

AMERICA 250 COOKIE CONTEST

at the 2026 Niagara County Fair
Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County

Celebrating 250 Years of American Baking Traditions

*Drop off entries Tuesday, August 4th 8am – 9pm or Wednesday, August 5th 8am – 2pm.
\$5 per entry*

Please complete this entry form, sign & date on the back. An original form must be completely filled out with each entry.

Name: _____

Street, City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone/cell: _____

Entry Category: _____ **Cookie Name:** _____

*****Participants may enter multiple entries, include 1 entry form for each entry.*****

Categories

- 1. Heritage:** Cookies inspired by historic recipes, or traditions passed down through generations.
 - 2. All-American Chocolate Chip:** America's favorite cookie, show off your best version of this classic.
 - 3. Red, White & Blue:** Patriotic-themed cookies featuring America's colors through ingredients, decoration, or presentation.
 - 4. Hometown Pride:** Cookies featuring ingredients, flavors, or traditions that represent your hometown, county, or state.
 - 5. County Fair Favorites:** Cookies inspired by classic fair treats and nostalgic Americana.
 - 6. America's Harvest:** Cookies highlighting ingredients grown or produced in America.
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Entry Rules and Procedures

1. This competition is open to any amateur baker, at least 18 years old. **2.** Each entry must include one dozen (12 cookies) of the same variety. All complete entries become property of the Niagara County Fair, which includes the cookies and the plate/dish. No entries will be returned. **3.** Entries must be made from scratch. Pre-made mixes are not allowable ingredients. **4.** Entries must be dropped off to CCE Admin. office of Niagara County 8/4/26 (8am-9pm) or 8/5/26 (8am-2pm) NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. **5.** Judging will be based on the following evaluation categories Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings), Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked), Outside Characteristics (surface, shape, size, color), Topping, Icing, Decoration. **6.** The competition committee will decide questions on rules and procedures. All decisions will be final. **7.** To enter, complete the form above, sign and date on back, include entry form and entry fee with each entry. **8.** Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to 1st - 3rd place winners. All entries must be from home bakers. No entries from professional bakers or other persons who regularly makes cookies for pay will be considered. All cookies must be homemade by the participant. **9.** All mailed entries must arrive within the designated drop off day and times listed above. No early or late entries will be accepted. **10.** In the event of a tie, a tie breaker judge will make the final decision. **11.** Recipe(s) must be submitted with each entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. If your recipe has a special story please include that is well. Entrant's name must be printed on the back side of all the pages. **12.** By submitting an entry into this competition you agree to allow CCE Niagara/The Niagara County Fair to share your recipe and if applicable story of the recipe.

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Closed judging will take place Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Competition results will be displayed in the 4-H Training Center by 5pm on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

Ribbons may be picked up from the CCE Administration office starting on Thursday August 6, 2026 at 5pm.

Award winners will be notified the week following the fair if ribbons are not picked up during the fair.

I here-by certify that the cookies entered were made and baked by me in accordance with the above rules. 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: _____

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