

Socorro County 4-H and FFA Sale Ring Cake (Revised March 2026)

A Socorro County 4-H/FFA Member in good standing will sell one cake, made from scratch solely by the youth member, at the Socorro County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

- Members may only enter one cake each year.
- Contestants will pay a \$10 entry fee. Entries will be completed online through Fairentury. Entries will close at 10:59 PM on Friday, August 21. Cakes are due Tuesday, September 1, from 7-9 am at Zimmerman Hall.
- Judging is based on the cake, recipe form, and resume.
- Remainder of cake can be picked up as soon as judging has been completed; any cakes still on site after 1:00 pm will be disposed of.
- The 4-H/FFA member who is selected for the sale will be asked to prepare another cake from the same recipe that will be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction. The youth member and their freshly baked cake must be present at the Jr. Livestock sale 30 minutes prior to the start of the sale.

Entries consist of:

1. Cake
 - You may enter only one cake made from **scratch (must not be a boxed cake mix)**. Cake should be frosted and decorated prior to judging. Attach your name and club/chapter on the bottom of the board or container.
2. Copy of the recipe, directions, and estimated cost per serving.
3. Resume
 - Use form on page 3 of these instructions.

Selection is based on:

- The quality of the cake
- Copy of recipe with directions, estimated cost per serving, and serving size.
- The member's Socorro County Fair Sale Ring Cake Resume form.

Judges will have guidelines for what to look for when making their decisions. In case of a tie, the food product breaks the tie.

The selection is based on a high-quality food product and a resume that represents what the member has gained from their experience. The difference in winning and losing often comes down to the quality of the resume.

Food Product and Safety—

There is no cold storage available to place cakes in after they are dropped off at the fair. Cakes need to be able to sit safely at room temperature for at least an hour. If there is any question about the safety of the food product, it will not be tasted or judged. That is why the recipe is important. Food handling is important. Wrapping, handling, and food temperature affect the quality of the food product. Please refrain from entering cakes that need cold storage, such as Tres Leches cake.

Resume: The 4-H or FFA member must follow the resume format. Please write neatly, use full sentences and paragraphs. Take your time and do not rush this part of the project. A great cake will only get you so far; a great resume will help you get that sale slot.

The member selected to sell the cake at the Socorro Junior Livestock Auction will be notified as soon as the judging is completed. The member will be asked to prepare another cake from the same recipe for the sale, and to appear in the sale ring with their entry. All rules for the Junior Livestock Sale will apply.

Once a cake recipe has won the Socorro County Fair Sale Ring Cake division, that cake recipe cannot be entered into the fair for five years. If you need a list of winning sale ring cakes, please contact the Socorro County Cooperative Extension Office.

Resume
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Please write in complete sentences and paragraphs.

NAME: _____

4-H CLUB or FFA CHAPTER: _____

Why did you decide to make this cake recipe?

How many times have you made this cake recipe prior to entering it in the fair? Were there differences each time you made the recipe? Were you successful each time you made the cake?

Did you make any changes to the original recipe or try something new?

If you were able to change anything about this cake recipe, what would that change be and why?

How could you make this cake healthier next time?

What life lessons did you learn while baking this cake? Explain

How have you grown through 4-H or FFA? What have you learned, and how has 4-H or FFA positively influenced your life?

How have you been a leader in your 4-H club, FFA chapter, school, or community?

How have you made a positive impact in your community?

What are your future goals in life?

Examples include: What do you plan on doing after high school? Where do you plan to attend college? What do you plan to study at university? How are you going to make your first million dollars?

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Recipe Entry Blank

Please submit recipe, directions, and estimated cost per serving.

NAME: _____

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