



Erie County Fair

Erie County Agricultural Society

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Erie County Fair
Open Class
August 10 – 16, 2026

DEPARTMENT 3 - BAKED GOODS



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Superintendent—Debra Canino

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All baked goods will need a recipe or list of ingredients attached to entry
2. Check in will be on Monday, August 10th, from 8-9am.
3. Judging will start at 11 am on Monday.
4. Official release time is Sunday, August 16th from 9am – Noon
5. First and Second Place Cakes and Pies will be auctioned off in Building 1 on Monday, August 10th at 7:15pm.
6. All pies, cakes, quick breads, yeast breads and cookies must be made from scratch and prepared by the exhibitor. NO BOX CAKE MIXES in Classes II through X.
7. All cakes, cake frostings and decorations must be edible.
8. All cakes must be displayed on foiled cardboard, not to exceed 1” past cake or in disposable foil cake pan and covered with clear wrap. No cake plates of any kind.
9. All quick breads must be on a plate and in a clear Ziploc plastic bag.
10. Only bring 1/2 loaf of bread to be judged and this will be on display for the duration of the fair.
11. One slice of each pie/cake will be displayed for the duration of the fair.
12. All pies must be in 8” or 9” foil pans only & in a clear Ziploc bag.
13. No custard or cream pies will be permitted.
14. Only bring three (3) cookies and/or three(3) brownies per category to be judged and these will be displayed on paper plates & in a clear Ziploc plastic bag.
15. A cookie recipe cannot be entered in more than one cookie category.
16. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
17. Entries will be judged on appearance, texture, flavor and aroma.
18. MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN CLEAR ZIPLOC BAGS & PLATES.

CLASS I— ENHANCED CAKE MIX (Boxed Mix) Start with a boxed cake mix and embellish the recipe to create a dessert.

Cakes can be any variety. Cakes cannot be just the cake mix baked and frosted. Recipes must be included.

1. Round, Square, Rectangle or Bundt
2. Cupcakes (3)
3. Cookies (3)

CLASS WINNER

CLASS II— CAKES (Scratch)

1. Layer—Any Variety
2. Rectangle—Any Variety
3. Bundt/Tube—Any Variety
4. Cupcakes (3) - Any Variety

CLASS WINNER

CLASS III—COOKIES—Unfilled

1. Decorated Cookies
2. Chocolate Chip
3. Molasses
4. Oatmeal
5. Peanut Butter
6. No Bake - Ready to Eat.
7. Sugar
8. Bar
9. Snickerdoodles
10. Ethnic, include origin
11. Other (Must not fit in any other category)

NO BUCKEYES

CLASS WINNER

CLASS IV - BROWNIES

1. Made from scratch - Basic
2. Layered Brownies
3. Enhanced Brownie Mix
4. Blondies

CLASS WINNER

CLASS V—PIES

1. Apple
2. Berry
3. Cherry
4. Mincemeat
5. Peach
6. Pecan
7. Rhubarb
8. Elderberry
9. Pear
10. Any other Pie
(must not fit in any other category)

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VI— QUICK BREADS

1. Pumpkin Bread
2. Banana Bread
3. Zucchini Bread
4. Muffins (3)
5. Coffee-cake (no yeast)
6. Any other quickbread

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VII—YEAST BREADS

1. White Yeast Bread
2. Yeast Coffee Cake
3. Sweet Rolls (3)
4. Any other Yeast Bread
(Must not fit in any other category)

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VIII—SOURDOUGH BREAD

1. Plain Sourdough
2. Sourdough with add-ins

CLASS WINNER

CLASS IX- GLUTEN FREE

1. Cookies(3)
2. Cupcakes(3)
3. Quick Bread

CLASS WINNER

CLASS X—YOUTH ONLY (AGE 14 AND UNDER)

Same recipe may not be entered in any other category

1. Cake-From Scratch
2. Cookies (3) - From Scratch
3. Cupcakes (3) - From Scratch

BEST OF SHOW

CLASS XI—THEMED COOKIE CONTEST

1. Create a themed container filled with 12 of your favorite cookies incorporating this year’s fair theme; “The Sweetest Fair Around”. Either cookies or container or both must be fair related.
2. Deliver the container to the Baked Goods Department on Monday, August 10, 2026 between 8-9 A.M.
3. Entries will be judged on the cookie as well as the creativity of the container.
4. Premiums for class X will be: 1st-\$10.00; 2nd-\$5.00; 3rd-\$3.00

Registration Deadline—August 3rd

Interested in entering the 7 other Departments?

Contact the Erie County Fair Board office at 419.625.1000 or visit

www.eriefair.com

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

General Information

1. BE SURE TO READ: (1) All rules imposed by the Erie County Agricultural Society; (2) All rules imposed by the State of Ohio; (3) All specific instructions under the department in which you wish to enter; (4) The summary of rules on the entry form.
2. Questions which arise will be answered by the department superintendents.
3. The Erie County Fair Board reserves the sole and absolute right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily on matters and differences in regard thereto, from which there is no appeal.
4. Security and Police officers are on duty on the grounds during the continuance of the Fair. The Erie County Fair Board is not and will not be responsible for damage, loss, or accident that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give attention to their items during the Fair.
5. Disrespect by an exhibitor or agent toward officials, or any misrepresentation, in regard to entries in any department either by statements made or facts omitted, will render the entry ineligible to compete, and no premium will be paid.
6. Competition is open to all counties in Ohio.
7. All open class exhibitors must hold a membership ticket, season ticket, pay per entry or a youth wristband.
8. All entries must be made in the name of the owner of the article.
9. Entries should be recorded on forms provided and mailed to the Erie County Agricultural Society, PO Box 2436, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870.
10. If you have been a dealer or professional in the past or earn 50% of your annual income by such means, you must enter as a Dealer/ Professional.
11. The closing date of all entries for each department will be 6pm, August 3rd.
12. All mail in entries in all departments must be postmarked no later than July 31st. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
13. The exhibitor must fill out the entry form completely. This includes designating the department; class; and description of the item. The entry form must be signed by the exhibitor.
14. When the entry of an item is recorded in the books of the Secretary, tags will be given a number and class which are to be placed on the item. Once the item has been entered, no changes in the entry will be permitted, unless it can be shown that a mistake has been made.
15. The superintendent has the right to change entry to a more appropriate category.
16. Every item for competition must be placed on display on Sunday, August 9th between 5-8 pm.
Except for:
 - Items for Farm and Garden and Baked Goods must be placed on display on Monday, August 10th between 8-9am.
 - Floriculture Class:
 - o Classes I, II and III on Tuesday, August 11th between 8-9 am.
 - o Classes IV, V and VI on Thursday, August 13th between 8-9 am.
17. Official release time is Sunday, August 16th, 9am-noon.
Any exhibitor removing items before release time will not be permitted to enter any open class exhibits the following year. Not responsible for items left after noon.
18. Exhibitor must provide receipt to remove item from display area.
19. No interference or communications with the judges will be allowed and any person who by letter or otherwise attempts to influence the decision of the judge, shall forfeit any and all premiums which may be or have been awarded and be ruled out of competition.
20. Premiums for most classes are: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$3.00; 3rd - \$1.00. Unless otherwise stated.
21. Premiums can be picked up on Saturday of the fair in the Sr. Fair Board office or on Sunday at exhibit check out.
22. Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded at time of judging or may be picked up in the Sr. Fair Board Office.
23. The judges are instructed not to award premiums, unless the items are deemed of worthy merit.
24. No person other than members of the Board, who are not competitors, will be allowed to see the entries, or to have access to the judges' books after the awards are made.
25. If there is any question as to the regularity of any entry, or of the right of any item to compete in any given class, the judges shall report the same to the Superintendent of the Department for adjustment.
26. The Fair Board is not responsible for notifying winning exhibitors.
27. For specific rules— see individual departments.

Questions? email: openclasseriefair@gmail.com

Interested in being an open class sponsor?

We offer 3 levels of sponsorship. Email us if you want to support our program!

BAKED GOODS AUCTION

Monday, August 10th

at 7:15pm prior to the Queens Pageant

The 1st and 2nd place winners in the Pies
Category and Cakes Category will be eligible
to auction their baked goods.

75% of the proceeds will go to the exhibitor.

25% of the proceeds will go to the Fair Board.

These proceeds will be used for the Open

Class Show Program.
