

Department I - FOOD SCIENCE
SECTION 1 - BAKED GOODS AND CONFECTIONS
ADULT & YOUTH

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ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 per exhibitor (*As many entries as desired - no restrictions.*)

ENTRIES TAKEN: At the Special Events Building, Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 2pm – 6pm

AWARDS RELEASED: Sunday, September 28, 2025, 4pm – 6pm Veteran's Building

Note: Baked goods and confections will be auctioned off during the Southern New Mexico State Fair Bake Sale. However, ribbons and prizes for these entries will be available for pick-up on Sunday. Persons demanding early release will forfeit any prizes or ribbons **with the following exceptions:**

Youth exhibitors who also exhibit livestock may pick up their entries in accordance with the following schedule upon presenting a signed Livestock Release Form.

12:00 PM - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Valencia, Bernalillo and Socorro Counties

1:00 PM – Sierra, Otero, El Paso, and Luna Counties

2:00 PM - Dona Ana County

Those without a signed Livestock Release Form who wish to pick up their entries early will forfeit their ribbons and cash prizes.

AWARDS:

1. ADULT BLUE RIBBON BAKER AWARD: \$100.00, engraved tray plus Rosette for the Best Adult Entry in Lots 1- 9
2. YOUTH BLUE RIBBON BAKER AWARD: \$100.00, engraved tray plus Rosette for the Best Youth Entry in Lots 1-9
3. ADULT DECORATED CAKES & CREATIONS AWARD: \$100.00, engraved charger plus Rosette for the Best Adult Entry in Lot 10
4. YOUTH DECORATED CAKES & CREATIONS AWARD: \$100.00, engraved charger plus Rosette for the Best Youth Entry in Lot 10
5. BEST DECORATED GARDEN CAKE AWARD \$50.00 - In memory of Melinda Walker
6. BEST OF LOT: \$40.00 plus Rosette in each of Lots 1-10 for both Youth & Adult Entries
7. SECOND BEST OF LOT: \$30.00 plus Rosette in each of Lots 1-10 for both Youth & Adult Entries
8. MERIT AWARD: \$20.00 plus Rosette for both Youth & Adult Entries
9. GENERAL AWARDS: No Cash Award. First through fourth place ribbons will be given in each class.

BAKED GOODS AND CONFECTIONS GENERAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors must live in Doña Ana, Bernalillo, Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, Socorro, Valencia or El Paso Counties.
2. All entries must be the work of the Youth or Adult exhibitor and must have been made after the close of last year's fair. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits, but the fair will not be responsible for loss or damage.
3. Any item that is entered and deemed by the Superintendent to be in bad taste will not be accepted.
4. All entries will be auctioned at the SNMSFR Bake Sale. For hygienic reasons, all items should be in a securely enclosed (preferably see-through) container, no Styrofoam clam shells. Plastic zip bags or bags with ties may be used for loaf breads and rolls as appropriate.
5. **ITEMS THAT MUST BE REFRIGERATED ARE NOT ALLOWED** (fresh fruit toppings, whipped cream, 3-milk cake, etc.). They cannot be auctioned at the bake sale because of unpredictable building temperatures; therefore, are not eligible for a monetary or premium award. Choose frostings, chocolates, or other toppings accordingly; appearance may be affected as some may soften or melt at room temperature.
6. MIXES ARE DISCOURAGED. Made-from-scratch items are expected. (Exception is Lot 10, Decorated Cakes & Novelty Items, in which items are judged on appearance only.)

7. ENTER THE CORRECT NUMBER OF PIECES. Many entries require a certain number of items to judge uniformity. If the correct number of pieces are not submitted, the entry will not be eligible for a monetary or premium award.
8. JUDGING: Lots 1-9 are judged equally on (1) appearance, (2) texture/mouth feel, and (3) flavor/smell. Specific judging criteria are listed under each lot number below. Judging criteria for Lot 10 is listed under that lot number below.
9. All entries will be judged according to age (either adult or youth).
10. Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, declare a new class in any lot to aid the judges in the separation of entries.

BAKED GOODS AND CONFECTIONS LOTS AND CLASSES

LOT 1 - YEAST BREAD AND ROLLS

Yeast breads will be judged as follows: volume (light for size), shape, flavor (well-blended), pleasant smell (not yeasty), crust (tender & evenly brown), texture (moist & tender)

Loaf Breads *(one loaf)*

FS 101. White
 FS 102. Wheat 100%
 FS 103. Wheat Part
 FS 104. Other Grains
 FS 105. Cinnamon
 FS 106. Rye
 FS 107. French
 FS 108. Raisin
 FS 109. Coffeecake
 FS 110. Herb

FS 111. Sourdough
 FS 112. Potato
 FS 113. Special Shapes
 FS 114. Miscellaneous

Rolls *(six rolls, buns or pretzels)*

FS 115. White Rolls
 FS 116. Whole Wheat Rolls
 FS 117. Hard Rolls
 FS 118. Buns
 FS 119. French

FS 120. Cinnamon/ Sweet Rolls
 FS 121. Nut / Pecan
 FS 122. Sourdough
 FS 123. Special Shape Rolls
 FS 124. Bread sticks
 FS 125. Potato
 FS 126. Pretzels
 FS 127. Raised Donuts
 FS 128. Miscellaneous

LOT 2 - QUICK BREAD *(one loaf or six rolls, biscuits, or sopapillas)*

Quick breads will be judged as follows: shape appropriate for type, even color, texture (moist & tender, no tunnels or holes), rich flavor

FS 201. Nut Bread
 FS 202. Fruit Bread
 FS 203. Vegetable Bread
 FS 204. Biscuits

FS 205. Muffins
 FS 206. Cornbread
 FS 207. Tortillas
 FS 208. Cake Donuts

FS 209. Sopapillas
 FS 210. Coffeecake
 FS 211. Scones
 FS 212. Miscellaneous

LOT 3 - COOKIES *(twelve)*

Cookies will be judged as follows: appearance (evenly browned), flavor (delicate & well-blended), texture characteristic of type, uniform shape, size & color

FS 301. Drop, Chocolate Chip
 FS 302. Drop, Oatmeal
 FS 303. Drop, Sugar
 FS 304. Drop, Chocolate
 FS 305. Drop, Other
 FS 306. Molded, Sugar

FS 307. Molded, Biscochitos
 FS 308. Molded, Peanut Butter
 FS 309. Shaped or Molded
 FS 310. Sandwich or Filled
 FS 311. Frosted
 FS 312. Cookie Press or Spritz

FS 313. Refrigerator or Sliced
 FS 314. Bars
 FS 315. Brownies
 FS 316. Miscellaneous

LOT 4 - CAKES ICED & UNICED (*one whole cake*) **Note:** No refrigerated cakes (See fair rules above)
Cakes will be judged as follows: appearance (shape & size), volume (light in weight for size), crust (uniced smooth & uniform), crumb (color, texture, fineness), frosting (glossy, not granulated, flavor soft, not sticky, suitable flavor)

FS 401. Chocolate	FS 407. Fruitcake	FS 413. Pound
FS 402. White	FS 408. Gingerbread	FS 414. Torte
FS 403. Yellow	FS 409. Upside-down	FS 415. Sponge
FS 404. Spice	FS 410. Filled	FS 416. Bundt
FS 405. Fruit (apple, peach, etc.)	FS 411. Vegetable (Carrot, etc.)	FS 417. Cupcakes (12)
FS 406. Angel	FS 412. Chiffon	FS 418. Miscellaneous

LOT 5 - PASTRIES & PIES

Note: No refrigerated pastries or pies (See fair rules above)

Pastries (*six*)

Pastries will be judged as follows: appearance (attractive shape, uniform size & color), crust (tender & smooth), light in size, elastic crumb, filling (blended flavors, consistency. Note: Canned fruit may be used but no canned fillings.

FS 501. Flakes	FS 504. Empanadas	FS 507. Miscellaneous
FS 502. Turnovers	FS 505. Tarts	
FS 503. Popovers	FS 506. Cobbler (1 whole)	

Pies (*one whole pie*)

Pies will be judged as follows: appearance, crust (flaky texture, tender, evenly browned), filling (fresh flavor, consistency of size fruit or nuts & texture. Note: Canned fruit (i.e., pumpkin) may be used but no canned fillings.

FS 508. Fruit	FS 511. Cherry	FS 514. Miscellaneous
FS 509. Berry	FS 512. Pecan	
FS 510. Apple	FS 513. Other Nut/Mixed Nut	

LOT 6 - CANDY (*twelve pieces*)

Candy will be judged as follows: appearance (uniform size & shape), consistency (smooth and creamy), delicate flavor and smell.

FS 601. Divinity	FS 608. Dipped Candy	FS 615. Nut Roll
FS 602. Fudge	FS 609. Mints	FS 616. Penuche
FS 603. Caramel	FS 610. Pralines	FS 617. Nougats
FS 604. Fondant	FS 611. Nut Brittle	FS 618. Lollipops
FS 605. Taffy	FS 612. Glazed Nuts	FS 619. Popcorn Balls
FS 606. Kisses	FS 613. Toffee	FS 620. Miscellaneous
FS 607. Hard Candy	FS 614. Truffles	

LOT 7 - PECAN WORLD (*Baked Goods featuring primarily pecans*)

FS 701. Cookies (12)	FS 704. Candy (12)	FS 707. Miscellaneous
FS 702. Fancy Nuts (12)	FS 705. Cakes (1)	
FS 703. Pies (1) / Pastries (6)	FS 706. Bread (loaf or 3 mini)	

LOT 8 - CHOCO-HOLICS DELIGHT (*Baked Goods featuring primarily chocolate*)

FS 801. Cakes (1)	FS 803. Candy (12)	FS 805. Miscellaneous
FS 802. Brownies (12)	FS 804. Cookies (12)	

LOT 9 – DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

Diabetic Dreams (*Low to no sugar and/or sugar substitutes*)

FS 901. Cakes (1)	FS 904. Pies (1)	FS 907. Breads (loaf or 6 rolls)
FS 902. Pastries (6)	FS 905. Cookies (12)	FS 908. Miscellaneous
FS 903. Candy (12)	FS 906. Crackers (12)	

Allergic Aspirations (*i.e., gluten free, any substitutions based on allergies, etc.*)

FS 909. Cakes (1)	FS 913. Cookies (12)
FS 910. Pastries (6)	FS 914. Crackers (12)
FS 911. Breads (loaf or 6 rolls)	FS 915. Miscellaneous
FS 912. Pies (1)	

LOT 10 - DECORATED CAKES & NOVELTY ITEMS

Decorated Cakes & Novelty Items are not eligible for the Blue Ribbon Baker Award but are eligible for the Decorated Creations Award. Items in this lot will be judged on appearance only (will not be tasted). The base of the “cake” in Decorated Creations category may be made from anything edible. Cakes need to be displayed on a sturdy, disposable, non-returnable board, preferably in a cake box if cake size deems it possible. **Note: All items in Lot 10 will be auctioned Wednesday evening at the Bake Sale.**

All decorated items will be judged on neatness, decorating technique, design, color, and creativity.

Decorated Cakes

These items will be judged primarily on technique and skill. (All ingredients/decorations must be edible)

FS 1001. Buttercream Cake (Icing and Tip decorations)	FS 1003. Picture Transfer Cake (piping gel, sugar, other methods)	FS 1006. Cupcakes (any technique) (6)
FS 1002. Shaped Character Cake	FS 1004. Fondant, Gum Paste Cake	FS 1007. Miscellaneous
	FS 1005. Mini Cakes - using mini cake pans (3)	

Decorated Creations

These items will be judged primarily on creativity and uniqueness. (All ingredients/decorations must be edible)

FS 1008. Special Design Cake (sculpture, unusual shape, etc.)		
FS 1009. Tier Cakes	FS 1012. Cupcakes (6) Mini Cakes (3)	
FS 1010. Shaped Theme Cakes	FS 1013. Gingerbread Creations (all edible)	FS 1015. Candy, Melt or Mold (12)
FS 1011. Fondant Cakes	FS 1014. Modeling Chocolate or Fondant Creations	FS 1016. Cookies – bouquets, etc. (6)
		FS 1017. Cake Pops (6)
		FS 1018. Miscellaneous