

Middlesex County Fair – Home Arts – Baked Goods – Judging Standard 2022

2022 Baked Goods Competition will be judged on a Point System that breaks down previously used judging criteria. 2022 entries will be judged against the Point System ONLY with the following breakdown:

5 Points – 1st place, in the running for best of show

4 Points – 2st place

3 Points - 3rd place

1-2 Points - Honorable Mention at Judges Discretion

0 Point – No Award

Cake Judging Criteria
Taste – 1 Point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Judges Discretion
Presentation – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cakes should be presented whole/uncut• Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied
Outside Characteristics – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color – uniform in color• Shape – even/level, free from cracks or peaks• Size/Volume – light in weight in proportion to size
Inside Characteristics – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grain – fine, round even cells/holes, free from tunnels• Texture – moist tender crumb, not soggy or dry• Blend – Well Blending of ingredients
Item Wellness – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Pie Judging Criteria
Taste – 1 Point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Judges Discretion
Presentation – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pies should be presented whole/uncut• Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied
Outside Characteristics – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color – crust evenly brown, well blended, not dry• Shape – pastry edge regular without bulges• Size – crust fits pan, filling fits crust
Inside Characteristics – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crust – tender & flaky, not crumbly & dry• Filling – properly cooked with appropriate consistency• Color – attractive, matching characteristic to filling base
Item Wellness – 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

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Bread Judging Criteria – Quick Breads
<p>Taste – 1 Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Judges Discretion <p>Presentation – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bread should be presented whole/uncut• Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied <p>Outside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top – Rough w/ slight sheen, may have shallow length-wise crack• Sides – Straight Sides• Color – Even browning distinctive of variety <p>Inside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crust – Thin• Interior – Distinctive of variety, moist & tender with medium cell walls evenly distributed <p>Item Wellness – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Bread Judging Criteria – Yeasted Breads
<p>Taste – 1 Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Judges Discretion <p>Presentation – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bread should be presented whole/uncut• Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied <p>Outside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top – Evenly round & smooth• Sides – Even ‘shred’ should be visible• Color – Top Golden Brown, Side Pale Brown <p>Inside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crust – Approx 1/8” thick, crisp & tender• Interior – Distinctive of variety, Light in weight, thin cell walls with medium gas holes evenly distributed creating a moist & resilient interior <p>Item Wellness – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Biscuits Judging Criteria
<p>Taste – 1 Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At Judges Discretion <p>Presentation – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biscuits should be presented in group whole/uncut• Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied <p>Outside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top – Flat and slightly rounded• Sides – Straight Sides• Color – Pale Golden Brown Top, light sides <p>Inside Characteristics – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color – Creamy White or even color distinctive of variety

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- Crust – Thin & crisp on top & bottom
- Interior – Slightly moist crumb with thin cell walls with small gas holes

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Muffins Judging Criteria

Taste – 1 Point

- At Judges Discretion

Presentation – 1 point

- Muffins should be presented in group whole/uncut
- Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied

Outside Characteristics – 1 point

- Top – Cauliflower-like, rough & pebbled, thin, slightly rounded
- Shape – Uniformed shape & size
- Color – Even browning distinctive of variety

Inside Characteristics – 1 point

- Color – Distinctive of ingredients
- Interior – Tender with medium cell walls evenly distributed

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Cookies Judging Criteria

Taste – 1 Point

- At Judges Discretion

Presentation – 1 point

- Cookies should be presented in group whole/uncut
- Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied

Outside Characteristics – 1 point

- Top – Rough; rounded or smooth, depending on ingredients
- Shape - Uniform size & shape
- Color – Delicate brown top and bottom; no flour streaks

Inside Characteristics – 1 point

- Drop & Bar – Soft, chewy; interior tender
- Rolled – Crisp exterior with tender moist interior
- Refrigerator – Crisp, crunchy

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Cupcake Judging Criteria

Taste – 1 Point

- At Judges Discretion

Presentation – 1 point

- Cupcakes should be presented in group whole/uncut
- Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied

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Outside Characteristics – 1 point

- Color – uniform in color
- Shape – even/level, free from cracks or peaks
- Size/Volume – light in weight in proportion to size

Inside Characteristics – 1 point

- Grain – fine, round even cells/holes, free from tunnels
- Texture – moist tender crumb, not soggy or dry
- Blend – Well Blending of ingredients

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Fried Dough Judging Criteria

Taste – 1 Point

- At Judges Discretion

Presentation – 1 point

- Item should be presented whole/uncut
- Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied

Outside Characteristics – 1 point

- Color – uniform in color
- Shape – Distinctive of variety
- Size/Volume – light in weight in proportion to size

Inside Characteristics – 1 point

- Texture – moist tender crumb, not soggy
- Blend – Well Blending of ingredients

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage

Candy Judging Criteria

Taste – 1 Point

- At Judges Discretion

Presentation – 1 point

- Item should be presented in group whole/uncut
- Decoration (if used) – clean and properly applied

Outside Characteristics – 1 point

- Color – Uniform in color
- Shape – Distinctive of variety, uniform in shape & size

Inside Characteristics – 1 point

- Distinctive of variety

Item Wellness – 1 point

- No Spoilage – no off colors/smells that would indicate Spoilage