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## **SWEETIE-LICOUS WINS THREE FIRST PLACES AT THE U.S. PIE CHAMPIONSHIPS & T.V. SPOT ON THE FOOD NETWORK**

**DeWitt, Mich** – Linda Hundt, owner of Sweetie-licious Bakery Café joined the nation's top professional pie bakers in Orlando April 18-20 to vie for top honors at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual APC Crisco National Pie Championships.

Sweetie-licious took home three first place awards, two in the commercial-independent baker division with her Aunt Ella's Michigan Cherry Berry Berry and Linda's Key Lime. She secured another first place in the Citrus Category- Professional- *Food Network Pie Challenge* with her Linda's Key Lime & Raspberry pie.

*Food Network* filmed the entire Professional event for their *Pie Challenge* series with a scheduled air-time for early September. Professional bakers competed in several pie categories: apple, fruit/berry, classic chocolate, citrus, cherry, cream, nut and open flavors. One first place prize was awarded in each category with a "best of show" chosen from each of the first place categories. Baking in the professional division took place at the Orlando Sun Resort with a maximum baking time of three hours for each participant. Winners were announced at the presentation in Lakeside Park, Celebration on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

"I was thrilled to win again this year. I love bringing these ribbons home to all of our loyal customers and to all of the hard-working women at Sweetie-licious. Mostly, I was delighted to be part of a national television show (*Food Network Pie Challenge*) and overjoyed to bring home a first place!"

Sweetie-licious Bakery Café plans to start shipping their pies nation-wide this summer.

In 2002, Linda Hundt established Sweetie-licious Bakery Café (formally Sweetie Pie Pantry) as a home-based pie business, selling her fare at farm markets and high-end restaurants. Sweetie-licious Bakery Café is a charming shop located in downtown DeWitt, Michigan. It specializes in retro baked goods and amazingly delicious lunch and dinner items.