

DIVISION 1101

CHEESE

Judging

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Terms and conditions are subject to change, including, but not limited to premiums.

This competition is supervised by the Steering Committee of the Cheese Exhibit for the Ohio State Fair with specific direction assigned to the American Dairy Association Mideast.

SPECIAL RULES

Cheese must arrive by 4:00 PM on Wednesday July 17, 2024. Participants may either deliver in person by appointment (216) 791-6222 ext. 160 or ship entries to: Miceli Dairy Products, 2721 E. 90th Street, Cleveland, OH 44104. General questions to Tracy Enslen at 614-425-6867.

All cow milk cheese entries will be promoted at the dairy products building and social media throughout the duration of the fair. Entries should be considered a donation and may not be returned. A promotion poster for other mammal milk cheeses will be displayed in the Goat/Sheep building.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per entry. All entries **MUST** be done online. Entry due date of June 21, 2024 at 1 p.m. Watch for email communication.

Enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (username/password).

ALL entries must consist of one piece of cheese for judging. Contest piece, must be presented as hooped, uncut, in its original form, such as wheel, packaged, or common unlabeled retail packaging. If cheese is under 1lb. please send multiple pieces for judging. Class 1 will follow Swiss guidelines. Up to two entries of each unique variety produced at each manufacturing site may be entered per class.

Cheese cannot be cut or sampled with a trier with the following exceptions:

- a) Swiss cheese may have one trier hole
- b) Cheese cut during manufacturing, such as Feta in brine or Swiss block, are allowed
- c) 40 lb. blocks cut from larger blocks are allowed, but must be listed as description in online entry as cut cheese. Swiss can be cut down to 40 lbs.

Any cheese made from non-pasteurized milk must not be less than 60 days old at the day of judging. Standardized cheeses must comply with the FDA Standards of Identity for that cheese variety.

Only cheese that is manufactured in Ohio in facilities that have been inspected and licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Dairy Division may be entered in the contest. Products cannot contain non-dairy ingredients except flavorings and or process dependent ingredients such as rennet and annatto. No non – milk (mammal) cheese will be accepted.

All cheese will be assumed donated as the product quality and food safety cannot be guaranteed. Please consult with American Dairy Assoc. Mideast, Tracy Enslen for any special request. Judge reserves the right to move cheese to proper class.

Classes

- 1-**Rindless Swiss Cheese**: Natural, unflavored, rindless cow's milk Swiss style cheeses. Example: Emmentaler Swiss, aged 60 days or more.
- 2-**Other Swiss Types**: Natural, unflavored cow's milk. Examples: Baby Swiss, Lacey Baby Swiss, Gouda, rind Swiss
- 3-**Mild Cheddar**: Natural, unflavored, rindless, cow's milk cheddar aged up to 12 months (365 days).
- 4-**Aged Cheddar**: Natural, unflavored, rindless, cow's milk cheddar aged 366 or more days.
- 5-**Surface Mold Bloomy Ripen Cheese**: (bloomy exterior, Brie, Camembert)
- 6-**Surface Bacteria Ripened Cheeses** (Raclette, Brick, Tomme)
- 7-**Fresh Spreadable Class** (chevre, fresh curds, cream cheese)
- 8 – **Cheese Curds** (fresh curds any flavor)
- 9 -**Open Class, Cow Milk** (NO Spicy) (Italian, Colby, Monterey Jack)
- 10 – **Open Class, Cow Milk Flavored** (No Spicy hot) (bacon, dill, added ingredients)
- 11 – **Open Class Spicy Cheese** (pepper jack, caraway, horseradish)
- 12 -**Open Class, Other Milk** (goat, sheep, other lactating mammal)

AWARDS

Each class shall have a Class Winner Blue Ribbon for 1st place; 2nd place in each class shall be awarded a red ribbon; and 3rd place in each class shall be awarded a white ribbon.

A Grand Champion Cheese will be selected among the Swiss Class. A Reserve Champion will be selected from the first-place winners of all classes and will receive a rosette.

Premium amounts will be determined at a later date.

LATE ENTRY

Entries will be accepted after June 21 at 1:00 p.m., however, you will need to contact the Entry Department at 614-644-4052. June 21 1:01 p.m. – July 1 requires a \$75.00 late fee per entry, plus the usual per entry charge.

Additional Information

Admission tickets and parking can be purchased when making entries.

Premiums are processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31st, 2024 may contact the Expo office at b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4049.

IMPORTANT

If you receive premiums of \$499 and over, the State of Ohio requires you to register as a "new supplier" at www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov. This MUST be done before any payment will be processed. Please be aware you will be asked for banking information, as your payment will be direct deposit. You may use either a checking or savings account. If you have won \$499 in the past, and have already set up a supplier account, you do not need to register again. However, you are responsible for making any address or name changes, by going to <https://ohiopays.ohio.gov/> and updating any necessary information. If you need assistance with the online registration process, please [view this tutorial](#) or call the "help desk" at 1-877-644-6771.