

**DIVISION 1101  
CHEESE**

**Amount Offered**  
\$2,175

**Judging**  
Tuesday, July 11  
10:00 a.m.

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 Department of Food Science and Technology, The Ohio State University.

**SPECIAL RULES**

Cheese must be shipped and/or delivered to arrive between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2017 to Pearl Valley Cheese, 54760 TR 90, Fresno, OH 43824.

All entries will be delivered to the Ohio State Fair Thursday, July 20 and will remain on display throughout the duration of the Fair before being released at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 6.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per entry. All entries **MUST** be done online. Entry due date of June 20.

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

If entering under company name, please utilize team/company information line to list your company name.

**All entries** need to have one piece of cheese in a plain wrapper or container for judging and one piece labeled for the display cooler at the fair.

Up to three entries of each unique variety produced at each manufacturing site may be entered per class, except class 1 (Rindless Swiss Cheese) where only one entry per manufacturing site may be entered. For example, a manufacturer may submit:

Three Mild Cheddar cheeses in the "Mild Cheddar" class. Three skim and three whole milk Mozzarella in the "Mozzarella" class. etc.

Each entry must consist of at least 10 pounds of product and be in its original form as hooped. **EXCEPTION:** If each fully formed piece of cheese is:

- a) 8 ounces (226 grams) or less, manufacturers may send two pounds per entry.
- b) 1 pound (454 grams) or less, manufacturers may send four pounds per entry.

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

- c) Swiss cheeses may have one trier hole.
- d) Cheese cut during manufacturing, such as Feta in brine or Swiss block, are allowed.
- e) 40 pound blocks cut from 640 pound blocks are allowed, but must be listed on the entry form as cut cheese.
- f) Cheese in the smoked flavored calls may be from cut pieces.

Any cheese made from non-pasteurized milk must be not 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.

All Cheese exhibits will be returned to Pearl Valley Cheese at the conclusion of the fair. Each entrant will be responsible to pick up their exhibited and/or judged cheese from Pearl Valley Cheese.

**Classes**

**1—Rindless Swiss Cheese**

Natural, unflavored, rindless cow's milk swiss style cheeses. Example: Emmentaler Swiss. Aged 60 days or more. Limited to 1 entry per factory.

**2—Other Swiss Types**

Natural, unflavored cow's milk. Examples: Baby Swiss, Lacey Baby Swiss, Gouda, Rinded Swiss Type. Limited to 3 entries per factory.

**3—Cheddar "Mild" (0-6 months)**

Natural, unflavored, rindless, cow's milk cheddar aged 1 to 180 days. Limited to 3 entries per factory.

**4—Aged Cheddar (12 months and older)**

Natural, unflavored, rindless, cow's milk cheddar aged 366 to 730 days. Limited to 3 entries per factory.

**5—Italian Type Cheese**

Natural, unflavored cow's milk. Examples: Mozzarella (whole and skimmed), Fresh Mozzarella, Provolone, Ricotta. Limited to 3 entries per factory.

**6—Open Class (flavored and unflavored)**

Natural, cow's milk. Examples: Colby, Marbled, Farmers, Havarti Type, Munster, Jalapeno Pepper, Bacon, Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs or Smoked. Limited to 3 entries per factory.

**7—Soft and Spreadable Cheese**

(Containing greater than 51% moisture)

## AWARDS

Each class shall have a Class Winner Blue Ribbon for 1st place and be awarded \$100; 2nd place in each class shall be awarded a red ribbon and \$75; and 3rd place in each class shall be awarded a white ribbon and \$50.

A Grand Champion Cheese will be selected among the first place winners of all classes and will receive a rosette and \$400.

A Reserve Cheese will be selected from all award winning (1st; 2nd; and 3rd places) cheeses and will receive a rosette and \$200.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Entry tags will be available at Pearl Valley Cheese Company.

## ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION

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## LATE ENTRY

(June 21-July 1) requires a \$75.00 late fee per exhibitor, plus the usual per entry charge.

## TICKET INFORMATION

Participants may purchase tickets, throughout the fair, at the prices listed:

### Admission Passes

\$28.00 - 6 day punch ticket (multi person use - example: 3 people, 2 admissions)

\$6.00 - one day ticket (one individual use)

### Parking Permits

\$30 - 3-day parking permit, only one

or

Additional 6-day parking permits may be purchased at \$75 each.

## PREMIUMS

Premiums (amount listed after the class information) is processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31, 2017, should notify the Entry Department at 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Oh 43211, phone 614-644-4052; e-mail [b.prince@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:b.prince@expo.ohio.gov) or 614-644-4049; [s.french@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:s.french@expo.ohio.gov)

## IMPORTANT

Exhibitors whose premium payments are over \$499, will need to have a W-9 and Vendor Information Form filled out. These forms are required by the State of Ohio in order to process payment. You may find these forms online under competitions.