



Allentown Fair Shines Spotlight on: Agriculture and Culinary Excellence

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Allentown, Pa.— At the heart of the 173-year-old tradition of The Great Allentown Fair is its mission to showcase agriculture, horticulture, livestock, and the domestic and mechanical arts. Exhibitors compete in hundreds of categories, from hay, jams, and flowers to quilts and more, earning placement ribbons and cash prizes. The coveted Best in Show rosettes recognize those whose entries stand out as the finest in their departments.

This year, the Fair also hosted 12 live culinary contests on the Culinary Contest Stage, awarding blue ribbons and cash prizes to top bakers and cooks. Winners of the PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookies, Brownies and Bars Contest, the Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest, and the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest will advance to represent the Fair at the 2026 Pennsylvania State Farm Show in January 2026.

The 2025 rosette Best of Show winners:

Youth Vegetables – Henry Scopf, Breinigsville, PA
Youth Baked Products – Levi Hottenstein, Zionsville, PA
Youth Floral – Teagan Filler, Coopersburg, PA
Youth Needlework – Aubrey DeLong, Allentown, PA
Youth Photography – Anna Hofmann, Bethlehem, PA
Hay and Grain – Elaine Goordman, Hope, NJ
Vegetables – Grant A Lazarus, Germansville, PA
Organic Vegetables – William Ackerman, Bath, PA
Vegetable Display – Blair Hower, Northampton, PA
Potatoes– Blair Hower, Northampton, PA
Fruits – Grant A Lazarus, Germansville, PA
Edible Nuts – Brenda Emanuel, Laurys Station, PA
Baked Products (Cookies) – Charlotte Pfenninger, Allentown, PA
Baked Products– Linda Johnston, Laurys Station, PA
Vinegar, Oil, Salsa – Debra C Lilly, Bethlehem, PA
Canned/Dried – Pamela A Hittinger, Emmaus, PA
Spreads – Lauryn Michael, Kempton, PA
Home Products (Flavored Oils - Clementine Vinegar) – Angela Grazious, Allentown, PA
Christmas Trees– Rhonda Spadel, Palmerton, PA
Foliage Plants – Jean M Perez, Bethlehem, PA
Specimen Flowers – Annuals – Dennis Ritter, Bethlehem, PA
Specimen Flowers Artistic Arrangement – Rosemary G Ebersole, Emmaus, PA
Clothing-Made– Sherry Rich, Northampton, PA

Needlework – Cathy Webb, Macungie, PA
 Needle Art – Kerstin Klepzig, Bethlehem, PA
 Quilts – Dawn Martrich, Emmaus, PA
 Fine Art – Virginia A Spencer-Balde, Whitehall, PA
 Photography (Black & White) – Donald Dieter, Whitehall, PA
 Photography (Color) – Jadrien Steele, Allentown, PA
 Handcrafts – Deena Kenney, Bethlehem, PA
 Antiques – Janet Leongard, Bethlehem, PA
 Homemade Wine & Beer (Pink-Rose, Dry-Semi Sweet, Grape) – Hugh Vrablic, Lansford, PA
 Homemade Wine & Beer (Homebrew, Specialty) – Robert Myers, Allentown, PA
 Homemade Wine & Beer (Commercial Beer) – HiJinx Brewing Co, Allentown, PA
 Apiary Products – Jeff Heller, Allentown, PA
 Agriculture Education (FFA Potatoes) – Emma Swoyer, Bally, PA
 Agriculture Education (Horticulture & Flowers) – Phoebe Stutzman, Kutztown PA
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 Agriculture Education (FFA Displays) – Treasure Hoover, Oley PA
 Agriculture Education (FFAS Aquaculture/Aquaria) – Cort Peifer, Temple, PA
 Agriculture Education (FFA Special Awards) – Kutztown FFA
 4-H (Vegetables) – Emmalyn Fink, Germansville, PA
 4-H Foods and Nutrition (Non-Project) – Kamryn Fink, Germansville, PA
 4-H Clothing & Textiles – Textile Club, Northampton, PA
 4-H Arts and Crafts – Hannah Keberlein, Northampton, PA

2025 Culinary Contest Winners:

PA Preferred & Newburg Deli + Catering – Julian Steele, Allentown, PA
 The Buttered Crumb Pies Galore (No Apple) – Lorrie Bauch, New Tripoli, PA
 Sweet Girlz Bakery Gourmet Cupcakes – Madison Stettler, Schnecksville, PA
 Kyms Creation Bakery Edible Dessert Arrangement – Kaitlyn Moyer, Allentown, PA
 King Arthur Flour Adults Contest: Specialty Bread – Lauryn Michael, Kempton, PA
 King Arthur Flour Kids Contest: Your Favorite Cookies – Sarah Welser, Nazareth PA
 Clover Hill Vineyards & Winery Chicken Wings / Dipping Sauce – Austin Dottery, Allentown, PA
 Pampered Chef Torte Cake Contest – Sharon Kurtz, Emmaus, PA
 Bechdolts Orchard Fresh Peach Dessert Contest – Pam Stettler, Schnecksville, PA
 Sparkle with Jeanine Park Lane Jewelry Best “NO BAKE” Dessert Contest – Rachel Richline, Emmaus, PA
 Vynecrest Winery Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest – Lorrie Rauch, New Tripoli, PA
 Grim’s Orchard & Family Farm & PSACF Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest – Pam Stettler, Schnecksville, PA

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Photo Captions:

1. Big smiles from Pam Stettler of Schnecksville and 2025 Great Allentown Fair Queen Olivia Wisser of New Tripoli as Stettler takes home the top prize in the Grim’s Orchard & Family Farm & PSACF Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest. Her winning recipe now heads to the 2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg this January.

2. Rob Myers, Vice President of the Lehigh Valley Homebrewers Association, proudly displays his Best of Show ribbon for his award-winning homebrew, Strawberry Rhubarb Sour. His brew earned top honors among all submissions, capturing the title of Best of Show at the 2025 Great Allentown Fair Homebrew Competition.
3. The 2025 Best in Show display inside the Agri~Plex building showcases the top award-winning entries from this year's fair, highlighting the finest achievements in agriculture, crafts, and culinary arts.