

# DEPARTMENT P – DAIRY PRODUCTS

Superintendent: Kendra Anderson

*Premiums Offered: \$3,128.00*

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*To be shown in the Dairy Building*

## **ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 30, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.**

An entry fee of **\$7.00 per exhibit** is required in this department.

### **General Requirements & Criteria for Competition**

1. General rules apply to all divisions in this department. Please read carefully.
2. Any company may enter dairy products made from cow's milk regardless of where the dairy products are processed or the state of residence of the processor.
3. Entry tags or claim checks are prepared for each article entered. These are mailed to you and are to be attached to each article entered for identification. Entry tags will not be mailed after July 15. If entry tags are not received in time for the shipment of your products, tags will be created when received at the Department. In the case that your entry tags are not received in time, please clearly label your products with the class number and type of product/flavor. If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent at 309-825-2196 (cell) or Lindsay McQueen at 618-944-0806.
4. All articles must be entered, and entry tags obtained from the show management, before entry will be placed.
5. Please provide one empty container per flavor for ribbon display.
6. This Department will be open to receive exhibit entries, Tuesday, July 30, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Judging will start at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
7. Entries must be received, at or below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, in original retail packaging, by Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. If shipping samples by UPS, FedEx, etc., use the following address: Illinois State Fair, Dairy Building, 801 Brian Rainey Ave, Springfield, Illinois 62702. If shipping container is recycled, be sure to delete Hazardous Materials label and bore dry ice label.
  - a. Butter class – if your product is sold in quarters, you may send 1 package of 8. If your product is sold in 1 lb. wraps, please send 2 packages.
  - b. Cultured dairy products – send 2 intact (in original retail packaging) single-serving containers (4 to 12 ounces) or 1 bulk container (16 ounces or larger).
  - c. Fresh curds – please send 2 cartons or bags.
  - d. Small-format cheeses (i.e. 4 to 6 ounce feta, chevre, wedges of cheese) – send 2 intact products (in original retail packaging) (i.e. 2 tubs, 2 logs, 2 pyramids, 2 wedges). Send 2 medium-weight cheeses.
  - e. Large-format cheeses – send 1 package of original retail format (i.e. loaf Swiss) or 1 un-plugged 10 lb. block or wheel (i.e. Manchego, Cheddar or Swiss-style cheeses). The product will be sampled, vacuum-packaged and placed on display at the Illinois State Fair.
  - f. Ice cream – send 2 two-pint containers or 2 one-half gallon sized containers.
  - g. Frozen desserts – send 2 whole cheesecakes or 2 whole ice cream pies.
  - h. Milk – send 2 quart size containers, 2 half-gallon size containers or 2 gallon size containers. Milk submitted in glass or translucent plastic jugs should be wrapped in brown paper bag to avoid an oxidized flavor from UV rays.
8. Each plant/facility may enter as many dairy products as they would like, but premiums will only be paid for two entries per class.

9. Entries do not compete against each other for ribbons within categories. Standards of excellence apply to all entries. Winning products, along with corresponding rosettes, will be displayed at the Illinois State Fair. Assuming minimum scores are met, ribbons will be awarded for up to three products per class (though ties can be awarded if equal scores are attained). Ribbons, premium checks, and score sheets will be sent to the winners at the conclusion of the Illinois State Fair.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in class AND superior quality (>95 points), BLUE ribbon and \$20 award premium
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in class AND at least superior quality (>90 points), RED RIBBON and \$10 award premium
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in class AND at least good quality (>85 points), WHITE RIBBON and \$5 award premium
  - Five “Best of Show” awards will be awarded upon judges’ discretion and receive an additional \$30 award premium. The “Best of Show” dairy products will also be sold during the Governor’s Commodity Auction on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.
  - Ties are permitted for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in each class if scores are exactly the same. However, a tie will not be permitted for “Best of Show”.
10. Exhibitors must arrange for disposition of their exhibits and products entered for competition at the time of delivery to the Dairy Building. They will be allowed to remove their exhibits between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024.

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Description</b>
14629	Plain milk (non-fat, low-fat, reduced fat, whole)
14630	Plain cream (half and half, whipping cream)
14631	Flavored milk (skim, 1%, 2%, whole, chocolate, strawberry, and other flavors not listed)
14632	Butter (sweet cream, cultured, unsalted, flavored, etc.)
14633	Cultured liquid and yogurt (plain yogurt, flavored yogurt, drinkable yogurt, buttermilk, kefir)
14634	Flavored sour cream dips (French onion, ranch, and other flavors not listed)
14635	All other cultured dairy products (cottage cheese, sour cream, Neufchatel, cream cheese, etc.)
14636	Premium ice cream without inclusions (12% butterfat or over, plain vanilla – New York, French, Vanilla Bean), chocolate, etc.
14637	Premium ice cream with inclusions (12% butterfat or over, nuts, variegates, added fruits, etc.)
14638	Regular ice cream (less than 12% butterfat, any flavor)
14639	Other frozen desserts (frozen yogurt, variegates, novelty items, cheesecakes, etc.)
14640	Natural cheese, unflavored (mild and/or aged Cheddar, Gouda, Mozzarella, Colby, American cheese, Swiss-style, Muenster, and other natural cheese not listed.) Includes string, shredded and crumbled cheeses.
14641	Flavored cheese - pepper cheese (natural cheese with added hot chili peppers, e.g. jalapeno, chipotle, habanero, cayenne or tabasco), soft cheese (natural cheese with 51% or higher moisture content), semi-soft cheese (natural flavored cheese with 40% to 50% moisture), smoke cheese (smoke flavored natural cheeses made from cow’s milk including Cheddar, Swiss, Baby Swiss, Muenster and all Italian varieties), hard cheese (natural flavored cheese with 39% moisture or less). Includes string, shredded and crumbled cheeses.
14642	Reduced fat or low-fat cheese (can be natural or flavored cheeses)
14643	Smear ripened cheese (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).
14644	Cold pack cheese, cheese food (flavored or unflavored, any fat level)
14645	Processed cheese – pasteurized processed cheese, cheese food, cheese spread (flavored or unflavored, any fat level, may be loaves or slices – except spreads).
14646	Latin American cheese (includes all Mexican, Hispanic and Latin American cheese regardless of style).
14647	Cheese curds (plain or flavored)

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