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Foremost Farms Earns Awards in 2023 National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) Competition

- Foremost Farms sweeps three cheese categories in NMPF dairy product competition with products made with its members' high quality milk
- Foremost Farms earns 10 awards with cheeses produced at its Appleton, Clayton and Richland Center plants

MIDDLETON, Wisc. (Nov. 16, 2023) – Foremost Farms USA, a world-class producer of cheese, butter and dairy ingredients supplied to national and international markets, proudly announces its outstanding achievements at the annual National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) Cheese and Yogurt contest. The cooperative emerged as a standout performer, securing multiple awards in recognition of its excellence in cheesemaking.

The contest showcases and judges cheese and yogurt entries from NMPF's cooperative members. This year's contest included 252 entries from 14 participating NMPF co-ops, a total of 3,350 pounds (1.52 metric tons) of cheese and yogurt. Foremost Farms swept the Mozzarella, Provolone and Reduced Fat categories and secured third place in the Natural category for a total of 10 awards. Foremost Farms' Appleton, Clayton and Richland Center plants produced this year's award-winning cheeses.

"Our teams consistently create value for our members by making premium products with the high quality milk they supply to the cooperative. These awards are a testimony to our dedication to exceed industry standards while serving our customers," said Greg Schlafer, President & CEO of Foremost Farms. "I'm proud of the talented, dedicated employees in our plants and offices who make every effort to bring outstanding dairy products to the marketplace - every day in a safe and sustainable way."

Foremost Farms is proud of the many awards it has earned at state, national and International levels. A full list of Foremost Farms most recent awards can be found [here](#).

In addition to its awards for excellence in cheesemaking, Foremost Farms also claimed third place in the 2023 NMPF Cooperative Communications Contest, Special Purpose Publication category for the cooperative's [2022 sustainability report](#).

About Foremost Farms USA

Foremost Farms USA® is a dairy cooperative representing hundreds of Midwest dairy farmer members located across seven Midwest states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin – America's Dairyland. It is one of the largest, leading dairy cooperatives in the United States and a major food manufacturing business. Every year, Foremost Farms produces millions of pounds of cheese, butter, whey and milk protein ingredients from the high-quality milk produced by its members. Its customers represent respected top brands and category leaders at national and regional levels in retail and foodservice channels, that are served with innovative solutions, technical services and customized products. For more information call 800-362-9196 or see foremostfarms.com.

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