

## 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

<b>April 29</b>	All entry forms and fees must be received, postmarked or submitted on-line
<b>May 9-13</b>	Shipped Entries arrive between May 9-13
<b>May 13</b>	Hand delivery May 13, 2011 between 9 a.m. and 1p.m., Expo Center Building 6
<b>May 18</b>	Judging of all California Cheese Entries at Expo Center California State Fairgrounds
<b>July 29</b>	Taste and Celebrate the Best! presenting award winning wine and cheese from the California State Fair Competition. <b>NOTE: All Exhibitors receiving Best of Show or Best of Division will be asked to attend and sample cheese.</b>
<b>July 14</b>	California State Fair Opens. All Best of Division Winning Cheeses will be displayed
<b>July 31</b>	California State Fair Closes

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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

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# CALIFORNIA CHEESE COMPETITION



California  
State Fair  
JULY 14 - 31, 2011  
BIG FUN!

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRY DEADLINE:

**April 29, 2011**

OPEN TO:

**California Cheese Companies or Producers**

**Enter On-Line**

**For a complete California Cheese  
Handbook visit our website at [www.bigfun.org](http://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](http://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: APRIL 29, 2011

- Return the completed entry form and the entry fee per class to the California State Fair by entry deadline of May 4, 2011.

### 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 4, 2011.
- 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](http://www.bigfun.org).
- A deficiency penalty of \$25 per entry must be paid if: A check in payment of entry fee is refused by bank.
- 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](http://www.bigfun.org).

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

- Entries are limited to original licensed manufacturers.

## 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

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 13, 2011. Samples being shipped must be received by May 13, 2011. Samples will not be accepted prior to May 9, 2011.
- All exhibitors receiving Best of Division or Best of Show will be asked to attend and sample cheese at the Taste and Celebrate the Best! formerly known as California Grape and Gourmet and sample their award winning cheese on July 29, 2011.
- 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 - 31).
- 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 18, 2011.

### 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 13, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Shipped or mailed entries must arrive between May 9, 2011 and May 13, 2011. 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 13, 2011. Entries arriving after May 13, 2011 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.