



New Jersey Bakers Support National Skills Baking and Pastry Competition

At the end of their school year, High School and College students from around the country competed in Atlanta at the Skills USA Baking and Pastry Competition. NJBBT has supported this competition since its inception in the mid 1980's in order to further the development of future baking professionals. Students have eight hours to complete a variety of baked goods, including bread, pate choux, apple pie, puff pastry, cookies and a decorated cake while demonstrating the skills necessary to work in the industry. Nineteen college and twenty-eight high school students competed. Pictured below are students being given the post competition critique by one of the judges. Many thanks to the judges and volunteers who work to prepare the next generation of bakers.





Congratulations to High School Gold Medalist **Gracie Adams** from Lebanon County Career & Tech Center, Lebanon, PA and College Gold Medalist **Evgeniya Koshelyaevskaya** from Jefferson State Community College-Shelby Hoover Campus, Birmingham, AL. Pictured are all the medal winners in both competitions



What's a Tomato Pie?

For the answer to that question, you need to be in Atlantic City on October 16 and 17 at Artisan Bakery Expo East. In addition to the bakery show, attendees will also be able to attend the Pizza and Pasta Expo next door. This is your opportunity to discover new ways to expand your bakery menu into savory items. Click the link for registration info.

ABEE REGISTRATION

MARKET REPORT

The Wheat Quality Council Spring Wheat and Durum Tour is underway in the Dakotas and Minnesota. The Day 1 yield for Hard Red Spring averaged 48.9 bu/acre beating last year's first day average of 29.5 bu/acre. Durum came in at 41.4 bu/acre. On Day 2, HRS yield averaged 47.4 bu/acre and 39.9 bu/acre for Durum. Renewed uncertainty with Ukraine also adds to the bullish fervor in the market. Reports came out that another port in Ukraine was attacked by Russian forces in Mykolaiv. This is now the second port to be attacked since a trade agreement was made.

The UN Food Index reports the third straight month of declines in its index. Nevertheless, cereal grains and vegetable oils are up 48% over 2021 levels. While grain and oil prices declined slightly, dairy prices were up.

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