

AWARDS

AWARD SCHEDULE PER CLASS

Gold Medal	95% or Over
Silver Medal	90% - 94%
Bronze Medal	84% - 89%

BEST OF DIVISION

AWARDED TO COW & OTHER MILK TYPE

Best Cottage Cheese	Rosette and Plaque
Best Cultered Cheese	Rosette and Plaque
Best Soft Cheese	Rosette and Plaque
Best Semi-Soft Cheese	Rosette and Plaque
Best Semi-Hard Cheese	Rosette and Plaque
Best Hard Cheese	Rosette and Plaque

BEST OF SHOW

Best of Show (Cow)	Rosette and Golden Bear
Best of Show (Other)	Rosette and Golden Bear

CALENDAR

May 5	All entry forms and fees must be received, postmarked or submitted on-line
May 10-14	Shipped Entries arrive between May 10 and May 14
May 14	Hand delivery May 14, 2010 between 9 a.m. and 1p.m., Expo Center Building 6
May 19	Judging of all California Cheese Entries at Expo Center California State Fairgrounds
July 7	California's Grape and Gourmet Event (Wine and food tasting event) NOTE: All Exhibitors receiving Best of Show and Best of Division will be asked to attend and sample cheese.
July 14	California State Fair Opens. All Best of Division Winning Cheeses will be displayed
August 1	California State Fair Closes

HOW TO CONTACT US

Send entry forms to:	California State Fair California Cheese P.O. Box 15649 Sacramento, CA 95852
Hand deliver forms to:	California State Fair Administration Building 1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95852
Hand deliver cheese to:	California State Fair Ethan & Hurley, Gate 12 Expo Center, Building # 6 Sacramento, CA 95815
For further information:	Phone: (916) 263-3146 or (916) 263- 3159 entryoffice@calexpo.com www.bigfun.org

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CALIFORNIA CHEESE COMPETITION



California
State Fair
JUL. 14 - AUG. 1, 2010
BIG FUN!

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRY DEADLINE:

May 5, 2010

OPEN TO:

California Cheese Companies or Producers

Enter On-Line

**For a complete California Cheese
Handbook visit our website at www.bigfun.org**

ENTRY GUIDELINES

HOW TO ENTER:

- Entry in the California Cheese Competition is open to California Cheese Producers only.
- Select the divisions and class(es) you wish to enter.
- Fill out the official California Cheese entry form according to instructions. To enter on-line, log onto www.bigfun.org and click competitions. Click the on-line button and select the desired competition you wish to enter and follow the step by step instructions.
- This prospectus is sent out in advance and will be subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of sections, awards, premiums or regulations as listed.
- Questions? Call the California State Fair California Cheese Department at 916/263-3159.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2010

- Return the completed entry form and the entry fee per class to the California State Fair by entry deadline of May 5, 2010.

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 per cheese

- Please enclose entry fee with entry form.
- Make check payable to: California State Fair.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All entry forms and fees must be received, postmarked or submitted on-line no later than May 5, 2010.
- No entries will be accepted after the closing date for entries.
- Entry is open to California Cheese Producers only.
- Entries must be made on an official California State Fair California Cheese Entry Form. These forms may be photocopied on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper and are available on our web site at www.bigfun.org.
- A deficiency penalty of \$25 per entry must be paid if:
 - a. Both entry form and entry fees are not received or postmarked by the entry deadline.
 - b. A check in payment of entry fee is refused by bank.
 - c. Signature is missing.
- Exhibitors wishing to verify that the State Fair received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped post card with submission of entry forms.
- No restrictions on number of entries for Classes; however, entries shall not be duplicated varieties.
- Exhibitors submitting entry(s) to this competition accept all rules and conditions as stated in the California Cheese Competition Handbook available on our website at www.bigfun.org.

ENTRY CLASSES

DIVISION 1300 - COTTAGE CHEESE

- Class 1:** Small Curd Cottage Cheese
- Class 2:** Large Curd Cottage Cheese
- Class 3:** Nonfat Cottage Cheese
- Class 4:** Flavored Cottage Cheese (fruit, herb, vegetable)

DIVISION 1305 - CULTURED CHEESE

- Class 1:** Crème Fraiche, Fromage Blanc, Quark, Kefir, Mascarpone

DIVISION 1310 - SOFT CHEESE

- Class 1:** Cream Cheese
- Class 2:** Pasta Filata - fresh mozzarella
- Class 3:** Feta - all milks
- Class 4:** Feta - all milks, flavor added
- Class 5:** Ricotta
- Class 6:** Teleme (cryovac or flour)
- Class 7:** Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, goat
- Class 8:** Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, sheep, water buffalo or mixed

- Class 9:** Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, cow

- Class 10:** Soft Fresh Cheese Flavored

- Class 11:** Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Indian

- Class 12:** Processed Cheese

- Class 13:** Other - Not described above

DIVISION 1315 - SEMI-SOFT CHEESE

- Class 1:** Blue Veined Cheese
- Class 2:** Open Category Goat
- Class 3:** Open Category Sheep, Water Buffalo or mixed
- Class 4:** Open Category Cow
- Class 5:** White Surface Mold - Brie
- Class 6:** White Surface Mold - Camembert
- Class 7:** White Surface Mold - Flavored
- Class 8:** Washed Rind - Schloss type
- Class 9:** Hispanic Style (state type)
- Class 10:** Pasta Filata (Mozzarella, Provolone, String)
- Class 11:** Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Indian
- Class 12:** Other - Not described above

DIVISION 1320 - SEMI-HARD CHEESE

- Class 1:** Monterey Jack
- Class 2:** Goat, Sheep, Water Buffalo, or Mixed Milk
- Class 3:** Hispanic (state type)
- Class 4:** Cheddar (aged over 30 days)
- Class 5:** Medium Cheddar (aged 3-6 months)
- Class 6:** Aged Cheddar (aged over 6 months)
- Class 7:** Flavored Cheddar
- Class 8:** Colby
- Class 9:** Swiss
- Class 10:** Open Category - Goat, Sheep, Buffalo, Cow or Mixed
- Class 11:** Other - Not described above

DIVISION 1325 - HARD CHEESE

- Class 1:** Hispanic, Portuguese Style
- Class 2:** Aged Jack
- Class 3:** Flavor Added
- Class 4:** Grating or Grana Style
- Class 5:** Other - Not described above

SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

- Entries are limited to original licensed manufacturers. Those wishing to enter products put up by another plant must submit a letter stating which products are involved. There will be no duplication of samples entered under different brand names.
- All samples must meet the standards of the California State Food and Agriculture code and are subject to testing at the discretion of Fair management and/or judges.
- Samples submitted shall be in DUPLICATE. Sample sizes no smaller than 16 oz. or 1lb. If sample is over 10lb only submit one sample.
- SAMPLES FOR JUDGING: Samples for judging must be delivered to Expo Center (enter Gate 12 and follow signs) between 9 a.m. and 1p.m., Friday, May 14, 2010. Samples being shipped must be received by May 14, 2010. Samples will not be accepted prior to May 10, 2010.
- All exhibitors receiving Best of Division or Best of Show will be asked to attend and sample cheese at the California Grape and Gourmet and sample their award winning cheese (Wine and Food tasting Event) on July 7, 2010.
- Exhibitor's receiving Best of Show and Best of Division will be required to provide cheese for a chef challenge and other tastings during the fair (July 14 - August 1).
- Copies of Official Scores will be mailed to exhibitors. Results will not be given by telephone.
- Awards and ribbons will be mailed at close of Fair.
- Judging begins at 9 a.m. , Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

CALIFORNIA CHEESE SCORECARD

Aroma	10%
Texture/Body	20%
Appearance- Color/Rind/Paste	20%
Flavor (includes Finish)	50%

DELIVERY & SHIPPING

- Exhibitors must enter through Gate 12, on the corner of Ethan and Hurley Way, and then proceed to Expo Center for delivery on May 14, 2010, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Shipped or mailed entries must arrive between May 10, 2010 and May 14, 2010. We will not receive entries on Saturday or Sunday.
- Shipped or mailed entries must be prepaid and arrive at the State Fair no later than 4 p.m., May 14, 2010. Entries arriving after May 14, 2010 will not be accepted into the competition. Exhibitor will be notified and entries will not be returned.
- Ship or mail cheese to: California Cheese Competition, California State Fair, Ethan & Hurley, Gate 12, Expo Center, Building #6, Sacramento, CA 95815, 916/263-3159.