

2026 BAKED FOODS RULES

Who Can Enter:

Junior youth - 3rd grade ages 8 or 9 – 13 years of age
Senior youth - 14 – 18 by **September 1, 2026**
who are currently enrolled in 4-H and/or FFA members.
All UIL rules apply, (eligibility requirements – no pass/no play).

What To Enter:

Exhibitors may enter one item in each of the following categories – Cakes, Pies, and (6) Cookies. No items requiring refrigeration may be entered. No decorations on cakes or pies. **Garnishments are accepted (pecans, coconut, etc.).**
Cream Cheese icing is also accepted.

How To Enter:

Complete Rockdale Fair Baked Foods Entry Form & W-9 Form.
Entry & W-9 forms with \$30.00 fee for each category entered must be submitted to Rockdale Fair Association; PO Box 1582; Rockdale, TX 76567
Entry forms must be postmarked no later than September 14, 2026.
No late entries accepted.

Special Guidelines:

Cakes – from scratch or mix with a minimum of one additional item added.
Pies – crust can be homemade or purchased.
Cookies – cannot be purchased cookie dough. Bar type desserts will be considered cookies.

Clean-up/Set-up Day: **ALL EXHIBITORS SHOWING BAKED FOOD WILL BE REQUIRED TO COME TO ONE CLEANUP/SET UP DAY**, Sunday, October 4th, 1:30pm to 4:30pm or Sunday October 11th, 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Exhibitors will be required to sign in. **FAILURE TO ATTEND MAY RESULT IN PROBATION OR DISQUALIFICATION.**

Day of Judging:

All baked foods must be brought to the New Salem Club Building, Fair Park in Rockdale **between 8am and 10am, on Saturday, October 10, 2026.**
The complete recipe needs to be attached to the item. No exhibitor name on recipe.

Judging:

The baked food will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance. All baked food items should be displayed in or on a disposable container (container is not judged for appearance). The Rockdale Fair Association and volunteers will not be responsible for containers.

Release of Entries:

Entries must be picked up on **Saturday, October 10, 2026 between 1:30pm and 2:30 pm.** If entry not picked up by then it becomes the property of the Rockdale Fair Association.

Auction Rules:

Grand and Reserve entries in each category will be auctioned at the conclusion of the Youth Auction Sale, **Saturday, October 17, 2026.** Exhibitors placing Grand or Reserve in more than one category will only be allowed to sell one entry, with the Grand's selling over Reserve in the sale order of Cake, Pie, Cookies. In this case, the next qualified entry will move up in the sale order. Exhibitors may participate and be eligible to sell one project in each of the four sales. **All Rockdale Fair General Livestock and Youth Auction Sales Rules apply, including commission fees.**

Day of Auction: Exhibitors making the Auction must report to the Sale Arena at 5pm, Saturday, October 17, 2026, be present when their entry is auctioned and also report to Fair Park on Sunday October 18th at 10:00am for grounds clean-up.

After Auction: You are also required to bake a fresh Cake (same size), Pie (same size), or Cookies (2 dozen or more) and deliver to the Buyer within 2 weeks of the Auction. If multiple buyers only one item is required.

Any exhibitor who participates in the Baked Food auction who is the, must write thank you notes to their buyers and added money donors, leave the **stamped** thank-you notes **UNSEALED** and put your name and return address on the envelope. The thank you notes may be mailed to Rockdale Fair Association, PO Box 1582, Rockdale, TX 76567, hand delivered to Cindy in Thorndale, or **dropped off at the Livestock office on Wednesday, November 11th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**. The thank you notes are due or postmarked by **November 13, 2026**. The sale picture and delivery confirmation card; provided by the Rockdale Fair Association must be picked up by the Exhibitor, their parent or representative on **Tuesday, Dec. 8th or Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 2026, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the livestock office**. Failure to pick up the picture will result in a \$100.00 deduction from the exhibitor's sale check. The Exhibitor must personally hand deliver his/her picture to the Buyer by **January 11, 2027**. The picture confirmation card will need to be signed by the buyer when the picture is delivered, and the exhibitor will then need to **mail the card postmarked by January 11th, 2027** to the sale Secretary. Checks will be mailed after signed confirmation cards are received. Failure to write thank you notes or deliver pictures within the above time frame will result in a \$250.00 deduction for each obligation not met by date specified. If any of the obligations listed above are not met, this would be a violation of the Rockdale Fair Sale rules and the exhibitor may be sent a probation or disqualification letter.

If any questions contact:
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