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Foremost Farms USA® Mild Provolone is World's Best

BARABOO, WIS. – Mild provolone cheese, produced at Foremost Farms USA® in Chilton, Wis., has earned “Best of Class” honors in the 2016 World Championship Cheese Contest going on this month in Madison, Wis. The Chilton provolone earned a score of 98.30 on a 100 point scale.

Mild provolone from Foremost Farms’ Clayton plant earned third place in the same category, with a score of 98.05.

Appleton employees earned a third place with a shredded cheese blend entry of mozzarella, provolone and cheddar. Richland Center’s mozzarella, part-skim earned third place honors in its category as did Reedsburg’s (3rd shift) salted butter. Reedsburg actually captured 3rd, 5th (2nd shift) and 7th (1st shift) places in that category.



The 2016 World Championship Cheese Contest, the world’s largest technical cheese, butter and yogurt competition, is the biggest ever, with a record 2,948 submissions. The contest was held March 7-9 in at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, and is hosted biennially by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association.

Expert judges from every corner of the globe sniff, taste, and examine each entry, deciding which will earn gold, silver, and bronze medals in individual cheese categories ranging from cheddar to Swiss. For the first time, this year’s contest also features eight yogurt categories.

The competition features cheeses from 23 nations, including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The contest also features a strong showing from the United States, with entries from 31 states and Puerto Rico. Overall entries are up 10% from the previous World Championship Cheese Contest, held in 2014.

Foremost Farms USA (www.foremostfarms.com), headquartered in Baraboo, Wis., is a farmer-owned milk processing and marketing cooperative with annual sales of \$2 billion. The nation’s eighth-largest dairy cooperative and number 25 in annual sales among the Top 100 dairy processors, Foremost Farms is a leading manufacturer and marketer of cheese, specialty whey ingredients, butter, and bulk fluid milk to customers around the world.

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