Calling all Chefs of the Commonwealth: Bring your Apple Game!

Recipe submission deadline is 5PM on Monday, Sept 30, 2019

Whether sweet or savory, there are numerous ways to cook up fall apples. Maybe you’re known for your apple crisp or cobbler, apple cider, apple muffins or coffeecake. **Why not put your recipe to the test?**

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

**Deadline Dates, Eligibility, and Rules**
- Open exclusively to state employees
- Must include apples in the recipe and within the finished product
- Participants are encouraged to use fresh Virginia Grown apples. Shop local!
- No limits to the number of recipes you can submit
- Participants must select one category for each entry: SWEET, SAVORY or BEVERAGE

**Judging Criteria:**
- Originality
- Taste
- Use of Apples/Ingredients
- Aroma/Consistency/Visual Appeal

**Sept 13**
- Pick up your entry and recipe form at the OnTheSquareVA Farmers’ Market at the Virginia Grown tent or download the form at onthesquareva.virginia.gov

**Sept 30**
- Deadline to email your recipe to vagrown@vdacs.virginia.gov no later than 5 p.m.
- Virginia Grown will email recipe confirmation receipt

**Oct 1-2**
- Governor’s Mansion chefs review written recipes
- Judges select finalists from each judging category

**Oct 3**
- Finalists are announced and notified for each category: SWEET, SAVORY or BEVERAGE

**Oct 11**
**FINALISTS HAND DELIVER FULLY PREPARED ENTRIES**
11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Finalists hand deliver one fully prepared entry to the OnTheSquareVA Farmers’ Market for on-site judging
- Finalists must provide all items required for product judging, including serving utensils, plates, cups, forks, spoons, etc.
- Finalists must provide printed copy of recipe during product drop-off
- Finalists permitted to assemble product on-site, however:
  - No on-site cooking nor heating permitted
  - No electrical hook-ups provided on-site
  - No refrigeration nor ice provided

**Noon**
- Judging of finalist-submitted entries begins
- One winner will be chosen in each of the three categories: SWEET, SAVORY and BEVERAGE
- Decisions of the judges will be final

**12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**
- Winners announced; One from each category of SWEET, SAVORY AND BEVERAGE
- Photo opportunities with judges

*Note: Judging and winner announcement times are approximate and subject to change based on competition needs.

**All entries must meet the requirements of applicable regulating agencies.**

**Prizes**
- Photo ops with judges, social media and PR opportunities for top three winners
- Virginia Grown/Virginia’s Finest Prize Pack for top three winners
- Recipe consideration for upcoming Governor’s Mansion event(s) for top three winners
- Winning entries will be considered for an “OnTheSquareVA Recipes” digital booklet

For additional information, please contact vagrown@vdacs.virginia.gov