

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 in each of Lots 1-10 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, i.e., loaf breads, firm cookies, pastries, etc. as appropriate.
5. ITEMS THAT MUST BE REFRIGERATED ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED (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 group. The age or Division must be on the entry form. IF THE AGE IS NOT ON THE ENTRY FORM, THE ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED IN THE ADULT DIVISION.
- Z. Adult Division - 19+ years
 A. Senior Division - 14-18 years
 B. Junior Division - 9-13 years
 C. Beginners Division 4-8 years
 D. Special Needs / Handicapped Division
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 1015. Candy, Melt or Mold (12)
FS 1009. Tier Cakes	FS 1016. Cookies – bouquets, etc. (6)
FS 1010. Shaped Theme Cakes	FS 1017. Cake Pops (6)
FS 1011. Fondant Cakes	FS 1018. Miscellaneous
FS 1012. Cupcakes (6) Mini Cakes (3)	
FS 1013. Gingerbread Creations (all edible)	
FS 1014. Modeling Chocolate or Fondant Creations	