

Coast Packing Company Celebrates 10 Years of the LardLovers Recipe Contest: “A Decade of Flavor”

Home cooks and chefs invited to share sweet and savory Lard recipes ahead of National Lard Day

VERNON, Calif. (Nov. 19, 2026) — Coast Packing Company, the leading supplier of animal fat shortenings in the Western United States, today announced its **10th Annual LardLovers Recipe Contest**. This year’s theme is “A Decade of Flavor.”

The contest invites home cooks, bakers and chefs across the country to share their best sweet or savory recipes made with Lard. Entries are open now through Dec. 8, which is National Lard Day.

For 10 years, the contest has celebrated the rich flavor and flaky texture that only Lard can bring. Past entries have ranged from golden biscuits and pie crusts to crispy fried chicken, tamales and savory pastries. To mark the milestone, Coast will share favorite winning recipes from past contests on its website and social media throughout the contest.

“Ten years ago, we asked home cooks to show us what Lard could do, and they have never let us down,” said Greg Hozinsky, corporate chef at Coast Packing Company. “As we celebrate this milestone, we want to remember the family pies, tamales made the way grandma made them and bold new dishes we’ve seen over the last 10 years, while looking forward to seeing where cooks take Lard next.”

The contest also fits the way many people cook today. More shoppers are looking for short, simple ingredient lists. Many cooks also enjoy putting a fresh spin on the dishes they grew up with. The contest welcomes both: classic family recipes and creative new twists, all built on Lard, a simple, traditional fat.

This year’s contest has two categories, Sweet and Savory. Four winners will receive premium kitchen prizes.

2026 Prize Packages

Sweet Category

- First Prize: KitchenAid Design Series Luminaire Tilt-Head Stand Mixer (MSRP $699)
- Second Prize: Emile Henry French Ceramic Potter Collection, Set of 4 (MSRP $270)

Savory Category

- First Prize: Breville Paradice 16-Cup Food Processor (MSRP $699)
- Second Prize: Demeyere Industry Stainless-Steel Roaster (MSRP $280)

How to Enter

From Nov. 19 to Dec. 8, participants can submit recipes at www.coastpacking.com/Lardlovers. Each entry must use Lard as a key cooking or baking fat and include:

- Recipe title
- Full ingredient list, with measurements
- Step-by-step instructions
- One to three photos or a short video of the finished dish
- Optional recipe story (150 to 300 words): “What’s the inspiration behind your LardLovers creation?”

Coast’s culinary judges, including Hozinsky, will score entries on flavor, creativity, use of Lard and presentation.

No purchase is necessary. The contest is open to legal U.S. residents ages 21 and older. Limit one entry per person.

Key Dates

- Contest launch: Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026
- Entries close (National Lard Day): Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2026
- Judging: Dec. 9-15, 2026
- Winners announced on or around: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026

For full contest rules, past winning recipes and entry details, visit www.coastpacking.com/Lardlovers. Follow along on social media with #LardLovers2026 and #DecadeOfFlavor.

About Coast Packing Company
Coast Packing Company, founded in 1922, is the leading supplier of animal fat shortenings in the Western United States and a trusted name in the food industry. Known for its commitment to quality and innovation, Coast Packing Company offers products that enhance flavor, texture, and authenticity in commercial and home cooking. With a focus on sustainability and promoting healthier food options, Coast Packing Company remains dedicated to blending traditional values with a modern approach. For more information, visit www.coastpacking.com.

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