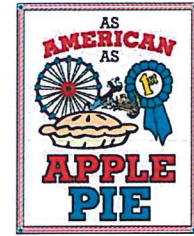


BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST



INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED BY FAIRS AT THEIR 2016 EVENT

Each county/local fair is encouraged to conduct a 29th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at their 2016 event. Listed below are the criteria which we would like each fair to use in their contest. The certified first place winner from each fair will then have the opportunity to enter an apple pie in the BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST at the 2017 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW.

RULES for local Fair and the PA Farm Show contests are as follows:

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; only one entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest at any other fair in 2016.**
3. Entry to be a pie that must include at least 60% apples in the filling. It does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
4. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
5. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8 ½" by 11" paper. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (All recipes and pies will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
6. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
7. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor	30 points
Filling: consistency, doneness, moistness & flavor	25 points
Crust: color, flavor, texture doneness	20 points
Overall Appearance	15 points
Creativity	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 Points

NOTE:

Creativity is essential to a varied competition. Do not limit your contest to a "traditional" two-crust apple pie. We are looking for a variety of fillings in the pies; the pie must include at least 60% apples in the filling.

The recipe for the pie and pie crust will also need to be submitted when entering at the PA Farm Show.

Each Fair must sign a Certification Form verifying the winning apple pie baker, and this person will be eligible to enter the state competition at the 2017 Farm Show.

NOTE: If an individual has already won 1st place at another fair in 2016 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2017 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.

Premiums for the 2017 PA FARM SHOW competition will be as followed:

First Place	\$500.00	Second Place	\$250.00	Third Place	\$100.00
Fourth Place	Ribbon	Fifth Place	Ribbon		

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is jointly sponsored by:
The Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program, The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs