



## **BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BE USED BY FAIRS AT THEIR 2012 EVENT**

Each county/local fair is encouraged to conduct a 25th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at their 2012 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 2013 PENNSYLVANIA STATE FARM SHOW.

1. Each pie should be judged on the following basis: **Overall Appearance:** 15 points; **Crust:** color, flavor, texture, doneness, 20 points; **Flavor:** 30 points; **Filling:** consistency, doneness, moistness and flavor, 25 points; **Creativity:** 10 points.  
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.
2. A neatly handwritten or typed recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted on a standard 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper. Please use one side only. This recipe will also need to be submitted when entering at the Farm Show.
3. 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 the judging for food safety reasons.
4. Each fair will certify the winning apple pie baker and this person will be eligible to enter the state competition at the 2013 Farm Show.

**NOTE:** If an individual has already won 1st place at another fair in 2012 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2013 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.

**Premiums for the 2013 PA FARM SHOW competition will be as followed:**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Fourth Place</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>Fifth Place</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>		

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is jointly sponsored by:

The Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program  
The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs