

## No cakewalk: 'Worst Bakers in America' returns for Season 2

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Would you go on TV and admit you're a terrible baker? I wouldn't. If anything turns out badly in my kitchen, rightly or wrongly, you can bet I'm blaming the recipe first.

Unlike me, eight new recruits are gamely putting their egos aside in the name of learning and self-betterment. They're OK with being called the "Worst Bakers in America," at least during the Season 2 premiere, which airs Monday, July 15, on Food Network.

These bumbling bakers shouldn't be terrible for much longer, since the competition show is described as a "five-week baking boot camp." Each week, they pick up different tips,

tricks and techniques as they compete in a series of drills and games, with one contestant eliminated at the end of every episode until only two remain.

The last baker left standing will be the one who has shown the most improvement. Their reward: \$25,000, plus the necessary skills and confidence to ensure they won't be called "Worst Baker" again.

Lorraine Pascale is back as a co-host for Round 2, but this time she's joined by Jason Smith. The self-taught cook and baker knows the kind of pressure these contestants are under — Smith was the Season 13 winner of "Food Network Star" and the Season 3 winner of "Holiday Baking Championship." But any sympathy for the "Worst Bakers" might be tempered by Smith's experience as a judge

in "Best Baker in America," in which the contestants' abilities placed them at the other end of the baking skills spectrum.

From cake disasters to cookie catastrophes, and everything that might go wrong when working with pastry, the mishaps and intensity of the competition keep it entertaining for viewers.

And if you think determining a winner is a piece of cake, think again. Season 1 winner Carla Johnson wowed the judges with her flavors but suffered setbacks when it came time to decorate her treats, even in the finale. So it's a battle through to the end.

The Season 2 premiere is your first chance to meet the latest contestants. Get to know the "Worst Bakers in America" by tuning in to Food Network on Monday, July 15.



Jason Smith and Lorraine Pascale in "Worst Bakers in America"

## cooking this week

### WEDNESDAY

**3:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Four chefs compete using bacon in everything. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Chefs are challenged on the grill with this edition. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Four chefs take on Guy's global-themed games. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Three GGG superfans play their favorite games. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Four of Cooking Channel's faves take on Guy's games. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** The chefs shop and cook using the frozen food section. (CC)

### THURSDAY

**3:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Two chefs compete for a chance to beat Bobby Flay. (CC)

**3:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Scott Conant and Haylie Duff decide who has it. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Jordan Andino is out to prove he's come a long way. (CC)

**4:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** The Iron Chef will step into the arena again. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Chef Anne Burrell and Olympian Apolo Ohno go for gold. (CC)

**5:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Aarthi Sampath takes on Zoe Schor. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Duskie Estes and Francesco Buitioni go head to head. (CC)

**6:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Beat Bobby Flay** Alex Guarnaschelli and Michael Voltaggio judge. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Fresh vermicelli noodles seem to get the best of some. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Chefs prepare for summertime dinners in America. (CC)

### FRIDAY

**3:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Fieri checks out a Baltimore pub with Duff Goldman. (CC)

**3:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy heads off the Vegas strip. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy checks out old-fashioned places. (CC)

**4:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy hits a restaurant that serves veggies off the farm. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy's tries authentic Mexican street food. (CC)

**5:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy gets a taste of Latin favorites. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy digs into dishes with a personal connection. (CC)

**6:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy's checkin' out the combos that are a hit. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** A neighborhood cafe cranks out comfort food. (CC)

**7:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy is finding great comfort food all over. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy starts off in Salt Lake City on this trip. (CC)

### SATURDAY

**1:30 p.m.**  
**KTNW tasteMAKERS** Travel with host Cat Neville to Houston, Texas. (CC)

**OPB America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated** The ultimate Vietnamese grilled pork patties. (CC)

**2:00 p.m.**  
**OPB Annabel Langbein: The Free Range Cook** Annabel visits her neighbor's hazelnut orchard. (CC)

**FOOD Chopped** The chefs cook with bizarre ingredients. (CC)

**2:30 p.m.**  
**OPB Martha Bakes** Learn how to make bakery-style cookies. (CC)

**3:00 p.m.**  
**KTNW America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated** Make perfect pan seared pork tenderloin steaks. (CC)

**FOOD Chopped** The chefs are shocked to find bizarre foods. (CC)

**3:30 p.m.**  
**KTNW Food Over 50** We discuss concerns about saturated fats in foods. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Chefs must contend with an offbeat ice cream flavor. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Chefs find often-discarded seafood for appetizers. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**OPB The Great British Baking Show** Jam doughnuts and an enriched dough loaf are made. (CC)

**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** A hidden gem serves Nepalese-Tibetan specialties. (CC)

**6:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy visits Columbus for pierogies and Boulder for Thai. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**KTNW The Great British Baking Show** The remaining 11 bakers tackle biscuits. (CC)

**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy digs into a fusion of flavors across the country. (CC)

**7:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy digs into various carnivore creations on this trip. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy meets up with rock star chefs. (CC)

### SUNDAY

**1:30 p.m.**  
**FOOD Carnivorous** (N) Courtney participates in a cheesesteak showdown.

**2:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy is cruising the lone star state. (CC)

**3:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy is celebrating southern home cooking. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy travels for big-time meaty masterpieces. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy travels to dig deep into deep-fried favorites. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD The Great Food Truck Race** The teams create burgers with creative risks. (CC)

**6:30 p.m.**  
**KVEW Chance of Wine** (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Grandmas and grandpas make some favorite dishes. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Guy's Grocery Games** Guy Fieri gets to try out his most twisted games. (CC)

### MONDAY

**3:00 p.m.**  
**KVEW The Rachael Ray Show** (CC)  
**FOOD Cake Wars** Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup fly into 'Cake Wars.' (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Cake Wars** It's time for a fire-breathing adventure! (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Cake Wars** Bakers celebrate the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Cake Wars** Four incredible bakers create SpongeBob creations. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Cake Wars** One cake maker's winning creation will be showcased. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** (N) Chefs prove ice cream can work with savory courses. (CC)

### TUESDAY

**3:00 p.m.**  
**KVEW The Rachael Ray Show** (CC)  
**FOOD Chopped** Four college kids take over the Chopped Kitchen. (CC)

**4:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Chefs make appetizers from a strange hybrid snack. (CC)

**5:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** Seafood surprises await. (CC)

**6:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** A new group of teens arrives with tons of energy. (CC)

**7:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** A can of something strange shows up for the appetizer. (CC)

**8:00 p.m.**  
**FOOD Chopped** A surf-and-turf combo in the appetizer round. (CC)

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