

2026 Warren County Farmers' Fair

Baking Contest

Theme: The American Farmer | Made in America

Saturday July 25, 2026

Registration: 9am-11am

Location: Home and Garden Building

Judging will begin immediately after registration.

General Regulations:

All entries must be submitted in a sealed container (plastic or metal) or food safe packaging such as a paper bread bag (with a clear plastic window for displaying,) or aluminum foil pan with fitted plastic lid. No foil wrap or plastic wrap covering will be accepted. Items will be checked at registration and must meet these guidelines. Please keep in mind, if you bring your baked goods in a breakable container, the Fair Committee and Fair Association are not responsible nor liable for lost, broken, or damaged items.

Baking Rules (see Page 6 for Awards)

1. Eligibility will be to anyone who resides in Warren County and meets the division requirements stated below.
2. There will be **four divisions offered: Adult (18+), Teen (13-17), Youth (under 13), and 2026 Special Theme (Teen & Adult).**
3. All products must be made by the exhibitor.
4. **No professional bakers allowed.** This includes commercially licensed bakers, cottage permitted bakers, or any other licensed baker.
5. One entry per category per person is allowed.
6. All entries must be baked at home from scratch. No pre-mix, boxed, canned fillings, commercial mixes, puddings, frozen or refrigeration pie crusts, etc will be allowed.
7. Recipes must be typed on a 8.5in x 11in sheet or paper with **ALL** ingredients and instructions. Please provide complete and accurate baking instructions. No estimates are allowed. The contestant's name must **NOT** appear on the recipe sheet.
8. Judges will review your recipe in full prior to tasting for completeness. This will be part of your score. Winner's recipes will be kept by the Fair Association.
9. Please leave the area after you have registered and entered your baked goods. We will announce winners after judging is complete. At that time, you may return for your baked goods and awards. Please note we would like to display awards during the Fair. If you would like to leave your awards on display, you can pick them up Saturday, August 1st of the Fair.
10. After judging a piece of your entry will be kept by the Fair Association for displaying purposes. You may pick up your remaining baking entries after 2pm on **Saturday, July 25th.**
11. Each entry will receive a one day fair pass. Three entries will receive a week-long pass.

Judges will determine scores utilizing a scoresheet. Judges will be looking at: Taste/Flavor, Texture/Crumb, Consistency/Uniformity, Overall Appearance, and Bonus points for creativity towards this year's theme.

Divisions and Entry Information

*General regulations and information are listed after the class.

Adults - 18 years old +

Category: Artisan Bread (Sourdough or Yeasted)

Class: 900 gram (pre-baked) Boule or Batard shape.

- a. White, Wheat, or a Combination of Flours will be accepted.
- b. No holes from a thermometer for doneness.

Category: Cakes

Class: 3 Layer White, Yellow, or Strawberry Cake

- a. Class: 9in round 3-layer White Cake, Yellow Cake, or Strawberry Cake (choose one flavor)
- b. Vanilla buttercream frosting.
- c. Decorated to Theme: The American Farmer | Made in America.

Category: Pie

Class: Any Flavor, except Apple (see 2026 Special Theme Division)

- a. 9 inch.
- b. No holes checking doneness (example: from fork/toothpick)
- c. Entrants may choose one crust (bottom only) or two crust (top and bottom).
- d. Entrants may choose to add crumble on top if one crust is chosen.

Teen - 13-17 years old

Category: Enriched Breads (Sourdough or Yeasted)

Class: Rolls

- a. 6 rolls same shape and size.
- b. Flavor options (pick one): White Rolls, Wheat Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls with icing, or Brioche Rolls.
- c. No holes checking doneness (ex: fork/toothpick/thermometer)

Category: Cake

Class: 3 Layer White or Yellow Cake

- a. 9in round 3-layer White or Yellow Cake (choose one)
- b. Vanilla buttercream decorated with red, white, and blue buttercream (sprinkles allowed).

Category: Cookies

Class: Chocolate Chip

- a. ½ dozen cookies
- b. **NO** no-bake cookies allowed.

Class: Decorated Sugar Cookies with Royal Icing

- a. Drop cookies or rolled (hand or cutouts) cookies accepted.
- b. **NO** no-bake cookies allowed.

Category: Pie

Class: Any Flavor, except Apple (see 2026 Special Theme Division)

- a. 9 inch
- b. No holes checking doneness (ex: from fork/toothpick)
- c. Entrant may choose one crust (bottom only) or two crust (top and bottom).
- d. Entrants may choose to add crumble on top if one crust is chosen.

Youth - Under the age of 13 years old

Category: Cupcakes & Muffins

Class: White or Yellow Cake Cupcakes

- a. White or Yellow Cake (choose one) with Red, White, & Blue Buttercream.
- b. 6 standard size (2in) cupcakes made in white or kraft color baking liners.

Class: Blueberry Muffins

- a. Blueberry (with or without crumble top)
- b. No holes checking doneness (example: from fork/toothpick)
- c. 6 standard (2in) muffins baking in white or kraft paper baking liners

Category: Cookies

Class: Chocolate Chip Cookies

- a. ½ dozen
- b. **NO** no-bake cookies allowed.

2026 Special Theme Division (Teen and Adult Entries Only)

Category: Pie

Class: 9in Apple Pie

- a. No holes checking doneness (example: from fork/toothpick)
- b. Entrants may choose one crust (bottom only) or two crust (top and bottom).
- c. Entrants may choose to add crumble on top if one crust is chosen.

Category: Bread

Class: Corn Bread

- a. 8x8 Dish
- b. No holes checking doneness

AWARDS

	Adult	Teen	Youth	2026 Special Theme
Best of Show	Trophy, \$25	Trophy, \$15	Trophy, \$10	Trophy, \$20
Best of Category	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Class	1st*, 2nd Place Rosette, 3rd, 4th Place Ribbons, for each Division Class			

*If the category only has one class, the 1st place is automatically Best of Category and will receive a trophy instead of a ribbon.