

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 29, 2026, from 2pm – 6pm

****Items that arrive after 6pm will NOT be accepted for judging. No Exceptions!!!****

AWARDS RELEASED: Sunday, October 4, 2026, 4pm – 6pm Veteran's Building

Note: Baked goods and confections will be auctioned off during the Southern New Mexico State Fair Bake Sale. Cards and ribbons not picked up on Sunday will be forfeited. 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:**

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. Please avoid using plastic wrap or press and seal.
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, they 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.**
Adult Division - 19+ years Youth Division 4-18 years
10. Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, declare a new class in any lot to aid the judges in the separation of entries.
11. Items cannot contain any cannabis for the safety of our judges.

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 402. White
FS 403. Yellow
FS 404. Spice
FS 405. Fruit (apple, peach, etc.)
FS 406. Angel

FS 407. Fruitcake
FS 408. Gingerbread
FS 409. Upside-down
FS 410. Filled
FS 411. Vegetable (Carrot, etc.)
FS 412. Chiffon

FS 413. Pound
FS 414. Torte
FS 415. Sponge
FS 416. Bundt
FS 417. Cupcakes (12)
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 502. Turnovers
FS 503. Popovers

FS 504. Empanadas
FS 505. Tarts
FS 506. Cobbler (1 whole)

FS 507. Miscellaneous

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 509. Berry
FS 510. Apple

FS 511. Cherry
FS 512. Pecan
FS 513. Other Nut/Mixed Nut

FS 514. Miscellaneous

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 602. Fudge
FS 603. Caramel
FS 604. Fondant
FS 605. Taffy
FS 606. Kisses
FS 607. Hard Candy

FS 608. Dipped Candy
FS 609. Mints
FS 610. Pralines
FS 611. Nut Brittle
FS 612. Glazed Nuts
FS 613. Toffee
FS 614. Truffles

FS 615. Nut Roll
FS 616. Penuche
FS 617. Nougats
FS 618. Lollipops
FS 619. Popcorn Balls
FS 620. Miscellaneous

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

FS 701. Cookies (12)
FS 702. Fancy Nuts (12)
FS 703. Pies (1) / Pastries (6)

FS 704. Candy (12)
FS 705. Cakes (1)
FS 706. Bread (loaf or 3 mini)

FS 707. Miscellaneous

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

FS 801. Cakes (1)
FS 802. Brownies (12)

FS 803. Candy (12)
FS 804. Cookies (12)

FS 805. Miscellaneous

LOT 9 – DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

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

FS 901. Cakes (1)
FS 902. Pastries (6)
FS 903. Candy (12)

FS 904. Pies (1)
FS 905. Cookies (12)
FS 906. Crackers (12)

FS 907. Breads (loaf or 6 rolls)
FS 908. Miscellaneous

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

FS 909. Cakes (1)
FS 910. Pastries (6)
FS 911. Breads (loaf or 6 rolls)
FS 912. Pies (1)

FS 913. Cookies (12)
FS 914. Crackers (12)
FS 915. Miscellaneous

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. Dowels and supports may be used as long as long as it is noted on the description. 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 with exception of dowels and supports noted in description)

FS 1001. Buttercream Cake (Icing and Tip decorations)

FS 1002. Shaped Character Cake

FS 1003. Picture Transfer Cake (piping gel, sugar, other methods)

FS 1004. Fondant, Gum Paste Cake

FS 1005. Mini Cakes - using mini cake pans (3)

FS 1006. Cupcakes (any technique) (6)

FS 1007. Miscellaneous

Decorated Creations

These items will be judged primarily on creativity and uniqueness. (All ingredients/decorations must be edible with exception of dowels and supports noted in description)

FS 1008. Special Design Cake (sculpture, unusual shape, etc.)

FS 1009. Tier Cakes

FS 1010. Shaped Theme Cakes

FS 1011. Fondant Cakes

FS 1012. Cupcakes (6) Mini Cakes (3)

FS 1013. Gingerbread Creations (all edible)

FS 1014. Modeling Chocolate or Fondant Creations

FS 1015. Candy, Melt or Mold (12)

FS 1016. Cookies – bouquets, etc. (6)

FS 1017. Cake Pops (6)

FS 1018. Miscellaneous