

DIVISION 1101

CHEESE

Judging

Thursday, July 22, 2021

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 arrive by 4:00 PM on Wednesday July 21, 2021. Participants may either deliver in person or ship entries to: Pearl Valley Cheese, 54760 TR 90, Fresno, OH 43824.

All cow milk cheese entries will remain on display throughout the duration of the Fair. All entries will be released on Sunday, Aug 8th. 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 20th 2021. 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 and one piece labeled (retail ready) for display cooler or poster photography at the fair. 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 and display. 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 640 lb. blocks are allowed, but must be listed on the entry form as cut cheese
- d) Cheese in the smoked flavored calls may be from cut pieces.

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.

All cheese will be assumed donated as the product quality and food safety cannot be guaranteed. Please consult with American Dairy Assoc. Mideast, Tracy Enslin for any special request. Swiss entrees will be returned to Pearl Valley.

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, rinded Swiss

3-Mild Cheddar: Natural, unflavored, rindless, cow's milk cheddar aged 1 to 180 days.

4-Aged Cheddar: Natural, unflavored, rindless, cows milk cheddar aged 366 or more days.

5-Italian Type Cheese: Natural, unflavored cow's milk. Examples: Mozzarella, Provolone, ricotta

6-Surface Mold Ripen Cheese: (bloomy exterior)

7-Surface Bacteria Ripened Cheeses (Raclette, Brick)

8-Fresh un-ripened Class (chevre, curds)

9-Open Class, Cow Milk

10-Open Class, Other Milk (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

June 20-July 4th requires a \$75.00 late fee per entry, plus the usual per entry charge.

Entries will be accepted after June 20, however, you will need email Barb Prince at b.prince@ohio.expo.gov. Include in the email exhibitor information, classes entering and any information required by your exhibit.

Additional Information

Please see Fair web site for ticket and parking information. Premiums are processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31st, 2021 may contact the Expo office at b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4049.

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. Previously registered suppliers are responsible for updating address or account information. If you need assistance with the online processes, please call the "help desk" at 1-877-644-6771,