

APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Arrive by 8:30 A.M. at Marker-Miller Farm Market (3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA). From I-81, take Exit 310 to Rt. 37N. Go about 2 miles to Winchester-Opequon Exit, turn left, and go 3 ¼ miles, the farm market is on the left. Our phone number is 540-662-1391 in case you have any questions.
 2. Each contestant must bring all ingredients (including apples) for the 2 crust pie (crust cannot be pre-made), measured and ready to use. Please bring utensils (including paring knife), a 9” clear glass pie plate, dish towel and hot mitt.
 3. All apples must be peeled and sliced at the contest.
 4. All pies must be in the oven no later than 10:00 A.M. and the committee requests that all pies be baked at 350 degrees in a convection oven. All ovens at the market are convection ovens.
 5. The oven doors will be opened only once during the baking time period for contestants to check or turn their pies.
 6. All pies have to be out of the ovens by 11:30 A.M. so they can cool for judging at 12:00 noon.
 7. You are welcome to decorate the area where your pie will be displayed. The decorations are not judged and it will not impact your score if you decide to decorate or not.
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SCORE SHEET

QUALITY OF PIE

Crust: General Appearance	
Color- even brown.....	5
Attractive- double crust	5
Texture- flaky, tender, not soggy or doughy.....	15
Flavor- pleasing taste, should not be too bland or highly seasoned.....	<u>20</u>
	45
Filling:	
General Appearance Color.....	5
Fullness of pie.....	10
Flavor- pleasing natural fresh apple, not too sweet, sour or starchy, flat or over- seasoned.....	<u>20</u>
Consistency- should be firm, neither too stiff or too runny, apple neither over- cooked or under-cooked.....	<u>20</u>
	55
Total.....	100

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If you love baking and apple pies are one of your favorite desserts, then you should find your recipe and participate in the Apple Pie Baking Contest. Marker-Miller Orchards Farm Market and Horizon Farm Credit will be hosting the event in conjunction with Bowman Andros Products and the 99th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival®.

Once again, “*peel your apples*” will be heard on Thursday, April 30 at Marker-Miller Farm Market located at 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA. The contest will start at 9:00 A.M. and the pies must be in the oven no later than 10:00 A.M., with judging starting at 12:00 P.M. Spectators and family members are welcome to observe and show support to the contestants.

Contestants must bring all ingredients (including apples and for the crust) measured and ready to use, all utensils, and a clear glass 9” pie plate. Pies will be judged on crust and filling. A score sheet will be given with every application. Prizes for the adult category (ages 17 and older), will be \$100.00 for first place and \$75.00 for second place. There is a youth category for ages 16 and under with prizes being \$75.00 for first place and \$50.00 for second place. The winners of the contest will ride in the Firefighters’ Parade and the Grand Feature Parade of the 99th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival®.

Interested participants may contact Marker-Miller Farm Market at 540-662-1391 or stop by the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Headquarters for more information and an application. The deadline for applications is April 23, 2026. The first twenty applications will be accepted due to limited oven space and judging time.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AGE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**Parent or Guardian Signature:
(If under age 17)**

Deadline is April 24, 2025

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:
MARKER-MILLER FARM MARKET
3035 CEDAR CREEK GRADE
WINCHESTER, VA 22602

If you have any questions, please call 540-662-1391 and ask for Heather or Becky.

THE CONTEST IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 CONTESTANTS.