise the recipes and the contestant names and photos without compensation. All contestants will be required to sign a statement of release.
3. All entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Your tag should be securely affixed to your entry along with the letter of admission into the fair. Detailed procedures for entry to the fair will be included in the letter.
4. Decisions are the sole responsibility of The State Fair of West Virginia Judges and are final.
5. All entries must be pre-entered, no same day entries will be accepted.
6. Dishes must be prepared at home and brought in a disposable container.
7. Entries cannot be entered in any other competitions at the Fair.
8. Contestants submitting entries under another's name will be disqualified.

AMERICA'S Best Burger

Thursday, August 13, 2026 West Virginia Building
1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by SFWV & the Beef Council

Rules:

1. Each entry must contain at least 16 ounces of beef or a minimum of 2 ounces of beef per serving.
2. Total cooking time for the dish cannot exceed thirty (30) minutes.
3. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age as of July 12, 2026.
4. All contestants will be required to sign a statement of release. The SFWV and WV Beef Council reserve the right to use the recipes and photographs for any publicity, promotion, and/or advertising purpose it deems necessary.
5. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to the exhibit. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Thursday, August 13, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m. On grounds parking WILL NOT be provided.

Please enter Department K, Division 17, Class 1

Premiums

1st- \$50.00 2nd- \$30.00 3rd- \$20.00



WILD & WONDERFUL wing competition

Friday, August 14, 2026, West Virginia Building
4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Shoney's

Rules:

1. Using your creativity, create the next big wing sauce! The wings will be provided by the State Fair with the help of Shoney's. Each exhibitor will be provided 6 (six) cooked wings. Exhibitor will have 30 minutes to prepare his/her dish to be presented to the judges.
2. All recipes become the sole property of Shoney's, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish, and use any or all of the recipes. By entering, entrants agree that the Sponsor has the right to use each entrant's entry name, voice, and/or likeness in any and all media on connection with the publicity, promotion, or advertising for Sponsor without any further compensation except where prohibited by law. A signed publicity release may be requested from entrants.
3. Sauce must be prepared at home. It is the entrants responsibility to keep up with their dish that their wings are presented on. The State Fair of West Virginia is not responsible for any broken or lost items.
4. All recipes must be homemade, no mixes. Each recipe must be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant, and not previously submitted in any other Shoney's competition.
5. Recipe should be fresh ingredients and produce, and easy assembly steps are encouraged.
6. Entrants must be 18 years old and an U.S. resident; limit one entry per person.
7. Taxes on prizes are the responsibility of the winner. Contest is void where prohibited, restricted, or taxed by law.
8. This contest is sponsored by Shoney's, Fairlea, WV
9. Entry forms will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Please attach tag to exhibit prior to arrival. This will be your admission to the fair on Friday, Aug. 14, 3:00 pm, no earlier. Entrants need to park in the free parking lot. Bring your dish to Dept. K, West Virginia Building.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 2

Prizes

- 1st - Gift Basket from Shoney's worth up to \$100.00
- 2nd - Shoney's Gift Card and Merchandise worth up to \$50.00
- 3rd - Shoney's Whole Pie and Merchandise worth up to \$30.00

DEPT. K- Special Contests

Divison 17



**Saturday, August 15, 2026, West Virginia Building
11:00 a.m.**

*Sponsored by the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival and the
State Fair of West Virginia.*

Rules:

1. Recipes become the property of the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival and the State Fair of West Virginia, which have the right to publish, promote or advertise the recipes and the contestant names and photos without compensation.
2. All eligible exhibits, meeting requirements, will be judged by a panel of experts whose decisions are final.
3. Each entry's main ingredient must be chocolate
4. Total cooking time for the dish CANNOT exceed 45 minutes.
5. Entry forms will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Please attach entry tag to exhibit prior to arrival at the fair. The tag will be your admission to the fair on Saturday, August 15, 2026, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Entrants will need to park in the free parking lot. Bring your dish to Department K in the West Virginia Building.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 3

Prizes

- 1st - \$50.00 and a gift card for ten tickets to the
2025 Chocolate Festival**
2nd - \$25.00 and a chocolate recipe cookbook
3rd - \$15.00 and Chocolate Festival T-Shirt

Red, White, & Blue **FOOD** Art

Saturday, August 15, 2026, West Virginia Building 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Tri-County Produce

Get your creative, patriotic juices flowing for a culinary masterpiece with Veggie, Fruits, Breads- any food counts! (no sauces, icings, or fondants)

Rules:

1. Must be original American creation using your choice of food items and your imagination.
2. All exhibits should have step by step instructions on how it was made.
3. All creations should be placed on a plastic plate/platter no larger than 14" in circumference or diameter, and no taller than 12"
4. All creations can cost no more than \$30.00
5. All creations will be made at home- using plastic wrap to protect it for travel.
6. All creations will be displayed after contest for viewing
7. All entries must be pre-entered on the a SFWV entry form,
8. Entry forms will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Please attach entry tag to exhibit prior to arrival at the fair. This will be your admission to the fair. Entrants will park in the free parking lot.

All exhibits will be judged by a panel of experts whose decisions are final
Judging will be based on the following criteria:

**Appearance 40%; Originality/Creativity 25%;
Detail of Artistic Skill 15%; and Uniqueness of products used 10%.**
Premiums
**1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$50.00
3rd - \$25.00**

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 4

AMERICA 250 PIZZA CONTEST

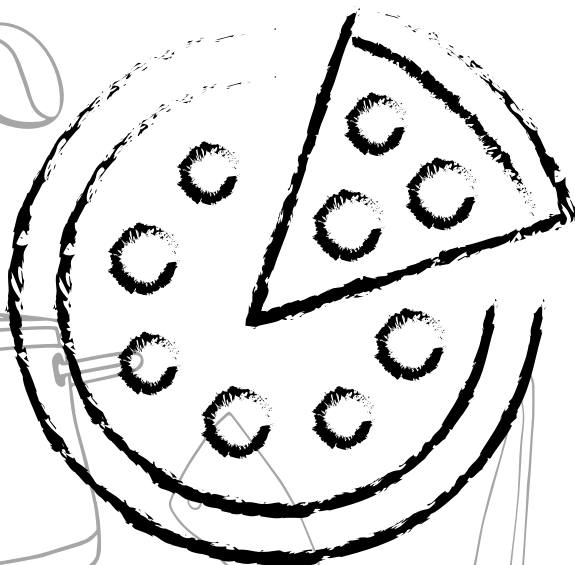
**Sunday, August 16, 2026, West Virginia Building
4:00 p.m.**

Rules:

1. This contest is for America themed dessert pizzas, with homemade crust and sauce, and toppings of choice.
2. All eligible exhibits will be judged by a panel of experts whose decisions are final. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
Taste Appeal 45%; Originality 35%; Appearance 15%; and Variety of Ingredients 5%.
3. Entry forms will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Please attach entry tag to exhibit prior to arrival at the fair. The tag will be your admission to the fair on Sunday, August 16, 2026 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Entrants will need to park in the free parking lot. Bring your dish to Department K in the West Virginia Building

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 5

Premiums
**1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$50.00
3rd - \$25.00**



DEPT. K- Special Contests

Division 17

Savory MAPLE

Monday, August 17, 2026
West Virginia Building
4:00 p.m.

Maple syrup isn't just for pancakes! This delicious, all-natural sweetener can be used in marinades, in glazes, and for many other cooking purposes. Now you could win a prize if your recipe featuring 100% pure West Virginia Maple Syrup is the best! Bring your favorite savory main or side dish with West Virginia Maple Syrup as an ingredient to the 2025 State Fair of West Virginia. Contestants will bring their dishes to the event and our panel of judges will taste and choose the winners.

Rules:

Entries must be a **savory main or side dish.**

Each entry must include at least **1/4 cup pure West Virginia Maple Syrup** as ingredient, and total cooking time of recipe cannot exceed one (1) hour.

The recipe must not have knowingly been previously published and the right to submit the recipe to the contest must not be restricted in any way.

Recipes become the property of the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the State Fair of West Virginia, which have the right to publish, promote or advertise the recipes and the contestant names and photos without compensation.

All eligible exhibits, meeting requirements, will be judged by a panel of experts whose decisions are final.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Taste Appeal 40% Appearance 30% Originality 15% Recipe Meets Requirements 15%

Entry forms will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Please attach entry tag to exhibit prior to arrival at the Fair.

The tag will be your admission to the Fair on Monday, August 17 between the hour of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Entrants will need to park in the free parking lot. Bring your dish to Department K in the West Virginia Building.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 6

1st - \$100

2nd \$75

3rd \$50

3 IN A PAN

In loving memory of long-time friend of the fair, Clyde Ball

Monday, August 17, 2026,
11:00 a.m.

West Virginia Building

Rules:

1. All entries must include a protein, vegetable, and potato, all baked on 1 sheet pan.
2. Entries should be original and not entered in any other portion of the Fair.
3. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to the exhibit. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Monday, August 17, between the hours of 10 and 11 am. On grounds parking will NOT be provided.

**Please Enter Department K, Division 17,
Class 7**

Premiums

1st - \$75.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$25.00

WEST VIRGINIA Dairy Celebration

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, West Virginia Building
4:00 p.m.

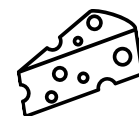
Rules:

1. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age as of July 9, 2025.
2. Any dairy centric main dish recipe may be entered in the contest.
3. Recipes must contain TWO separate dairy products. Dairy items MUST be cows milk. Eggs and dairy alternatives such as margarine, cool whip, and alternative "milks" will NOT be accepted as one of the two dairy items.
4. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached with a string threaded through a small hole in the lip of the pan. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Tuesday, August 18, between the hours of 3 and 4 pm. On grounds parking will NOT be provided.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 8



Premiums



1st - \$50.00 2nd - \$30.00 3rd - \$20.00

DEPT. K- Special Contests

Divison 17

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
West Virginia Building
1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by WV Department of Agriculture

Rules:

1. Any cooked apple dessert may be entered in the contest. Recipes using processed apples (apple slices, etc.) must contain at least 1 1/2 cups of the designated product. Recipes using raw apples in the preparation must contain at least four (4) cups of the raw product.
2. Entries should be original and not entered in any other portion of the Fair.
3. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to the exhibit. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Wednesday, August 19, between the hours of 12 and 1 pm. On grounds parking will NOT be provided.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 9
Premiums

1st - \$75.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$25.00

Golden Delicious APPLE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, West Virginia Building,
4:00 p.m.

If you think you have the fair's next big food trend, then come on out and test your prized recipe!

Rules:

1. Exhibit must be considered a "fair food" (e.g. on a stick, fried, or on a stick AND fried!) and easy to eat while walking around.
2. Entries should be original and not entered in any other portion of the Fair.
3. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to the exhibit. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Wednesday, August 19, between the hours of 3 and 4 pm. On grounds parking will NOT be provided.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Creativity- 40%
- Taste- 30%
- Originality- 20%
- Appearance- 10%

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 10
Premiums

1st - \$100.00 and 3 admission tickets to the fair
2nd - \$75.00 and 2 admission tickets to the fair
3rd - \$50.00 and 1 admission ticket to the fair



Kroger Salad Fun

Thursday, August 20, 2026, West Virginia Building 11:00 a.m.

Let the flavors of the Kroger Dressings inspire your entry in this Kroger's Recipe Contest. Let the judges enjoy your favorite family salad using Kroger Brand salad dressings.

Rules:

1. Using the best that farms, grocers and home gardeners have to offer, create any great tasting salad centered on fresh food, wholesome ingredients and traditions that bring families together.
2. All recipes become the sole property of The Kroger Company, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use any or all of the recipes. By entering, entrants agree that the Sponsor has the right to use each entrant's entry, name, voice and/or likeness in any and all media on connection with publicity, promotion or advertising for Sponsor without any further compensation except where prohibited by law. A signed publicity release may be requested from entrants.
3. Recipes will be judged by personnel chosen by the fair, whose decision is final. In the case of a tie, the winner among the tying entries will be selected based on the entry with the highest score in the "taste" factory category followed by descending criteria as necessary: Fresh Factor, Family Appeal, and Ease of Preparation.
4. Except for the Kroger brand dressing, recipes must be homemade, no mixes. Each recipe must be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant and not previously submitted in any other Kroger dressing contest.
5. Entries must be created with at least **one 4 oz. Kroger Dressing. Please bring receipt with the dressing.**
6. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age and a legal US resident to enter; limit one entry per person

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 11

Prizes

1st - \$100.00 Kroger Gift Card
2nd - \$75.00 Kroger Gift Card
3rd - \$50.00 Kroger Gift Card



DEPT. K- Special Contests

Divison 17

THAT'S A WRAP!

Let your imagination shine with this new contest!
Everyone loves a wrap, so here's your chance to show
where you can shine!

Thursday, August 20, 2026

West Virginia Building

4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Amy's Market

Rules:

1. Exhibits must have any savory, fresh, flavorful and wholesome ingredients rolled into a delicious wrap.
2. Exhibits must include a recipe and step by step instructions for the construction of the wraps
3. Exhibitor must have two wraps on disposable plates
4. Recipes will become the property of our fair sponsor
5. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to plate by the exhibitor. This will be your admission to the fair on Thursday, August 20. No on-grounds parking will be permitted.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 12

Premiums

1st - \$75.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$25.00

THE BEST *pepperoni roll*

Friday, August 21, 2026, West Virginia Building, 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Health Bread Co. Inc.

Rules:

1. Exhibits must include pepperoni and cheese but should include other fillings.
2. Recipe should include ingredients and each step.
3. Pepperoni Rolls must be a max of 6 inches each.
4. Exhibitor must bring two pepperoni rolls. One will be used for judging and the other will be displayed.
5. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age as of contest date.
6. Entries will be acknowledged with an exhibitor's letter and entry tag. Entry tag should be attached to the exhibit. This tag will be your admission to the fair on Friday, August 21, between the hours of 1 and 2 pm. On grounds parking will NOT be provided.

Please Enter Department K, Division 17, Class 13

Premiums

1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$25.00

DEPT. K- FUN FOR KIDS

Hey Kids!

Try out your cookie decorating skills in the "Mountain Memories" Cookie Creations decorating contest!

When: Sunday, August 16 @ 1 p.m.
Contest Location: WV Building, Department K

Rules:

1. Entrants must be no younger than four (4) and no older than ten (10) years old by July 9, 2026.
2. Contest is limited to the first twelve (12) eligible contestants. No pre-entry is required.
3. Each contestant will be given two (2) cookies and decorating materials. All materials for the contest will be provided; all contestants need is an imagination. All decorating must be the original work of the contestant with no other assistant allowed.
4. Each contestant will have ten (10) minutes to decorate their cookie.



Hey Kids!

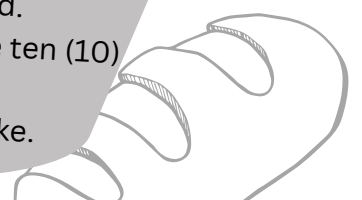
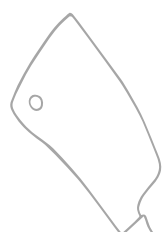
Try out your cupcake decorating skills in the "Mountain Memories" Cupcake decorating contest!

When: Saturday, August 22 @ 1 p.m.
Contest Location: WV Building, Department K

Rules:

1. Entrants must be no younger than four (4) and no older than ten (10) years old by July 9, 2026.
2. Contest is limited to the first twelve (12) eligible contestants. No pre-entry is required.
3. Each contestant will be given cupcake and decorating materials. All materials for the contest will be provided; all contestants need is an imagination. All decorating must be the original work of the contestant with no other assistant allowed.
4. Each contestant will have ten (10) minutes to decorate their cupcake.

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