



# *THE SCOOP*

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Newsletter of the  
New Jersey  
Bakers Board of  
Trade

## HAPPY SPRING!



NJSkills held its annual Baking/Pastry Arts Competition on March 20 at Gloucester County Institute of Technology. Fourteen students competed for the chance to represent New Jersey at the National Skills competition to be held on June 27 in Atlanta. The New Jersey Bakers Board of Trade awards a stipend to the winner to cover travel expenses to Atlanta. Students had to make a variety of products- some from scratch and some using pre-made items. Bread, muffins, pate choux and pastry cream were made from scratch. Students utilize pre-made puff pastry and pre-made cakes and icing to decorate their cake. Students have 4 hours to complete the competition. Thanks to the judges who donated their time and expertise to the students: Thomas Ramsey, Danielle DeVito, Anna Marie Ferreira, Joseph Grontkowski, Justin Relkin, and Lousi Qualtieri.

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**NEXT UP- WEDDING CAKE CONTEST!**

The next opportunity for future bakers to show their skills will be the Wedding Cake Competition to be held Saturday, April 20 at Payne Tech in Newark.

**SatinIce** has graciously donated fondant and gum paste to the contestants for use in the competition. They are required to decorate a four-tier wedding cake. Students work in teams and have 4 hours to finish their cake. Below is the photo of last year's winner.





## **Are You Taking Advantage of Marketing Opportunities?**

Now that Easter has passed, the months of April and May are filled with special national recognition days for many products.

For example-April 5th is Raisin Spice Bar Day, while April 14 is Pecan Day.

May 4 is the Kentucky Derby, with its famous Derby Pie, while May 8 is Coconut Cream Pie Day. Click the link below for a full list.

**Calendar of National Observances**

## **MARKET REPORT**

Commodity prices were down month over month and down substantially from the previous the previous year. Click the link below for the full report

# March Market Report

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