

# 2026 OFFICIAL PREMIUM BOOK



**April 18 & 19 and  
April 22-26, 2026**



# 79th Pennsylvania Maple Festival General Fair Rules

Please note that changes have been made to the Premium Book. Only exhibits listed in the 2026 Pennsylvania Maple Festival Fair Premium Book will be accepted.

Exhibits not accepted will be placed on a list to be considered for the 2026 Pennsylvania Maple Festival. Premiums for each department are listed.

**\*Official Premium List can be accessed on Pennsylvania Maple Festival website: [www.pamaplefestival.com](http://www.pamaplefestival.com)**

Please read the Rules and Regulations governing the Maple Festival Fair and if there are any questions, please call the Maple Festival Office (814-634-0213) for assistance.

The Maple Festival Board cannot deviate from the Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations are based upon the "State Premium Guideline Book" published by the Agriculture Fair Program, Department of Agriculture, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A copy is available for review in the Maple Festival Office. Entries in the Premium List are the only ones that can be judged. Entries not complying will be rejected, regardless of merit. However, items for exhibition only will be accepted. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit worthy to receive. All judging is final and closed to the public.

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All exhibits must be made or grown by the exhibitor during the time period since the last Pennsylvania Maple Festival and must be entered in the name of the person making or producing the exhibit.

Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage. But the Maple Festival is not, in any way, responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, what ever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss. All articles on exhibition must be respected as private property and any persons detected destroying them or injuring them will be dealt with according to law.

The exhibits will be open to the public on **April 18 & 19 and April 22-26, 2026**. Exhibits will located in the Craft Building in the Festival Park Complex, Meyersdale Fire Department Social Hall, Main Street, and in the windows of the Borough businesses. Exhibits must be available for display until the closing of the Festival on **April 26, 2026**.

Pick up of the exhibits will begin from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on **April 27 and 28, 2026**. There will be no exceptions.

Premium checks will be issued no later than May 31, 2026. **NO PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE RE-ISSUED. CHECKS ARE ONLY VALID FOR 90 DAYS.**

# REGISTRATIONS

- **The Horse Pulling Contest (Department 1, Horses)**

Saturday, April 18, 2026 1:00 pm  
Somerset County Fair Grounds

- **Departments 8, Eggs; 11, 4-H and Vocational and Youth under 19; 12, Hay and Grain; 13, Vegetables; 14, Fruit and Nuts; 15, Section 2 – Canned Products; 17, Floral Exhibits; 18, Needlecraft; 19, Art-Photography-Crafts; and 21, Wine and Beer**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Craft Building in the Festival Park Complex, 120 Meyers Avenue, Meyersdale, PA 15552

**No entries will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2026**

**Judging is closed to the public and will be conducted April 11, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m.**

- **Quilt Show**

**Monday, March 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

The Sewing Box Quilt Shop, 144 Eleventh Avenue, Meyersdale, PA 15552

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 202 West Union Street, Somerset, PA 15501

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 202 Main Street, Meyersdale, PA 15552

**Pre-Registration** – scan and e-mail “a copy” to pamaple@verizon.net by **March 20, 2026**, or mail “a copy” of the form to PA Maple Festival, PO Box 22, Meyersdale, PA 15552.

**No entries will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2026.**

**Judging is closed to the public and will be conducted April 15, 2026.**

- **Departments 20 Group Exhibits; 22 Major Contests; 23 Maple Products; and 24 Antique Farm Equipment**

See the appropriate instructions following Department descriptions for specific entry and judging instructions.

# Department 1 - Horses

All horse divisions will take place Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Somerset County Fair Grounds  
**All horses are required to have a Negative Coggins Test and Rabies Vaccination**

## Section 9 – Horse & Pony Pulling Contest

- The Light Horse Class is defined by teams of less than 3,500 pounds.
- The Heavy Horse Class is defined by teams that weigh in at over 3,500 pounds.
- Teams that complete a first full pull will receive \$50, with the exception of teams receiving premiums.
- Premiums for Classes 1 and 2 are 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$275, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250, 4<sup>th</sup> \$225, and 5<sup>th</sup> \$200.

### Class

1. Lightweight Horse
2. Heavyweight Horse
3. First Full Pull

# Department 11 – Youth, 4-H and Vocational

This Department is broken down into three age divisions

- A. Ages 8 years and under      B. Ages 9 years to 12 years      C. Ages 13 years to 19 years

## Section 1 – Baked Goods

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Candy – six pieces on disposable plate and properly wrapped in plastic.
  - a. Chocolate covered
  - b. Fudge
  - c. Maple coated nuts
  - d. Hard tack
  - e. Caramels.
  - f. Other
  
2. Cookies – six on disposable plate and properly wrapped in plastic.
  - a. Bar cookies
  - b. Drop cookies
  - c. Rolled cookies
  - d. Pressed cookies
  - e. Refrigerated cookies
  - f. Sandwich cookies
  - g. Decorated cookies
  - h. No Bake cookies
  - i. Maple cookies
  - j. Other

## Section 17 - Floral Exhibits

- Section 17 exhibits must be grown by the exhibitors.
- The uniformity of height, color, or size is an important factor in evaluating entries.
- Flowers in each entry must be of one color and variety unless otherwise stated.

### Class

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

- |             |           |              |                   |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Begonias | 3. Coleus | 5. Geraniums | 7. Philodendron   |
| 2. Cacti    | 4. Ferns  | 6. Ivy       | 8. African Violet |

## Section 18 - Textiles

Each article must have been made by the exhibitor within the current year.

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Pillow
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Crochet
  - c. Knitted
2. Potholder
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Woven
3. Purse
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Crochet
  - c. Knitted
4. Scarf
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Crochet
  - c. Knitted

# Department 11 – Youth, 4-H and Vocational

This Department is broken down into three age divisions

- A. Ages 8 years and under      B. Ages 9 years to 12 years      C. Ages 13 years to 19 years

## Section 18A - Clothing & Textiles

Each article must have been made by the exhibitor within the current year.

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

#### 1. Clothing & Textiles

- a. Pillow
- b. Placemats & Napkins
- c. Potholder
- d. Fabric Square Wall Hanging
- e. Apron
- f. Bags
  - 1. Log Carrier
  - 2. Purse
  - 3. Travel Case
  - 4. Tote Bag
  - 5. Gym Bag
  - 6. Back Pack
- l. Wraps & Scarves
- m. Nightie
- n. Robe
- o. Vest
- p. Jumper
- qr. Dress
  - 1. Simple Dress
  - 2. Shirtwaist Dress
- r. Slack / Pants
- s. Pants & Tops
- t. Jumpsuit
- u. Skirt
  - 1. Wool Skirt
  - 2. Velveteen Skirt
- v. Shirt / Top
- w. T-Shirt
- x. Garment
  - 1. Tailored Garment
  - 2. Fashion Garment
- y. Other

# Department 11 – Youth, 4-H and Vocational

This Department is broken down into three age divisions

- A. Ages 8 years and under      B. Ages 9 years to 12 years      C. Ages 13 years to 19 years

## Section 18B - Knitting & Crocheting

Each article must have been made by the exhibitor within the current year.

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Knitting - Beginners
  - a. Headband or Head-Hugger
  - b. Triangle Head Scarf or Neck Scarf
  - c. Slippers
  - d. Simple Shell
  - e. Miscellaneous
2. Knitting - Intermediate
  - a. Headband or Head-Hugger
  - b. Triangle Head Scarf or Neck Scarf
  - c. Slippers
  - d. Simple Shell
  - e. Miscellaneous
3. Knitting - Advanced
  - a. Garment
  - b. Miscellaneous
4. Crocheting - Beginners
  - a. Scarf or Headband
  - b. Belt, Purse, Hat
  - c. Mittens or Slippers
  - d. Miscellaneous
5. Crocheting - Intermediate
  - a. Sweater, Vest or Poncho
  - b. Shawl or Scarf
  - c. Accessories (Tie, Belt, Mittens, Purse or Hat)
  - d. Miscellaneous
6. Crocheting - Advanced
  - a. Sweater, Vest or Poncho
  - b. Dress, Coat, Jacket or Skirt
  - c. Accessories (Tie, Scarf, Socks, Gloves or Hat)
  - d. Miscellaneous

# Department 11 – Youth, 4-H and Vocational

This Department is broken down into three age divisions

- A. Ages 8 years and under      B. Ages 9 years to 12 years      C. Ages 13 years to 19 years

## Section 19A – Art & Handcrafts

Each article must have been made by the exhibitor within the current year.

- | Class                             | Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ceramics                       | 16. Pottery                           |
| 2. Handmade toys                  | a. Hand sculpted objects              |
| a. Creative and traditional dolls | b. Coil pots                          |
| b. Toys                           | c. Pinch pots/Slab pots               |
| c. Puppets                        | d. Made using wheel                   |
| 3. Leather                        | 17. Paper Art                         |
| 4. Cones and nut work             | a. Paper mâché                        |
| 5. Metal work                     | b. Paper cutting                      |
| 6. Models                         | c. Tissue paper art                   |
| a. Cars                           | d. Quilling                           |
| b. Trucks                         | e. Other                              |
| c. Airplanes                      | 18. Designs                           |
| e. K'nex models                   | a. Straw                              |
| f. Other                          | b. Shell                              |
| 7. Legos                          | c. Pom-pom                            |
| a. Cars                           | d. Fun with fabrics                   |
| b. Trucks                         | e. Wax                                |
| c. Animals                        | f. String Art                         |
| d. Plants or Flowers              | g. Mosaic                             |
| e. Small Scenery (under 12x12)    | h. Coiling                            |
| f. Large Scenery (over 12x12)     | i. Dough art                          |
| g. Other                          | j. Styrofoam                          |
| 8. Rocketry                       | k. Scrapbooking                       |
| 9. Sand art                       | l. Egg designs                        |
| 10. Flowers                       | m. Other                              |
| a. Pressed                        | 19. Wood Craft                        |
| b. Dried                          | a. Small                              |
| 11. Jewelry                       | b. Large                              |
| 12. Beadwork                      | c. Birdhouses                         |
| a. Magnets                        | d. Furniture                          |
| b. Key chains                     | e. Wood carving                       |
| c. Other                          | f. Whittling                          |
| 13. Seed work                     | g. Wood burning                       |
| 14. Decoupage                     | h. Popsicle                           |
| a. On glass                       | i. Other                              |
| b. On other surfaces              | 20. Maple                             |
| 15. Sun-catchers                  | a. Small                              |
|                                   | b. Medium                             |
|                                   | c. Large                              |

# Department 11 – Youth, 4-H and Vocational

This Department is broken down into three age divisions

- A. Ages 8 years and under      B. Ages 9 years to 12 years      C. Ages 13 years to 19 years

## Section 19B - Art and Photography

- Each article must have been made by the exhibitor within the current year.
- Paintings, drawings and pictures must be mounted, framed and ready to hand for display

### Class

Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show

#### 1. Pictures – Original Oil Paintings

- Portraits
- Scenery
- Still Life
- Other

#### 2. Pictures – Others

- Paint by number
- Tole
- Acrylic
- Foil Art
- Stain Art
- Spin Art
- Other

#### 3. Drawings

- Water Color
- Pen and ink
- Prints and Etchings
- Charcoal
- Pencil Drawings
- Crayon
- Colored Pencil
- Pastel Color
- Fuzzy Poster
- Markers
- Other

#### 4. Photography

- Landscape
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Portraits
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Still life
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Animal
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Sports
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Flowers
  - Black and white
  - Color
- Collage
  - Black and White
  - Color

# Department 12 - Hay / Grain

## Section 1 – Grain and Seed Crops

If the fair management believes any of the exhibits were shown in previous years, those entries may be refused.

### Class

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

1. Corn (three ears)
  - a. Open pollinated
    1. Large Indian Ornamental
    2. Mini Indian Corn
2. Corn (shelled / 4 quarts)
  - a. Hybrid dent
3. Oats

## Section 2 - Hay

The exhibit can be shown in appropriate clear, flat, plastic bags

### Class

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

1. Alfalfa or Alfalfa grass mixed first cutting. Not over 50% grasses.
2. Alfalfa or Alfalfa grass mixed later cutting. Not over 50% grasses.
3. Other Legumes or Legume grass mixture. Not over 50% grasses.
4. Grass – first cutting. Mixture of Timothy and/or other grasses containing not more than 10% legumes.
5. Grass – second cutting. Mixture of Timothy and/or other grasses containing not more than 10% legumes.
6. Mixed hay – any mixture not classified in the previous classes, but which contains 50% or more singly or in combination of Alfalfa, Timothy. Clover and grasses.
7. Legume Hay
8. Baleage

## Section 3 - Silage

Silage crop must be named. Large plastic bags may be used.

### Class

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

1. Corn Silage

# Department 13 - Vegetables

- In selecting vegetables for exhibition, choose such specimens that would bring the highest market prices.
- Do not select the largest; select medium size specimens.
- Avoid mixing vegetables.
- Read premium material. Carefully follow all rules and regulations. If an entry calls for five specimens, exhibit that number; do not enter four or six. Your exhibit will be disqualified for having a number of specimens other than that stipulated.
- These factors are generally used by an expert vegetable judge:
  - Trueness to variety type. Pick the specimens from one variety.
  - Uniformity in size, shape and color.
  - Pick out a perfect specimen; then select others as similar to it as possible. Never mix specimens or varying maturities.
  - Protect from dirt, disease, infection and mechanical damage. Select specimens that are perfect and show no blemishes of any kind.
  - Condition and maturity. Be sure exhibits are of high quality.
  - Potatoes should not be washed. Remove soil using a soft cloth or brush.
  - Tomatoes should have stems removed. Carrots, beets, etc. should have tops (leaves) removed leaving about two inches of stems.

## Class

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

1. Onion sets – one point, mature for storage
  - a. Multiplier
  
2. Herbs - 1 bunch of 5 stems or leaves
  - a. Spearmint
  - b. Peppermint
  - c. Dill
  - d. Lemon Balm
  - e. Basil
  - f. Chives
  - g. Parsley
  - h. Rosemary
  - i. Thyme
  - j. Other
  
3. Any other vegetable worthy of exhibition

# Department 14 – Edible Nuts

- In selecting vegetables\_for exhibition, choose such specimens that would bring the highest market prices.
- Do not select the largest, select medium size.
- Select specimens as nearly alike as possible.
- Exhibitors must designate the particular class(es) for which they are competing and tag packages properly.
- All nuts must have been grown in the community surrounding the fair within the past year.
- Ten specimens of each variety are to be entered. Specimens must be displayed on a plate.

The following score is to be used as the basis for judging exhibits:

<u>Exterior Quality</u>	
Size (total weight)	16 points
Uniformity of color	12 points
Uniformity of shape	12 points
Shell Texture	12 points
Condition	12 points
Interior Quality	<u>36 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>

## **Class**

1. American Black Walnuts
2. Hazelnuts
3. Hickory Nuts
4. Native American or Chinese Chestnuts

Premiums: \$3, \$2, \$1, Best of Show

# Department 15 - Home Produced Products

- All products must have been made by the exhibitor. Premiums will not be paid for commercial products.
- After judging, the fair may display only a portion of the product for the fair exhibit.

## Section 1 – Baked Goods

**Class** Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Candy – six pieces on disposable plate and properly wrapped in plastic.

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|----------------------|--------------|
| a. Chocolate covered | d. Hard tack |
| b. Fudge             | e. Caramels  |
| c. Maple coated nuts | f. Other     |

2. Cookies – six on disposable plate and properly wrapped in plastic.

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Bar cookies          | f. Sandwich cookies  |
| b. Drop cookies         | g. Decorated cookies |
| c. Rolled cookies       | h. No bake cookies   |
| d. Pressed cookies      | i. Maple cookies     |
| e. Refrigerated cookies | j. Other             |

## Section 2 – Homemade Items

**Class** Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Homemade Soap – six pieces on disposable plate and properly wrapped in plastic.

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|----------------|----------|
| a. Goat's milk | c. Lye   |
| b. Glycerin    | d. Other |

## Section 3 - Canned or Dried Products

- Canned foods are to be judged on quality, general appearance and container.
- Use standard, clear quart/pint glass jars for preserving and exhibiting fruits, vegetables and meats.
- Use two-piece self-sealing lids (flat discs and metal screw bands) for sealing all jars of food.
- Pickles and relishes are judged on size, uniformity, clearness, color and arrangement.
- Dried Fruits and Vegetables are judged on quality and general appearance.

**Class** Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

1. Canned Fruits

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Applesauce              | d. Pears             |
| b. Dark Cherries with pits | e. Cherries - pitted |
| c. Peaches                 | f. Other             |

2. Canned Vegetables

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| a. Beans, green | e. Sauerkraut     |
| b. Carrots      | f. Tomatoes       |
| c. Corn         | g. Vegetable soup |
| d. Pumpkin      | h. Other          |

# Department 15 - Home Produced Products

## Section 3 - Canned or Dried Products

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

#### 3. Canned Meats

- a. Beef
- b. Chicken
- c. Fish
- d. Pork
- e. Venison
- f. Other

#### 4. Pickles and Relishes

- a. Beets
- b. Chow Chow
- c. Cucumbers
  1. Bread and Butter
  2. Dill
  3. Sweet
  4. Other
- d. Peppers
  1. Hot
  2. Sweet
  3. Other
- e. Relishes
  1. Hot Pepper
  2. Sweet Pepper
  3. Zucchini
  4. Tomato
  5. Cucumber
  6. Other

#### 5. Dried Fruits and Vegetables

- a. Apples
- b. Corn
- c. Beans
- d. Peppers
- e. Other

#### 6. Culinary Delights

- a. Horseradish
- b. Barbeque Sauce
- c. Salsa
- d. Spaghetti Sauce
- e. Tomato Catsup
- f. Tomato Sauce
- g. Toppings
- h. Tomato Soup
- i. Mustard
  - a. Hot
  - b. Sweet
- j. Other

#### 7. Noodles - dried (one cup)

- a. Long noodles
- b. Short noodles
- d. Very thin noodles
- d. Shaped noodles
- e. Other

#### 8. Snack Foods

- a. Potato chips
- b. Popcorn
- c. Pretzels
- d. Snack Mix
- e. Other

# Department 15 - Home Produced Products

## Section 4 - Jams, Jellies, Marmalades, Preserves

- Definitions:

- o Jelly – Made from strained juice. Must be crystal clear & shimmering.
- o Jam – Made from crushed or chopped fruit.
- o Butters – Made from cooked fruit pulp. May be fine texture.
- o Conserves – Jam like product containing two or more fruits and possibly nuts or raisins.
- o Marmalades – Small pieces of fruit or peel suspended in transparent jelly.
- o Preserves - Chunked pieces of fruit in a soft jelly base.

### Class

Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

#### 1. Butters

- a. Apple
- b. Apricot
- c. Cherry
- d. Grape
- e. Orange
- f. Peach
- g. Pear
- h. Plum
- i. Tomato
- j. Other

#### 2. Jams

- a. Blackberry
- b. Cherry
- c. Currant
- d. Peach
- e. Plum
- f. Raspberry/Black
- g. Strawberry
- h. Other

#### 3. Jellies

- a. Apple
- b. Blackberry
- c. Cherry
- d. Currant
- e. Elderberry
- f. Grape
- g. Peach
- h. Raspberry/Black
- i. Raspberry/Red
- j. Other

#### 4. Marmalades

- a. Grape
- b. Orange
- c. Peach
- d. Tomato
- e. Other

#### 5. Preserves and Conserves

- a. Blueberry
- b. Cherry
- c. Peach
- d. Plum
- e. Other

# Department 17 - Floral Exhibits

- The use or display of artificial flowers is prohibited, and no premiums will be paid on them.
- Plants will not be accepted for exhibition unless they have been growing in containers for two months.
- The management will not undertake the task of returning exhibits, and will not be responsible for the return of exhibits. Baskets or containers must be supplied by the exhibitors, and will be given every possible care, but the management cannot assume responsibility for their safety.
- Flowers or plants entered for competition must be of more than ordinary standard and quality to be entitled to an award.
- All entries must have been grown by exhibitors, except for those in arrangement classes.

## Section 1 - Flowering House Plants

Class	Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
1. African Violets (any color or bicolor) a. Single b. Double	4. Hyacinth 5. Calla Lily 6. Gerbera Daisy 7. Orchid
2. Primrose	9. Peace Lily
3. Begonias	10. Other

## Section 2 - Foliage

Only one species per pot except in collection class. Pots are not to exceed 10" in width.

Class	Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
1. Cacti a. Christmas b. Garden c. Other	6. Palm 7. Dish Garden 8. Potted Ivy a. English b. Variegated c. Other
2. Fern	9. Other
3. Geranium	
4. Philodendron	
5. Succulent	

## Section 3 - Artistic Arrangements

Class	Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show	
1. Dried Arrangement a. Wreath b. Basket c. Container 1. Glass 2. Metal 3. Ceramic 4. Other d. Other	2. Artificial Arrangement a. Wreath b. Basket c. Container 1. Glass 2. Metal 3. Ceramic 4. Other d. Other	3. Fresh Arrangement a. Wreath b. Basket c. Container 1. Glass 2. Metal 3. Ceramic 4. Other d. Other

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

- No article can compete as more than one entry, that is, an article can be judged only one time.
- All clothing must be laundered and ironed.
- Each exhibit will be judged on workmanship, worth of article, appropriateness of material and design.
- Basis for judging household and needlework exhibits:
- Plain sewing – Lingerie and aprons to be judged on:
  - o Worth of article
  - o Materials and trimmings – appropriateness and quality
  - o Workmanship – method of construction, choice and execution of stitches
- Dressmaking – Simple house dresses, shirtwaist, skirt, simple school dress to be judged on:
  - o Materials and trimmings – appropriateness, quality, color and design
  - o Design – simplicity of line, harmony of color, appropriateness
  - o Workmanship – method of construction choice and execution of stitches
- Embroidery and Crocheting – Simple designs and edges for trimming to be judged on:
  - o Worth of article
  - o Material – appropriateness and suitability for use for which it was made
  - o Design – simplicity and appropriateness
  - o Workmanship
- Knitting – to be judged on:
  - o Worth of article
  - o Workmanship – execution of stitches – perfection

## Section 1 - Clothing

- Each exhibit to consist of one garment.
- Each garment to be judged on material, color, design, suitability and workmanship.
- All articles of clothing must have been made since the close of last year's fair by the exhibitor.

### Class - Senior Women's Wear

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Street Dress           | Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show    |
| a. Cotton or cotton blend |  |
| b. Wool or wool blend     |  |
| c. Synthetic              |  |
| 2. Two Piece Dress        | Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show    |
| a. Cotton or cotton blend |  |
| b. Wool or wool blend     |  |
| c. Synthetic              |  |
| 3. Formal Wear            |  |
| a. Long                   | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show   |
| b. Street Length          | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show    |
| 4. Winter Coats           | Premiums: \$15, \$12, \$10, Best of Show |

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 1 - Clothing

### Class - Senior Women's Wear

5. Suit – Jackets and Skirt
  - a. Cotton or cotton Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or Wool blend Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, Best of Show
  
6. Pant Suit – Top & Long Pants
  - a. Cotton or cotton blend Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or Wool blend Premiums: \$15, \$12, \$10, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic Premiums: \$15, \$12, \$10, Best of Show
  
7. Slacks
  - a. Cotton or cotton blend Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or Wool blend Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  
8. Jackets
  - a. Cotton or cotton blend Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or wool blend Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
  - d. Fleece Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
  
9. Blouse
  - a. Tailored Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - b. Other Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  
10. Skirt
  - a. Cotton or cotton blend Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or wool blend Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  
11. Jumpers Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  
12. Shorts or culottes Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  
13. Sleepwear
  - a. Adult Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - b. Children Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - c. House coat or robe Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  
14. Aprons
  - a. Kitchen apron Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - b. Fancy apron Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 1 - Clothing

### Class - Senior Women's Wear

15. Ensemble – 3 or more pieces
- a. Cotton or cotton blend                      Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, Best of Show
  - b. Wool or wool blend                            Premiums: \$15, \$12, \$10, Best of Show
  - c. Synthetic     Premiums: \$15, \$12, \$10, Best of Show
16. Art to wear – garments including hand dyed fabrics or fabric manipulated items
- Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
- a. Shirts
  - b. Vests
  - c. Jackets
  - d. Skirts

### Class - Children's Wear

17. Children's garments
- a. Infant's garments-girl                      Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - b. Infant garment-boy                            Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - c. Girl's dresses (1-6)                            Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - d. Girl's dresses (7-12)                         Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show
  - e. Boy's suit (1-6)                                Premiums: \$7, \$6, \$5, Best of Show
  - f. Child's Coat                                    Premiums: \$7, \$6, \$5, Best of Show
  - g. Shirts    Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - h. Vests     Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - i. Jumper (1-6)                                    Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - j. Jumper (7-12)                                 Premiums: \$5, \$4, \$3, Best of Show
  - k. Skirt (1-6)                                     Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - l. Skirt (7-12)                                     Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
  - m. Child pant                                    Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show
18. Doll clothing                                   Premiums: \$4, \$3, \$2, Best of Show

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 2 - Needlework

### Class

1. Pictures – framed  
a. Crewel  
b. Needlepoint  
c. Cross stitched  
d. Counted cross stitch  
e. Other  
Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show
2. Centerpieces  
a. Crochet edge  
b. Crochet solid  
c. Embroidered  
d. Knitted  
e. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
3. Scarves – dresser  
a. Crochet edge  
b. Crochet solid  
c. Embroidered  
d. Knitted  
e. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
4. Handkerchiefs  
a. Crochet edge  
b. Embroidered  
c. Knitted edge  
d. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
5. Bonnets  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
6. Pillows  
a. Crewel  
b. Crochet  
c. Embroidered  
d. Knitted  
e. Needlepoint  
f. Novelty  
f. Novelty  
g. Pieced  
h. Counted cross stitch  
Hooked  
j. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
7. Toys – stuffed  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show

## Section 2 - Needlework

### Class

8. Baby Bibs  
a. Crochet  
b. Knitted  
c. Embroidered  
d. Cross stitch  
e. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show
9. Baby Bunting  
a. Crochet  
b. Knitted  
c. Other  
Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 2 - Needlework

### Class

10. Purses Premiums; \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet c. Needlepoint  
b. Knitted d. Other
11. Pot Holders Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet  
b. Knitted  
c. Other
12. Dishcloths Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet  
b. Knitted  
c. Other
13. Luncheon Cloth and Napkins Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet Edge c. Knitted  
b. Embroidered d. Other
14. Tablecloths Premiums: \$8, \$5, \$4, Best of Show  
a. Crochet Edge d. Knitted solid  
b. Knitted Edge e. Embroidered  
c. Crochet solid f. Other
15. Place Mats Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet c. Embroidered  
b. Knitted d. Other
16. Towels Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet edge c. Embroidered  
b. Knitted edge d. Other
17. Pillow Cases Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet edge c. Embroidered  
b. Knitted edge d. Other
18. Hats Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  
a. Crochet  
b. Knitted  
c. Other

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 2 - Needlework

### Class

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 19. Neck Scarf                       | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           |  |
| b. Knitted                           |  |
| c. Other                             |  |
| 20. Sweater, Hat, Bootie Set         | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           |  |
| b. Knitted                           |  |
| c. Other                             |  |
| 21. Socks, Slippers, Booties (child) | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 22. Socks, Slippers, Booties (adult) | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 23. Mittens, Gloves (child)          | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 24. Mittens, Gloves (adult)          | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 25. Sweater (child)                  | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 26. Sweater (adult)                  | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
| a. Crochet                           | b. Knitted                             |
| 27. Seat Covers                      | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Quilted                           | d. Crochet                             |
| b. Braided                           | e. Knitted                             |
| c. Hooked                            | f. Other                               |
| 28. Doll Clothing                    | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                           |  |
| b. Knitted                           |  |
| c. Fabric                            |  |
| 29. Miscellaneous needlework         | Premiums: \$6, \$4, \$2, Best of Show  |

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 3 - Afghans

Items accepted and displayed only at the Craft Building in the Festival Park Complex.

### Class

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Small (under 20 sq. ft.) | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                  |  |
| b. Knitted                  |  |
| c. Woven                    |  |
| 2. Medium (20-30 sq. ft.)   | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
| a. Crochet                  |  |
| b. Knitted                  |  |
| c. Woven                    |  |
| 3. Large (over 30 sq. ft.)  | Premiums: \$12, 10, \$8, Best of Show  |
| a. Crochet                  |  |
| b. Knitted                  |  |
| c. Woven                    |  |
| 4. Baby                     | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show  |

# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 4 – Quilts (QUILT SHOW)

- Items accepted and displayed only at the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.
- **The Pennsylvania Maple Festival is not responsible for any unclaimed items.**
- **Entries: Please note, the class divisions have changed.** There is no fee. All entries must be clean, smoke free, and odor free. A sleeve for hanging is appreciated but not mandatory.
- **Pre-Registration:** To pre-register and provide entry descriptions to speed up registration, please scan and e-mail “a copy” of your registration form to the [pamaple.quilt@gmail.com](mailto:pamaple.quilt@gmail.com) by March 20, 2026, or mail “a copy” of the form to PA Maple Festival - PO Box 222 - Meyersdale, PA 15552
- **Walk-in Registrations:**
  - **Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at The Sewing Box Quilt Shop, 144 Eleventh Avenue, Meyersdale, PA 15552
  - **Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, 202 West Union Street, Somerset, PA 15501.
  - **Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.
- **Entry Pick-Up:** Promptly **AFTER 5:00 p.m.** until 6:00 p.m. on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, at the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall. **NO items will be released without a claim tag.**
- **Limit:** The number of entries is unlimited but **only one (1) entry per class category may be judged.**
- **Entry Price or Value:** The owner determines entry price or value. This must be completed even if the item is not for sale. For items that are for sale, the entry owner sets the item price or value. The Maple Festival adds an additional 20% to the sales price to cover building rental expenses. All judged items must remain in the festival exhibit for the duration of the festival. If sold, arrangements will be made to deliver to the buyer. Entries for sale and not judged are displayed if space is available
- All exhibits to be judged must be made by the exhibitor during the time period since the last Maple Festival and must be entered in the name of the person making or producing the exhibit. Entries will be judged on a point system on general appearance, design and composition and workmanship. Premiums will not be awarded if quilts in a category do not meet quality criteria.
- Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage, but the Maple Festival is not, in any way, responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss. All articles on exhibition must be respected as private property and any persons detected destroying them will be dealt with according to law.

**Questions?** Please contact Grace Baker at 814-634-0213 or email [pamaple@verizon.net](mailto:pamaple@verizon.net). For information about the festival or to download a registration form, visit [www.pamaplefestival.com](http://www.pamaplefestival.com).



# Department 18 - Needlecraft

## Section 4 – Quilts (QUILT SHOW)

### Class

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 11. Whole cloth - Hand or machine quilted<br>Pre-printed fabric is permitted | Premiums: \$25, \$15, \$10 |
| a. Bed size (king, queen, full or twin)                                      |                            |
| b. Other (anything less than 60 x 80)  |                            |
| 12. Youth – Hand or machine quilted  | Premiums: \$25, \$15, \$10 |
| a. Age 12 years and under  |                            |
| b. Age 13 years to 19 years  |                            |
| 13. Premium Awards (at judges' discretion)                                   | Premiums: \$20             |
| a. People's Choice Adult   |                            |
| b. People's Choice Youth   |                            |
| c. Queen's Choice  |                            |
| 14. Special Premium Awards (at judge's discretion)                           | Premiums \$30              |
| a. Best hand quilting  |                            |
| b. Best machine quilting   |                            |
| c. Best use of color   |                            |
| d. Best maple theme  |                            |
| 15. Quilt of Merit   | Premium: no premium given  |

## Section 5 - Rugs

### Class

- |            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Braided | Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4 |
| 2. Hooked  |                         |
| 3. Loom    |                         |
| 4. Other   |                         |

# Department 19- Arts / Photography / Crafts

## Section 1 - Paintings & Photography

- Paintings must have been done by exhibitor.
- All paintings must be suitably framed and ready for hanging.
- All photographs are to be matted and/or framed and ready for hanging. No photographs smaller than 5x7.
- Work must be original. Copies and kit paintings are not eligible for prizes.
- Only one entry in same class.

### Class

- |                                |                     |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1. Photographs – black & white |                     | Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Landscape                   | d. Animal           | g. Collage                             |
| b. Portrait                    | e. Sports           | h. Other                               |
| c. Still Life                  | f. Plants & Flowers |  |
|                                |                     |  |
| 2. Photographs – color         |                     | Premiums: \$6, \$5, \$4, Best of Show  |
| a. Landscape                   | d. Animal           | g. Collage                             |
| b. Portrait                    | e. Sports           | h. Other                               |
| c. Still Life                  | f. Plants & Flowers |  |
|                                |                     |  |
| 3. Paintings                   |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
| a. Oils                        | b. Watercolors      | c. Acrylics                            |
|                                |                     |  |
| 4. Drawings                    |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
| a. Pen & Ink                   | c. Pastels          |  |
| b. Charcoal                    | d. Pencils          |  |
|                                |                     |  |
| 5. Mixed Media                 |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
|                                |                     |  |
| 6. Print Making                |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
|                                |                     |  |
| 7. Tole Painting               |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |
| a. Canvas                      |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
| b. Wood                        |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
| c. Slate                       |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
| d. Container                   |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
| e. Metal                       |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
| f. Decoration                  |                     |  |
| 1. Flowers                     | 2. Animals          | 3. Still Life                          |
|                                |                     | 4. Other                               |
|                                |                     |  |
| 8. Design Graphics             |                     | Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show |

# Department 19- Arts / Photography / Crafts

## Section 2 - Handcrafts

- All exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor. No commercial articles accepted.
- Ceramic articles should have identification marks to indicate that they are originals.
- Only one entry in the same class.

### Class

Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show

1. Bead Work
  - a. Jewelry
  - b. Banners
  - c. Other
2. Cone and Nut
3. Creative dolls
4. Creative Christmas
  - a. On the tree
  - b. Under the tree
  - c. Off the tree
5. Creative flowers
6. Designs in straw work
7. Pottery
  - a. Hand sculpted objects
  - b. Coil pots
  - c. Pinch pots/slab pots
  - d. Made using wheel
8. Hand-woven pieces
9. Jewelry hand wrought
10. Leather work
11. Seed work
12. Textile painting or batik
13. Wood carving or whittling
14. Cast plaster sculpture
15. Sand painting
16. Woodcraft
  - a. Toys
  - b. Household items
  - c. Scrollwork
  - d. Other
17. Centerpieces
18. Plastic Canvas Needlework
  - a. Toys
  - b. Magnets
  - c. Useful
  - d. Decorative
19. Metal Tooling
20. Wall Hangings
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Wood or natural
  - c. Other
21. Macrame
22. Stained glass
23. Art to wear
  - a. T-shirt
  - b. Sweatshirt
  - c. Other
24. Creative Holiday – non Christmas
  - a. Easter
  - b. Summer
  - c. Fall
  - d. Halloween
  - e. Thanksgiving
  - f. Winter
  - g. Other

# Department 19- Arts / Photography / Crafts

## Section 2 - Handcrafts

### Class

Premiums: \$8, \$6, \$4, Best of Show

#### 26. Button work

- a. Jewelry
- b. Wall art
- c. Novelty

#### 27. Legos

- a. Cars
- b. Trucks
- c. Animals
- d. Plants or flowers
- e. Others

#### 28. Scrapbooking

- a. Mini Album: covers, pages made from non-traditional items (e.g. CDs, paper bags, etc.)
- b. Word Book: spells out a word (e.g. OVR, Tim, etc.)
- c. Small Scrapbook (smaller than 8.5 x 11)
- d. Large Scrapbook (8.5 x 11 or larger)

# Department 20 - Group Exhibits

## Section 1 - Window Display Contest

During the Maple Festival, Meyersdale is decorated with beautiful window displays containing antiques, interesting collections and artwork. Final day to register is April 10, 2026, (register at the Maple Festival office).

### Class

1. Commercial
2. Collector's / Hobby

3. Maple
4. Antique

Premiums: \$25, \$15, \$10, Best of Show

5. Painted Window
6. America's 250th

## Section 2 – Tractor Pulling Contest

- Tractor Pulling Contests will take place April 25 & 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the Somerset County Fair Grounds
- There is at \$10 hook fee per tractor class.

### Class

Premiums: \$20, \$15, \$10

#### 1. Garden Tractor Pull (April 25, 2026)

- |                       |                         |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. 12 HP Stock Kids   | d. 16 Hot Stock Twins   | g. 20 HP Stock Twins          |
| b. 12 HP Stock Adults | e. 12 HP Modified Twins | h. Mountain Ridge Combo Twins |
| c. 16 PH Open         | f. 20 HP Mod V Twins    |                               |

#### 2. Deadweight Tractor Pull (April 26, 2026)

- |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| a. 3,500 pounds | c. 5,500 pounds | f. 8,500 pounds |
| b. 4,500 pounds | d. 6,500 pounds | g. 9,500 pounds |
| c. 5,500 pounds | e. 7,500 pounds |                 |

# Department 21 - Wine and Beer

- Wines entered for competition must be home produced by an amateur and comply with Federal Regulation 540.
- Beer entries must be homemade.
- Only one entry (one bottle) per category.
- All bottles must be labeled the year.
- Wines are judged on presentation, clarity, color, body, taste, finish, and bouquet.

## Section 1 - Wine

### Class

Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6

1. White Table Wines (Dry or Semi-Sweet, less than 3% sugar)
  - a. Old Eastern Grape
  - b. Blended
  - c. Apple
  - d. Other fruits
2. Red Table Wines (Dry or Semi-Sweet, less than 3% sugar)
  - a. Old Eastern Grape
  - b. Blended
  - c. Concord
  - d. Elderberry
  - e. Red Raspberry
  - f. Black Raspberry
  - f. Other fruits
3. Pink and Rose Wines (Dry or Semi-Sweet, less than 3% sugar)
  - a. Grape
  - b. Blackberry
  - c. Mixed fruit
  - d. Other fruit
4. Sweet Wines (3% or more sugar)
  - a. Grape, white
  - b. Grape, red
  - c. Blackberry
  - d. Elderberry
  - e. Strawberry
  - f. Peach
  - g. Pear
  - h. Plum
  - i. Dandelion
  - j. Other
5. Sparkling
  - a. White
  - b. Red
  - c. Pink
6. Most attractive packaging – standard wine bottle, label capsule, etc.

# Department 21 - Wine and Beer

## Section 2 - Beer

- Open to Pennsylvania residents only.
- Brew must be shown in glass bottles, 7-32 oz. size with a crown cap.
- All labels and writing must be removed from the bottle.
- An exhibitor may enter 3 homebrews, but only one per class, one entry ticket.
- Judging will be based on aroma, appearance, flavor, body, drinkability, and overall impressions.

Class	Premiums: \$10, \$8, \$6, Best of Show
1. Ale	3. Stout – very dark, coffee look, thick head
a. Light - American to Pales	
b. Amber - Reds, Bitters	4. Specialty Brews – Fruit, Spices, Grains
c. Dark – Browns to Stouts	
2. Lagers	
a. Light – Pils, Vienna, Marzen	
b. Lagers – Bocks	

# Department 22 – Major Contests

## Section 1 – Grand Feature Parade

- Grand Feature Parade will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. on Beachley and Center Streets in Meyersdale.
- Entries are judged and scored by the All American Judges Association

Class	Premiums:
1. Bands	\$500, \$400, \$300
2. Baton & Drum Corp	\$100, \$75, \$50
3. Marching Drill / Drum Corp	\$300, \$200
4. Fife and Drum Corps	\$100
5. Special Music	\$100

## Section 2 – Pennsylvania Maple Queen Contest

- 79th Pennsylvania Maple Queen Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Meyersdale Area High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Contestants will be judged by an independent panel of judges and the judging criteria includes talent, interview, and poise and composure.

Premiums:  
Queen Maple LXXIX - \$2,500  
First Maid of Honor - \$1,000  
Second Maid of Honor - \$500  
Two Top 5 Finalists no receiving a title - \$100 each  
Maple Princesses - \$50 each

# Department 23 – Maple Products

- The Maple Products Judging Contest will take place on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Maple Festival Park's Sugar Shack.
- Exhibit entries will take place 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026.
- Judging is performed by the Penn State Forest Resources Department. Judging is closed to the public; only judges and committee members are permitted in the exhibit area during judging.
- Competing entries of 100% pure maple products shall be produced or made in Somerset County, PA (or by a member of the Somerset County Maple Producers Association), by the exhibitor in the current season (only exception is Category 10, Gift Pack, which allows for additional added-value products not limited to "made in Somerset County").
- No entry fee will be charged, and no charge will be made for display space.
- No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any single class. Prizes will be awarded for first through fifth places, but only first, second, and third will be made public. Fourth and fifth place will be awarded discreetly.
- All exhibits shall remain the property of the exhibitor, providing same are claimed after 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 28, 2026, at Maple Festival Park.
- No premium will be awarded in any class unless the exhibits are worthy. (The judge may withhold any premium for lack of merit.)
- Syrup entries must be color grade labeled. We will use the new International Color Grade system. Color must be no darker than International visual color/grade standards but not equal to next lighter color/grade. Syrup with a density below 66.0 Brix will be disqualified.
- For guidance in future contests, each exhibitor will receive a confidential judge's report by points for each class entered.
- Producer names should be included on products (product should be labeled as for sale). Judges will not see producer names when judging product (with the exception of Gift Packs).
- To support the Pennsylvania Maple Festival, we are encouraging all producers to exhibit. If you will be willing to exhibit but do not wish to have your product judged, simply mark your container "for exhibit only".

## **CHAMPION SYRUP AWARD**

The producer of the syrup entry which receives the highest judging score in either Classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 will receive the "Champion Syrup Award".

## **PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE KING**

To enter for the title of Pennsylvania Maple King, the exhibitor must designate 8 of the 10 classes in which he wishes to be judged on for the title when registering. More than 8 will not be accepted for the title, but can be entered separately for prize competition.

The Pennsylvania Maple King title shall remain a one year term. The chosen King is encouraged to escort the Pennsylvania Maple Queen at the contest, but has the option for a replacement. However, it is mandatory that he attend the ceremony.

# Department 23 – Maple Products

## Class

1. Syrup – Golden Color (quart) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
Score card: Flavor 40 points  
Color 15 points  
Density 30 points  
Clarity 15 points  
Total 100 points
  
2. Syrup – Amber Color (quart) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
Score card: Flavor 40 points  
Color 15 points  
Density 30 points  
Clarity 15 points  
Total 100 points
  
3. Syrup – Dark Color (quart) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
Score card: Flavor 40 points  
Color 15 points  
Density 30 points  
Clarity 15 points  
Total 100 points
  
4. Syrup – Very Dark Color (quart) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
Score card: Flavor 40 points  
Color 15 points  
Density 30 points  
Clarity 15 points  
Total 100 points
  
5. Sugar Cakes (4 – 8 oz.) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
(Not less than 1/2 pound) small individual pieces  
Score card: Appearance 30 points  
Texture 30 points  
Flavor 40 points  
Total 100 points
  
6. Sugar Cakes – Crystal coated (4 – 8 oz.) Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4  
(not less than 1/2 pound.) small individual pieces.  
Score card: Appearance 30 points  
Texture 30 points  
Flavor 40 points  
Total 100 points

# Department 23 – Maple Products

**Class**

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|--|------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--|------------|--|
| <p>7. Crumb Sugar (Not less than 1/2 pound)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Score card: Appearance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Texture</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Flavor</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>40 points</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100 points</td> </tr> </table>   | Score card: Appearance | 30 points  | Texture    | 30 points                                   | Flavor | <u>40 points</u> | Total  | 100 points       | <p>Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4</p> |            |  |
| Score card: Appearance   | 30 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Texture  | 30 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Flavor   | <u>40 points</u>       |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Total  | 100 points             |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| <p>8. Sugar-Soft (Spread or Cream)<br/>(Not less than ½ pound)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Score card: Appearance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Texture</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Flavor</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>40 points</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100 points</td> </tr> </table>  | Score card: Appearance | 30 points  | Texture    | 30 points                                   | Flavor | <u>40 points</u> | Total  | 100 points       | <p>Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4</p> |            |  |
| Score card: Appearance   | 30 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Texture  | 30 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Flavor   | <u>40 points</u>       |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Total  | 100 points             |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| <p>9. Novelty – New Use</p> <p>This exhibit shall be a value added, consumer-friendly product made using maple syrup, promoting maple and illustrating other uses of maple. A recipe must accompany the entry.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Score card: Promotion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Appearance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Use</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Recipe</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>10 points</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100 points</td> </tr> </table>  | Score card: Promotion  | 35 points  | Appearance | 25 points                                   | Use    | 30 points        | Recipe | <u>10 points</u> | Total                                      | 100 points | <p>Premiums: \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4</p> |
| Score card: Promotion  | 35 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Appearance   | 25 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Use  | 30 points              |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Recipe   | <u>10 points</u>       |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| Total  | 100 points             |            |            |   |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
| <p>10. Gift Pack (\$50 approximate value)</p> <p>Score card:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This pack must contain at least three (3) Maple products, including syrup. Any additional added value products should have maple syrup used in them; not limited to products made in Somerset County <span style="float: right;">25 points</span></li> <li>• Assemble as would be displayed for retail sale &amp; capable of being easily replicated <span style="float: right;">25 points</span></li> <li>• Attractiveness of packaging <span style="float: right;">25 points</span></li> <li>• Falls within price range of \$40 - \$60 <span style="float: right;"><u>25 points</u></span></li> </ul> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100 points</td> </tr> </table> |                        | Total      | 100 points | <p>Premiums: \$20, \$15, \$11, \$8, \$5</p> |        |                  |        |                  |  |            |  |
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# Department 24 – Antique Farm Equipment

- Gas Engine Exhibits will be accepted at the entrance of the Festival Park Complex in Meyersdale, PA on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All other Exhibits will be accepted on Main Street in Meyersdale, PA on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Judging will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026.
- Exhibits, with the exception of the Gas Engines, will be released on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or after 6:00 p.m. (between 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be high volume of traffic due to Quilt Show pick up)
- Gas Engines will be released on Sunday, April 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

## **Class**

Premiums: \$20, \$15, \$10

1. Wagons, sleds, carts
2. Gas Engines (up to 1930)
3. Gas Engines (1931-1960)
4. Tractors & Power Units (up to 1940)
5. Tractors & Power Units (1941-1960)
6. Walking Tractors
7. Miscellaneous Machines

Special Award: Oldest Tractor