

Cheese Competition

(Sponsored by **Whole Foods Market**)

Department "B01"

ENTRIES CLOSE: September 16, 2016



INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

Entry Forms and fees must be received by: September 16, 2016

Exhibits may only be received October 5th and 6th, 2016 (Pre-registration is required)

Entry Fee: \$7 per entry

(Entries will not be considered unless accompanied by full remittance.)

Send entry forms/fees to:

NC State Fair Entry Department
1025 Blue Ridge Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27607

Ship cheese to:

Schaub Hall on NCSU Campus
NCSU Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
400 Dan Allen Drive
Schaub Hall G41
Raleigh, NC 27695

Judges: TBA

Judging will be done: October 7, 2016

Awards will be on display during the fair and mailed to recipients immediately afterwards.

Exhibits will be released: October 24, 2016

The Fair is not responsible for exhibits left after October 24, 2016

CHEESE CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An entry form and fee of \$7 for each entry must be received by the North Carolina State Fair by September 16th to be eligible for competition. Entries can be submitted online or mailed in.
2. Cheese made by a licensed cheese maker in a licensed dairy facility is eligible to compete. Products cannot contain non-dairy ingredients except flavorings. Please refer to class descriptions for eligible classes these cheeses may be entered in. For questions on class eligibility contact the North Carolina State Fair Cheese Superintendent.
3. In each class, a manufacturer may submit up to two entries of each unique variety produced at each manufacturing site. For example, a manufacturer may submit:
 - Two Cheddar cheeses in the "Cheddar" class
 - Two Jalapeño unripened Chevre goat's milk cheeses and two dill flavored Chevre goat's milk cheeses in the flavored unripened goat's milk cheese class
 - Two unflavored Parmesan, two Romano and two aged Asiago in the "Open Class for Hard Cheese" class
4. A manufacturer must submit a different person's name for each entry in a class. However, a person may be named on more than one entry within a class if the entries are different varieties. For example: John Smith may be named on a Jalapeño flavored Chevre and a Spring Herb Chevre.
5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All cheeses must be made using pasteurized Cow, Goat or Sheep's milk or be aged at least 60 days prior to shipping unless otherwise noted in the class description. Cheeses with federal standard of identity must conform to those standards. Each entry must consist of at least 2 pounds of product and be in its original form.

EXCEPTION: If each fully formed piece of cheese is less than 2 pounds of cheese they must submit 2 pounds. If the original form is more than 2 pounds then the product can be cut but should be labeled cut cheese.

6. Contest entries become the property of the North Carolina State Fair and Dairy Advantage are used to fund dairy promotion and sold at the NC State Fair cheese booth. The "Best of Show and Best of NC" will be sold at silent auction during the State Fair.
7. Classes with entries from three manufacturers or less may be eliminated or the entries may be moved to a different class. All changes are at the discretion of the show superintendent.
8. Judging: Cheeses are judged by deducting points from a 100-point scale, based on defects. The superintendent reserves the right to move product entries which appear to be entered incorrectly into the correct class. Copies of the judges' score sheets will be sent to participants after the contest.

GOT TO BE NC CHEESE COMPETITION

1. Will compete and follow all rules of the open competition
2. The two highest placing North Carolina made cheeses will compete for the "Best of NC Cheese" best of show.
3. They will be presented a separate rosette, plate and \$50 prize award sponsored by Whole Foods Market

AWARDS

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACINGS
BEST OF SHOW ROSETTE, PEWTER PLATE AND \$50.00 CASH AWARD
BEST OF NC ROSETTE, PEWTER PLATE AND \$50.00 CASH AWARD
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Class 101

Lot Number (Note: When registering online with Quick Entries, the department letter is not used.)

- B00001 Cheddar
- B00002 Swiss Styles (Swiss and Baby Swiss)
- B00003 Mozzarella
- B00004 Feta
- B00005 Flavored Hard Cheese (Natural flavored cheese 44% moisture and under)

- B00006 Flavored Soft Cheese (Natural flavored cheese 45% moisture and over)
- B00007 Smear Ripened Cheese (Includes all natural smear "surface" ripened cheeses e.g. Tilsiter, Limburger, Brick, Gruyere and other soft, semi-soft or hard smear ripened cheese, flavored or unflavored)
- B00008 Open Class Soft Ripened
- B00009 Open Class for Soft and Spreadable Cheese (Natural unflavored cheese with 51% or higher moisture content and includes unflavored spreadable natural cheese)

- B00010 Open Class for Semi-Soft Cheese (Natural, unflavored cheese with 40% to 50% moisture)
- B00011 Open Class for Hard Cheese (Natural, unflavored cheese with 39% moisture or less)
- B00012 Goat Milk Fresh Chevre Cheese Flavored
- B00013 Goat Milk Fresh Chevre Cheese Unflavored
- B00014 Goat Milk Aged Cheese
- B00015 Sheep & Mixed Milk Cheese (Flavored or unflavored, includes sheep's milk cheese and cheese made from a blend of cow, goat and/or sheep's milk)
- B00016 American Originals Open Cow and Goat (Pasteurized and Non-pasteurized)

HOW TO ENTER

Step 1 - Send in Your Product Entry Forms and Fees or enter on-line.

Please provide your e-mail address when you register. You will receive an e-mail with the exhibitor number and entry identification number that corresponds to each of your entries. Please fill out a cheese identification label for each entry you ship.

1. Fill out an entry form located on www.ncstatefair.org. Click on Competitions.
2. Each contest entry **must** be accompanied by a \$7 entry fee. Make checks payable to North Carolina State Fair. Online entries must be paid by credit card. If mailing forms, make checks payable to the NC State Fair.
3. Entry forms and fees **must** be postmarked by September 16, 2016. Mail forms and fees together to:

Entry Office
North Carolina State Fair
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh NC 27607

Step 2 – Ship Your Entries to: NCSU Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
400 Dan Allen Drive
Schaub Hall G 41
Raleigh, NC 27695

1. Identify each entry and each individual flavor essence when shipping multiple entries in one package. Securely wrap or box entries to ensure safe delivery. Entries must not have any identifying marks or labels except the official entry label.
2. Fill out a shipping tag completely and place one on the inside of the package and adhere the other on the outside of the package. **Entries will only be received 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., October 5th and 6th**
3. Entries must be shipped PREPAID. C.O.D. shipments will not be accepted. Entries must arrive before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of delivery (October 6, 2016). **Please use a shipping service that can guarantee delivery of your entry within these guidelines.**

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Contact Show Superintendant Steven Lathrop with any additional questions.

Steven.Lathrop@ncagr.gov or call 336-402-5817.



