

2026 Homemade Pie Competition

Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County

Drop off Entries: Wednesday August 5, 9am-10pm or Thursday July 31 10am-2pm

\$5 per pie for entry

Please complete this entry form, sign & date below. An original form must be completely filled out with each pie entry.

Name: _____

Street, City, State, Zip: _____

Special name of your pie (if any) _____

Email: _____

Phone/cell: _____

ENTRY CATEGORIES—PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

1. Cherry 2. Berry 3. Cream 4. Apple 5. Savory
6. Grown in NY 7. Peach 8. Specialty/other

Brand of flour, if known:

All entries will be considered for the Best of Show category which will consist of all 1st place winners from each of the 8 categories shown above. Recipes are not required. Participants may enter multiple entries, include 1 entry form per pie.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. This competition is open to any amateur pie baker, any age, who is a resident of New York State.
2. Pies may be re-categorized at the judges' discretion.
3. Each entry must include ONE pie. All complete entries become property of the Niagara County Fair, which includes the pie and plate. No entries will be returned.
4. Entries must be dropped off to CCE Admin. office of Niagara County 8/5/2026 (9am-10pm) or 8/6/2026 (9am-2pm) NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
5. Judging will be based on the following evaluation categories and scores of the pie: pre-slice/first impression, after slice, first taste, flavor/closer look, mouthfeel, crust, overall impression, and creativity.
6. The competition committee will decide questions on rules and procedures. All decisions rendered will be final.
7. To enter, complete the form above, sign and date below, include entry form and entry fee with pie.
8. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st - 3rd place winners. All entries must be from home pie bakers.
9. No pies from professional bakers or other person who regularly makes pies for pay will be considered.
10. Since pie plates cannot be returned, disposable foil pie plates are acceptable, must be 8" circumference or bigger, with the exception of the Specialty category, which may include items such as hand pies.
11. All pies must be homemade by the participant, including the pie crust. All pies must include bottom and side crusts.
12. Grown in NY category—pie can be any kind, but main ingredient must have been grown on a NYS farm or garden.
13. No entries will be accepted through the mail.
14. Pies that need special handling or heating elements are not allowed. Pies can be refrigerated upon request.
15. In the event of a tie, a tie breaker judge will make the final decision.

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Closed judging will take place Thursday August 6, 2026. Competition results, ribbons, and the first initial and last name of the entrant will be displayed in the 4-H Training Center by 3pm on Friday August 7, 2026. Ribbons and prizes may be picked up from the CCE Administration office Sunday, August 9, 2026 starting at 4pm. Award winners will be notified the week following the fair if ribbons are not picked up on Sunday.

I hereby certify that the above entered pie was made and baked by me in accordance with the above rules and within all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, and that the classifications I have indicated are correct to the best of my knowledge. I further agree to be bound by the Rules and Procedures of the competition, as well as the decisions of the Competition Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____