

# CHIEFESE RAILLY

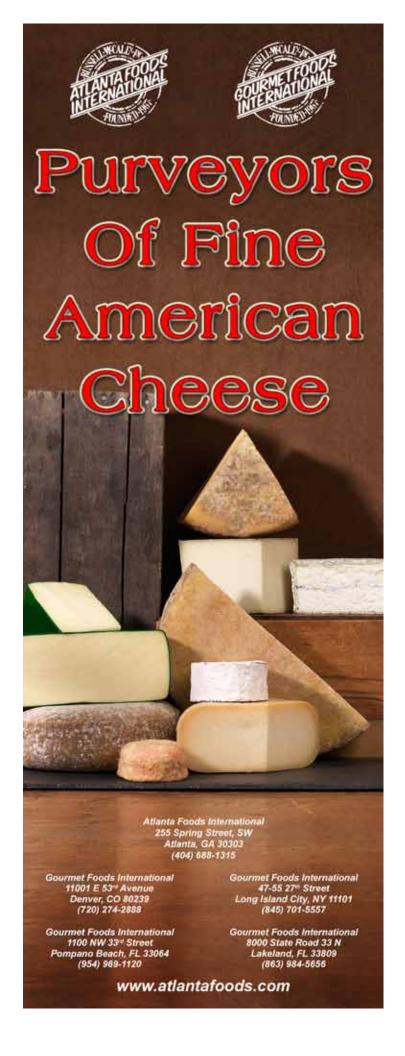
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2012
ACS JUDGING
& COMPETITION
AWARDS GUIDE





# 2012 ACS JUDGING ECOMPETITION RESULTS

Raleigh, North Carolina August 3, 2012

The American Cheese Society (ACS) is a not-for-profit trade organization founded in 1983 to support the North American artisan and specialty cheese industry. ACS provides advocacy, education, business development, and networking opportunities for members of the cheese industry, while striving to continually raise the quality and availability of cheese in North America.

The cheesemakers listed on the following pages represent all of the entrants in the 2012 ACS Judging & Competition: our largest ever, with 254 companies submitting 1,711 different products. Winners in each category are listed separately. Unlike other cheese competitions, where cheeses are only graded down for technical defects, ACS's goal is to give positive recognition to those cheeses that are of the highest quality in their aesthetic and technical evaluation. As a result, the highest quality cheeses are those that ACS feels deserve the recognition of an award, based on a minimum number of points awarded (totaling 100 points possible) for first, second, or third place. In categories or sub-categories where the minimum number of points is not earned, no award is given.

Our congratulations go out to all of the dedicated, passionate, creative producers who work daily to bring the traditions of North American cheese to life, to market, and to the largest ACS Judging & Competition to date. As a part of this strong community, you are all winners.



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE 2012 JUDGING & COMPETITION CHAIR TODD DRUHOT

The south has long been known for its hospitality. Now, it will also be known for its cheese. I'm honored to be a part of helping to bring cheese to the forefront here in Raleigh, NC for this 28th Annual Awards Ceremony. It has been a great honor to be the Chair of the 2012 Judging & Competition (J&C) Committee.

It's no secret the J&C Committee members are a hard-working crew. This year is no different. We started our weekly calls in January and have been keeping a record pace to make sure this year's competition went off without a hitch.

While many things about this year have remained the same, we've also seen a tremendous growth in what the J&C Committee and ACS staff have been able to attain together. For the first time in ACS history, most of the entering cheesemakers were able to log on to the ACS website to enter their cheeses via our new online entry database. Of the 254 companies entered, only 15 sent in paper entries. This new database is designed to allow cheesemakers easy access to their entries when they enter the Judging & Competition again next year.

Two weeks ago, we met virtually with judges from all over the country and around the world to prepare them for the experience they would have during the two days of judging at ACS. Via our first-ever judges' training webinars, we were able to welcome judges and prepare them for their role as an aesthetic or technical judge, which helped save time on-site. This year, rather than going straight from breakfast into the "classroom," the judges enjoyed breakfast at the Raleigh Marriott and went immediately into a tutorial judging where they were instructed with their first taste of cheese. It was a great way to start a day where over 800 cheeses were expertly evaluated.

These webinars started out as a mere thought on one of our regular calls, and then, through the work of Jane Bauer and Michelle Lee at the ACS office, this thought became a reality. We are looking forward to improving the process for next year, and we appreciate the judges' participation in this revolutionary approach to training.

Also this year, Tom Kooiman, ACS J&C Committee Vice Chair, and Sasha Davies worked to develop an educational video to help cheesemakers with proper shipping and handling techniques. This video, along with another member-produced video, will be posted on the ACS web site throughout the year, and we believe these videos were a major reason why we saw fewer cheeses in triage this year. Despite the hot weather, only a handful of entries required evaluation upon arrival.

For the first time in its history, ACS has made it possible for cheesemaker members to volunteer during the Judging & Competition. The J&C Committee worked to develop a proposal for the Board, which outlined the roles cheesemakers could fill. We appreciate the Board's open and thoughtful consideration of our proposal, and we look forward to having more cheesemakers involved in the receiving and backof-house roles next year in Madison.

I can't stress enough how much I enjoy working with this committee and watching it grow. Without the help of the dedicated volunteers I'll mention individually below, this event would not be possible. I thank each of them for their dedication to and passion for the Judging & Competition.

Recent additions to the committee include Patrick Bleck, Matt Bonano, and Max McCalman. Patrick returned after a one-year hiatus to help assist as the Quality Assurance Auditor in the judging room. He has done a fantastic job of ensuring all records for each entry are accurate and complete. Max has participated on numerous calls and served as a technical judge in this year's competition. We look forward to their continued participation next year as an active part of the J&C Committee.

Matt served as our cooler captain and was responsible for inventorying and cataloging all of the entries in our three refrigerated coolers, plus an additional cooler to store all of the smoked cheeses. Sue Husch, from The Laurel Group, assisted Matt in the coolers to organize and deliver the cheeses to the judges and to ensure they could be located throughout their journey through the judging process.

Aside from being our go-to guy on-site for all last minute needs, like paper and masking tape, Tom Kooiman was responsible for orchestrating what we call the Back of House. This area is where all of the cheeses are staged for tempering. It was his responsibility to make sure all cheeses that were judged were returned to the coolers so they can be at the Festival of Cheese.

Our Front of House was run by John Antonelli. His complex tempering schedule was used to ensure that cheeses were delivered to the judges at the optimal temperature. He managed the volunteers and the flow of the cheeses to make sure the entries were delivered in a timely fashion. John also helped set the tone in the room, making sure everyone was calm and happy.

Leading the charge for all of the data entry was ACS' newest staff member, Steve Binns. He, along with the assistance of Marisa Crider from The Laurel Group, entered scores for all the entries that came through the judging room doors. They did an incredible job of keeping up with the pace and working with the volunteers to ensure that data entry was completed accurately.

A special thanks to my dear friend and mentor, John Greeley. It is great to have John back in the judging room after missing last year's conference, the first one in almost 30 years. He has helped me prepare for this opportunity for the past 11 years by taking the time to teach me about the American Cheese Society and Judging & Competition from our first meeting about "The Great Cheeses of New England."

During my first year as Chair, David Grotenstein has been a tremendous support and has been there for the many questions that arose during the year. His commitment to the ACS Judging & Competition shows his love for all American cheese and cheesemakers.

Michelle Lee exemplifies the dedication and commitment given by the ACS staff to this event. Her support in all areas of Judging & Competition while keeping the committee on task is a huge feat and a great accomplishment. I value the friendship that has grown out of this working relationship.

My expression of gratitude would not be complete without recognizing the tremendous amount of work that Richard and Karen Silverston dedicate each year to managing the integrity of the data for Judging & Competition. Without what we fondly refer to as the "Silverston Judging & Competition Database," on-site data collection would be nearly impossible to manage — particularly with the number of entries we received this year. This system helps keep all of the Judging & Competition information orderly, readily accessible, and stored securely. While they were not able to be here this year, they worked via phone and email to help keep things on track and were available anytime we needed help with a pressing issue.

And, of course, thanks to our judges, who evaluated more cheese than ever. Their patience, dedication to detail, and admiration for your work grows along with your number of entries. We ask more and more of them every year, and they get it done every time. We ask you to please take time to read all about them on the pages that follow.

It has been an eye-opening experience to work on this committee, beginning with my time as an aesthetic judge, then a technical judge, to the Back of House, to Vice Chair, and now, to serving as Chair. I am honored the ACS Board and staff, as well as the members, have confidence in my taking on this great challenge. It has been my sincere pleasure to work with these great people and to help bring their ideas to fruition. I am looking forward to another stellar year in 2013.

#### **Todd Druhot**

Chair, ACS Judging & Competition Committee

#### 2012 ACS JUDGING & COMPETITION OFFICIAL JUDGES ROSTER

#### TECHNICAL JUDGES: **AESTHETIC JUDGES:**

ROBERT BRADLEY Міке Сомотто MaryAnne Drake Nana Farkye

Lisbeth Goddik Walter Hartman

Luis Jimenez-Maroto

Mark Johnson

Kerry Kaylegian DAVID LOCKWOOD Sarah Masoni

Max McCalman

Gina Mode Lee Smith

Marianne Smukowski

CHARLES WHITE STEVE ZENG

LINDSEY SCHECHTER Lassa Skinner

Sara Adduci

Kurt Cuccaro

EDOUARD DAMEZ

CAROLINE HOSTETTLER

GORDON EDGAR

Tim Gaddis

Kate Harbin

Emiliano Lee

TRIPP NICHOLS

Mary Quicke

Brian Ralph

Carlos Souffront RICHARD SUTTON COURTENAY TYLER

Matthew Rubiner



# BEECHER'S HANDMADE CHEESE, WASHINGTON

## **FLAGSHEEP**

2ND PLACE

# VALLEY SHEPHERD CREAMERY, NEW JERSEY CREMA DE BLUE

CKEMIA DE BLUE

3RD PLACE

EMMI ROTH USA, WISCONSIN

ROTH GRAND CRU SURCHOIX

#### A. FRESH UNRIPENED CHEESES

Mascarpone, Cream Cheese, Neufchatel, Ricotta, Impastata, Quark, Fromage Blanc, Cottage Cheeses

#### AC: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Franklin Foods, VT

Green Mountain Farms Cultured Cream Cheese

2nd Swiss Valley Farms, IA

Cream Cheese

3rd Franklin Foods, VT

Hahn's Cultured Cream Cheese

#### AG: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK

1st UmbuziFarm, FL Cream Cheese

2nd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT

Creamy Goat Cheese Classic

3rd Montchevré-Betin,Inc., WI

Montchevré Fromage Blanc

## AS: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS

1st Quality Cheese Inc., ON

Buffalo Ricotta

2nd La Fromagerie Alexis de Portneuf, QC

Chèvre des Neiges

2nd La MoutonniereInc., QC

Neige De Brebis

3rd Fruition Farms Dairy & Creamery, CO

Whole Sheep's Milk Ricotta

3rd Mozzarella Company, TX

Grassias

#### AM: MASCARPONE - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Miceli Dairy Products, OH

Mascarpone

2nd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT

Mascarpone

3rd Sorrento Lactalis, ID

Mascarpone

#### AR: RICOTTA- MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1ST LIUZZIANGELONI CHEESE, CT

Hand Dipped Ricotta

2ND BELGIOIOSO CHEESE INC., WI

BelGioioso Ricotta con Latte Whole Milk

2ND CALABRO CHEESE CORPORATION, CT

Hand Dipped Ricotta

3RD MAPLEBROOK FARM, VT

Ricotta Hand-Dipped

## AQ: FROMAGE BLANC, FROMAGE FRAIS AND QUARK - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT Ouark

2nd Nicasio Valley Cheese Co., CA Foggy Morning

3rd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT Fromage Blanc

#### **B. SOFT RIPENED CHEESES**

White surface mold ripened cheeses - Brie, Camembert, Coulommiers, etc.

#### **BA: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK**

1st MouCo Cheese Company, CO MouCo Ashley

2nd Cellars at Jasper Hill, VT Harbison

3rd Sweet Grass Dairy, GA Green Hill

#### **BB: BRIE - MADE FROM COW'S MILK**

1st Brazos Valley Cheese, TX Eden

2nd Brazos Valley Cheese, TX
Brie

3rd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Brie Normandie

3rd Marin French Cheese Company, CA Rouge et Noir Original Brie

#### **BC: CAMEMBERT - MADE FROM COW'S MILK**

1st Belmont - Lactalis American Group Inc, WI Camembert 8 oz - President

2nd Marin French Cheese Company, CA Rouge et Noir Original Camembert

3rd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Grand Camembert L'Extra

#### **BG: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK**

1st Laura Chenel's Chevre, CA Laura Chenel's Chevre Melodie

2nd Looking Glass Creamery, LLC, NC Ellington

2nd Quality Cheese Inc., ON Ash Goat

3rd Fromagerie Le Détour, QC Grey Owl

3rd Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy, CO Haystack Mountain Camembert

#### **BS: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM SHEEP'S OR MIXED MILK**

1st Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery, IL Black Sheep

2nd Fromages CDA Inc, QC Le Soeur Angèle

3rd Nettle Meadow, NY Three Sisters

## BF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONING, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st Cypress Grove Chevre, CA
Truffle Tremor

2nd Alouette Cheese USA LLC, IL Alouette Brie with Truffles

2nd La Fromagerie 1860 DuVillage inc., QC Lady Laurier d'Arthabaska

3rd Turner Farm Creamery, ME Whitecap

3rd Zingerman's Creamery, MI Detroit St. Brick

#### BT: TRIPLE CRÈME - SOFT RIPENED/CREAM ADDED - ALL MILKS

1st Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Rondoux Triple Crème

2nd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Chevalier Triple Crème

2nd Marin French Cheese Company, CA Rouge et Noir Triple Crème Brie

3rd La Fromagerie Alexis de Portneuf, QC Chèvre des Neiges Brie Triple Crème

#### C. AMERICAN ORIGINALS

Cheeses recognized by the ACS as uniquely American in their original forms (Monterey Jack, Dry Jack, Brick Cheese, Brick Muenster, Colby, Teleme) or unique in their recipe and formulation and which do not strictly conform to the guidelines of other acknowledged recipes for cheese types.

#### **CB: BRICK CHEESE - MADE FROM COW'S MILK**

1st No award given

2nd Pasture Pride Cheese, WI Brick

3rd Klondike Cheese Co., WI

#### CD: DRY JACK - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st No award given

2nd Vella Cheese Company of California, CA Special Select Dry Monterey Jack

3rd Rumiano Cheese Company, CA Dry Monterey Jack

CJ: MONTEREY JACK - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Mt. Townsend Creamery, WA

New Moon

2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Monterey Jack

3rd Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, CA

Raw Organic Creamy Jack

CM: BRICK MUENSTER - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st McCadam Cheese, NY

McCadam Muenster

2nd Edelweiss Creamery, WI

Muenster

3rd Morning Star Farm, MN

Muenster

CT: TELEME

No Entries

CY: COLBY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Tillamook County Creamery Association, OR

Tillamook Colby

2nd Cedar Grove Cheese, WI

Marble Colby

3rd DCI Cheese Company, WI

Black Creek Colby

3rd Widmers Cheese Cellars, WI

Traditional Colby

CC: ORIGINAL RECIPE / OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Spring Day Creamery, ME

La Vie en Rose

2nd Plymouth Artisan Cheese, VT

Original Plymouth

2nd Point Reves Farmstead Cheese Co., CA

Point Reyes Toma

3rd Cowgirl Creamery, CA

Wagon Wheel

CG: ORIGINAL RECIPE / OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM

**GOAT'S MILK** 

1st Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT

Coupole

2nd Ruggles Hill Creamery, MA

Brothers' Walk

3rd Rivers Edge Chevre, OR

Rivers Edge Chevre Beltane

CS: ORIGINAL RECIPE / OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS

1st Beecher's Handmade Cheese, WA

Flagsheep

2nd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT

Cremont

3rd La Moutonniere Inc., QC

Sein D'Hélène

#### D. AMERICAN MADE / INTERNATIONAL STYLE

Cheeses modeled after or based on recipes for established European or other international types or styles - Beaufort, Abondance, Gruyère, Juustoleipa, Caerphilly, English Territorials, Leyden, Butterkäse, Monastery styles, etc.

DD: DUTCH STYLE (GOUDA, EDAM ETC.) - ALL MILKS

1st Old Europe Cheese, Inc., MI

4 lb Edam Ball

2nd Ely Farm Products, PA

Washington Crossing

2nd Holland's Family Cheese, WI

Marieke Gouda Aged (9-12 month)

3rd Willamette Valley Cheese, OR

Farmstead Gouda

DF: DUTCH STYLE - FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS, ETC. - ALL MILKS

1st Vintage Cheese of Montana, MT

Mountina-Mocha

2nd Oakdale Cheese & Specialties, CA

Cumin Gouda

3rd Fromagerie Bergeron Inc, QC

Le Coureur des bois

3rd Holland's Family Cheese, WI

Marieke Gouda Čumin

DC: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Emmi Roth USA, WI

Roth Grand Cru Surchoix

2nd Leelanau Cheese Co., MI

Aged Raclette

3rd Emmi Roth USA, WI

Roth Grand Cru Original

| DE: EMMENTAL STYLE WITH EYE FORMATION (SWISS, BABY SWISS, BLOCKS, WHEELS) - MADE FROM COW'S MILK    |           |  | EP: CHEDDAR FLAVORED WITH SWEET, SAVORY, JALAPENO,<br>CHIPOTLE, RED, GREEN PEPPERS; BLACK, WHITE, GREEN<br>PEPPERCORNS; GARLIC, ONIONS - ALL MILKS |   |  |
|---|-----------|--|--|---|--|
| 1   | lst       | No award given   | ·  | ·   |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | DCI Cheese Company, WI<br>Stella Swiss                             | 1st  | Beecher's Handmade Cheese, WA<br>Marco Polo Reserve                                     |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | Swiss Valley Farms, IA<br>Baby Swiss Wheel                         | 2nd  | <b>Springside Cheese Corp, WI</b><br>Olive White Cheddar                                |  |
| 3   | Brd       | Central Coast Creamery, CA<br>Holey Cow                            | 3rd  | <b>Beehive Cheese Company LLC, UT</b><br>Big John's Cajun Rubbed                        |  |
| 3   | Brd       | Swiss Valley Farms, IA   | EC: CHEDDAR - AGED UP TO 12 MONTHS - MADE FROM COW'S MILK  |   |  |
| 3   | Brd       | Baby Swiss Block Swiss Valley Farms, IA                            | 1st  | <b>Kraft Foods, WI</b><br>Sharp Cheddar   |  |
| DG: OPEN  | Ι C ΔΤΕ Θ | Swiss Block  GORY - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK                          | 2nd  | The Artisan Cheese Exchange, WI<br>Deer Creek "The Fawn"                                |  |
|   | lst       | Laura Chenel's Chevre, CA Laura Chenel's Chevre Crottin            | 3rd  | Kraft Foods, WI<br>Limited Edition Extra Sharp Cheddar                                  |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | Redwood Hill Farm, CA California Crottin                           | EG: CHEDDAR - AGED UP TO 12 MONTHS - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK   |   |  |
| 3   | Brd       | Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT<br>Bijou                      | 1st  | <b>Heartland Creamery, MO</b><br>Cheddar Goat   |  |
| DS: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS   |           |  | 2nd  | Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, CA<br>Caprae Raw Aged Goat Cheddar                        |  |
|   | lst       | Sartori Company, WI<br>Sartori Limited Edition Pastorale Blend     | 3rd  | Central Coast Creamery, CA<br>Goat Cheddar  |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | Valley Shepherd Creamery, NJ<br>Oktoberkaas                        | EX: MATURE CHEDDAR - AGED OVER 24 AND UP TO 48 MONTHS - ALL MILKS  |   |  |
| 3   | Brd       | Fromagerie du Presbytère, QC<br>Pionnier                           | 1st  | The Artisan Cheese Exchange, WI<br>Deer Creek Reserve                                   |  |
|   |           |  | 2nd  | Cabot Creamery Cooperative, VT<br>Cabot Vintage Choice Cheddar                          |  |
| E. CHEDDARS All Cheddars - all milks  |           |  | 2nd  | The Artisan Cheese Exchange, WI<br>Deer Creek Vat 17                                    |  |
| EA: AGED CHEDDAR - AGED OVER 12 AND UP TO 24 MONTHS - ALL MILKS                                     |           |  | 3rd  | Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI<br>4 Year Cheddar                                      |  |
| 1   | lst       | <b>DCI Cheese Company, ON</b><br>Black Diamond 2 Year Aged Cheddar | 3rd  | Tillamook County Creamery Association, OR Tillamook Special Reserve Extra Sharp Cheddar |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | Mt. Sterling Cheese Co-op, WI<br>Raw Goat Milk Sharp Cheddar       | EE: MATURE CH  | IEDDAR - AGED OVER 48 MONTHS - ALL MILKS  |  |
| 3   | 3rd       | <b>Vermont Farmstead Cheese Company, VT</b><br>Governor's Cheddar  | 1st  | Parmalat Canada, ON<br>Balderson Heritage Cheddar 5 Year                                |  |
| EF: CHEDDAR WITH SWEET FLAVORINGS, FRUITS,<br>SEASONINGS, HERBS, SPICES, ALCOHOL/SPIRITS - ALL MILK |           |  | 2nd<br>3rd   | No Award Given  Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI  |  |
| 1   | lst       | Beehive Cheese Company LLC, UT<br>TeaHive                          | Jiu  | 6 Year Cheddar  |  |
| 2   | 2nd       | Beecher's Handmade Cheese, WA<br>Yule Käse                         |  |   |  |
| 3<br>2  | Brd       | Beehive Cheese Company LLC, UT<br>Barely Buzzed                    |  |   |  |
| 4   |           |  |  |   |  |

## EW: CHEDDAR WRAPPED IN CLOTH, LINEN - AGED UP TO 12 MONTHS - ALL MILKS

1st Avalanche Cheese Company, CO

Avalanche Cheese Company Hand Bandaged

**Goat Cheddar** 

2nd Saxon Cheese, LLC, WI

**Pastures** 

3rd Brazos Valley Cheese, TX

Cheddar

## EB: CHEDDAR WRAPPED IN CLOTH, LINEN - AGED OVER 12 MONTHS - ALL MILKS

1st Fiscalini Cheese Co., CA

Bandage Wrap Cheddar Vintage

2nd Cows Creamery, PE

Avonlea Clothbound Cheddar (aged over 12

months)

3rd Avalanche Cheese Company, CO

Avalanche Cheese Company Hand Bandaged Goat

**Cheddar Reserve** 

#### F. BLUE MOLD CHEESES

All cheeses ripened with Roqueforti or Glaucum Penicillium (Excluded: Colorless Mycelia)

#### FC: RINDLESS BLUE-VEINED - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Rogue Creamery, OR

Oregon Blue

2nd Hook's Cheese Company, Inc., WI

Blue Paradise

3rd CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley, WI

Organic Pasteurized Blue Cheese

#### FG: RINDLESS BLUE-VEINED - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK

1st Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Billy Blue

2nd Montchevré-Betin, Inc., WI

Chevre in Blue

3rd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Baraboo Blue

## FS: RINDLESS BLUE-VEINED - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS

1st BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI

BelGioioso Gorgonzola with Sheeps Milk

2nd Hook's Cheese Company, Inc., WI

Little Boy Blue

3rd Old Chatham Sheepherding Company, NY

Ewe's Blue

## FK: BLUE-VEINED WITH A RIND OR EXTERNAL COATING - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Willapa Hills Cheese, WA

Big Boy Blue

2nd Rogue Creamery, OR

Flora Nelle

3rd Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co., CA

Point Reyes New Blue

## FL: BLUE-VEINED WITH A RIND OR EXTERNAL COATING - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK

1st Pure Luck Farm and Dairy, TX

Hopelessly Blue

2nd Avalanche Cheese Company, CO

Avalanche Cheese Company Midnight Blue

3rd FireFly Farms, MD

Mountain Top Bleu

## FM: BLUE-VEINED WITH A RIND OR EXTERNAL COATING - MADE FROM SHEEP'S OR MIXED MILK

1st Valley Shepherd Creamery, NJ

Crema De Blue

2nd La Moutonnière Inc., QC

Blue De La Moutonnière

3rd Snowy Mountain Sheep Creamery, UT

Timpanogos Peak

#### FE: EXTERNAL BLUE MOLDED CHEESES - ALL MILKS

1st Westfield Farm, MA

Classic Blue Log

2nd Westfield Farm, MA

Bluebonnet

3rd Westfield Farm, MA

**Hubbardston Blue (Cow)** 

#### G. HISPANIC & PORTUGUESE STYLE CHEESES

Cheeses based on the recipes of the Azorean, Brazilian, Central American, Colombian, Cuban, Guatemalan, Hispanic, Latino, Mexican and Portuguese communities

#### **GA: RIPENED CATEGORY - ALL MILKS**

1st Emmi Roth USA, WI

Roth GranQueso Reserve

2nd Emmi Roth USA, WI

Roth GranQueso

3rd Nuestro Queso, LLC, IL

Cotija

| GC: FRESH   | i UNRIP | ENED CATEGORY - ALL MILKS  | HY: FRESH M                      | OZZARELLA - 8 OZ. OR MORE (BALLS OR SHAPES) -  |  |
|---|---------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | st      | Karoun Dairies Inc, CA<br>Queso Del Valle Queso Fresco                 | ALL MILKS<br>1st                 | Quality Cheese Inc., ON<br>Buffalo Mozzarella  |  |
| 2   | nd!     | Karoun Dairies Inc, CA<br>Queso Del Valle Panela                       | 2nd                              |  |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Mozzarella Company, TX<br>Queso Oaxaca                                 | 3rd                              | Lactalis American Group-Tipton, CA Galbani 8oz Ball  |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Nuestro Queso, LLC, IL<br>Panela                                       |                                  | OZZARELLA - UNDER 8 OZ. (OVALINI, BOCCONCINI,<br>ZES) - ALL MILKS  |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Ochoa's Queseria, OR<br>Don Froylan Queso Oaxaca                       | 1st                              | <b>LiuzziAngeloni Cheese, CT</b><br>Fresh Mozzarella   |  |
| GF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONING, FRUITS - ALL MILKS   |         |  | 2nd                              | Saputo Dairy Products Canada G.P., QC<br>Mozzarina di Bufala   |  |
| 1   | st      | No Award Given   | 3rd                              | Lactalis American Group-Tipton, CA<br>Galbani 4oz Ball   |  |
| 2   | nd .    | No Award Given   |                                  | Galballi 102 ball  |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Mozzarella Company, TX<br>Queso Blanco with Chiles                     | SEPARATE, SO                     | HB: BURRATA - FRESH MOZZARELLA ENCASING A DISTINCTLY SEPARATE, SOFTER CURD AND CREAM, OR OTHER SOFT CHEESE, CORE - ALL MILKS |  |
|   |         |  | 1st                              | No Award Given   |  |
| H. ITALIAN TYPE CHEESES Excluded: Mascarpone and Ricotta  |         |  | 2nd                              | Miceli Dairy Products, OH<br>Burrata   |  |
| HP: PASTA FILATA TYPES (PROVOLONE, CACIOCAVALLO) - ALL MILKS  |         |  | 3rd                              | Belfiore Cheese Company, CA<br>Belfiore Burrata 8 Ounce  |  |
| _   | st      | BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI   |                                  |  |  |
| •   |         | BelGioioso Sharp Provolone Mandarino                                   | I. FETA CHEESES                  |  |  |
| 2   | nd      | Loveras Market, OK<br>Caciocavera                                      | IC: FETA - MA                    | A - MADE FROM COW'S MILK   |  |
| 3r  | Brd     | BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI   | 1st                              | Maplebrook Farm, VT<br>Whole Milk Block Feta   |  |
| BelGioioso Mild Provolone  HA: GRATING TYPES (REGGIANITO, SARDO, DOMESTIC PARMESAN) - ALL MILKS; ROMANO MADE ONLY FROM COW'S OR GOAT'S MILK AND NOT FROM SHEEP'S MILK |         |  | 2nd                              | <b>Belfiore Cheese Company , CA</b><br>Belfiore Mediterranean Style Feta in Brine 12 Ounce                                   |  |
|   |         |  | 3rd                              | Klondike Cheese Co., WI<br>Feta in Brine   |  |
|   | st      | BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI<br>BelGioioso Asiago                        | IG: FETA - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK |  |  |
| 2   | nd!     | BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI<br>BelGioioso Parmesan                      | 1st                              | Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT<br>Feta   |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Sartori Company, WI<br>Sartori Reserve SarVecchio Parmesan             | 2nd                              | Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy, CO<br>Haystack Mountain Feta   |  |
| HM: MOZZARELLA TYPES (BRICK, SCAMORZA, STRING CHEESE) -   |         | 3rd  | <b>Umbuzi Farm, FL</b><br>Feta   |  |  |
|   | st      | Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY   | IS: FETA - MA                    | IS: FETA - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS   |  |
|   |         | Armenian String Cheese   | 1st                              | <b>La Moutonnière Inc., QC</b><br>Feta   |  |
| 2   |         | Burnett Dairy Co-op, WI<br>Mozzarella String Cheese                    | 2nd                              | Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI<br>Sheep  |  |
| 3   | Brd     | Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese, LLC, WI<br>Farmers Rope String Cheese | 3rd                              | <b>Best Baa Dairy Ltd., ON</b><br>Best Baa Dairy Sheep Milk Feta   |  |
| 3   |         | Lastalis American Group NV   |                                  |  |  |
| 5   | Brd     | Lactalis American Group, NY<br>Whole Milk Low Moisture Mozzarella      | 3rd                              | Garden Variety Cheese, CA<br>Cosmos  |  |

## IF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONING, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st Klondike Cheese Co., WI

Peppercorn Feta

2nd La Moutonnière Inc., QC Feta in Oil with Herbs

3rd Chapel's Country Creamery, MD

Marinated Feta

#### J. LOW FAT / LOW SALT CHEESES

#### JL: FAT FREE AND LOW FAT CHEESES

1st Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Allegro probio 7%

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2nd Lactalis American Group, NY

Low Fat Ricotta

3rd Klondike Cheese Co., WI

Low Fat Feta

#### JR: LIGHT/LITE AND REDUCED FAT CHEESES

1st Fromages CDA Inc, QC

L'Empereur Léger

2nd Kraft Foods, SD

Reduced Fat Extra Sharp Cheddar

3rd Sorrento Lactalis, ID

Reduced Fat String

## JF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st Cabot Creamery Cooperative, VT

Cabot Jalapeno 50% Reduced Fat Cheddar

2nd Lactalis U.S.A., Inc., WI

Rondele Garlic & Herbs Light Spreadable Cheese

3rd Coach Farm, NY

Coach Farm Reduced Fat Fresh Goat Cheese with Pepper

3rd Franklin Foods, VT

Hahn's Yogurt & Cream Cheese Strawberries N' Cream

#### **K. FLAVORED CHEESES**

Entries are limited to cheeses not included in categories with "Flavor Added" subcategories

## KC: CHEESES FLAVORED WITH ALL PEPPERS (CHIPOTLE, JALAPENO, CHILI, ETC.) - ALL MILKS

1st Widmers Cheese Cellars, WI

Colby with Jalapenos

2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Jalapeno Bread Cheese

3rd Brunkow Cheese, WI

Brun-uusto with Jalapeño

## KF: CHEESES FLAVORED WITH HERBS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, TRUFFLES, FLOWERS, SYRUPS - ALL MILKS

1st Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese, LLC, WI

Petit Frère with Truffles

2nd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC

OKA Mushrooms

3rd La Fromagerie Alexis de Portneuf, QC

Chèvre des Neiges Fig & Orange

# KP: CHEESES FLAVORED WITH CRUSHED OR WHOLE PEPPERCORNS, SAVORY SPICES, AND OTHER SAVORY SEASONINGS, INCLUDING PROTEIN - ALL MILKS

1st BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI

BelGioioso Fresh Mozzarella, Prosciutto & Basil Roll

2nd Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY

Soppressata Roll

3rd BelGioioso Cheese Inc., WI

Cappiello Hand-Braided Fresh Mozzarella Zesty

Marinated

3rd Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY

Chorizo Roll

## KH: FLAVOR ADDED HAVARTI - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st No Award Given

2nd Edelweiss Creamery, WI

Vegetable Havarti

3rd Arla Foods Production LLC, WI

Havarti Jalapeno

3rd Emmi Roth USA, WI

Roth Havarti with Peppadew

## KJ: FLAVOR ADDED MONTEREY JACK - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st DCI Cheese Company, WI

Great Midwest Morel & Leek Jack

2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Hot Pepper Jack

2nd DCI Cheese Company, WI

Great Midwest Bruschetta Jack

3rd DCI Cheese Company, WI

Great Midwest Habanero Jack

3rd Heber Valley Artisan Cheese, UT

Wasatch Back Jack

3rd Pineland Farms Creamery, ME

Pepper Jack

3rd Tillamook County Creamery Association, OR

Tillamook Hot Habanero Jack

#### L. SMOKED CHEESES

LC: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st No Award Given

2nd Fromagerie Bergeron Inc, QC

Le Calumet

3rd Holland's Family Cheese, WI

Marieke Gouda Smoked

3rd Karoun Dairies Inc, CA

Karoun Smoked Braided String Cheese

LG: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK, SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS

1st Goat Lady Dairy, NC

Smoked Round

2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Smoked Ba Ba Blue

3rd Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy, CO

Haystack Mountain Smoked Chevre

LM: SMOKED ITALIAN STYLES (MOZZARELLA, SCAMORZA, BOCCONCINI, OVALINI, ETC.) - ALL MILKS

1st Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY

TWICE Smoked String Cheese

2nd Gold Creek Farms, UT

Smoked Parmesan

3rd Saputo Dairy Products Canada G.P., QC

**Smoked Caciocavallo** 

**LD: SMOKED CHEDDARS - ALL MILKS** 

1st Gold Creek Farms, UT

Smoked Cheddar

2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI

Apple Smoked Cheddar

3rd Fiscalini Cheese Co., CA

**Smoked Cheddar** 

#### M. FARMSTEAD CHEESES

Limited to cheeses and fermented milk products made with milk from herds on the farm where the cheeses are produced

MA: OPEN CATEGORY - SOFT - ALL MILKS; AGED UP TO 60 DAYS - OVER 50% MOISTURE

1st Sequatchie Cove Creamery, TN

**Dancing Fern** 

2nd Cellars at Jasper Hill, VT

Weybridge from Scholten Family Farm

3rd Coach Farm, NY

Coach Farm Fresh Goat Cheese

3rd Rivers Edge Chevre, OR

Rivers Edge Chevre Siltcoos

MC: OPEN CATEGORY - SEMISOFT - MADE FROM COW'S MILK; AGED OVER 60 DAYS - BETWEEN 39 AND 50%

1st Fromages CDA Inc, QC

Le Baluchon

2nd Fromages CDA Inc, QC

Le St-Anne

3rd Thistle Hill Farm, VT

**Tarentaise** 

ME: OPEN CATEGORY - HARD - MADE FROM COW'S MILK; AGED OVER 60 DAYS - LESS THAN 39% MOISTURE

1st Cricket Creek Farm, MA

Maggie's Reserve

2nd Flat Creek Lodge, GA

Natural Rind Cheddar

2nd Fromagerie du Presbytère, QC

Louis D'Or

2nd Fromagerie La Station, QC

Alfred Le Fermier

2nd Fromagerie La Station, QC

Chemin Hatley

2nd Robinson Farm, MA

A Barndance

2nd Sprout Creek Farm, NY

Toussaint

3rd Nature's Harmony Farm, GA

Fortsonia

3rd Uplands Cheese, WI

Extra-Aged Pleasant Ridge Reserve

MG: OPEN CATEGORY - AGED OVER 60 DAYS - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK

1st Ruggles Hill Creamery, MA

Greta's Fair Haven

2nd Sprout Creek Farm, NY

Madeleine

3rd Boston Post Dairy, LLC, VT

Tres Bonne

3rd Latte Da Dairy, TX

Latte Da Caerphilly

MS: OPEN CATEGORY - AGED OVER 60 DAYS - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED MILKS

1st Black Sheep Creamery, WA

St. Helens

2nd Willamette Valley Cheese, OR

Perrydale

3rd Everona Dairy, VA

Stony Man

3rd Kokoborrego Cheese Company, OH

Owl Creek Tomme

## MF: OPEN CATEGORY FOR ALL CHEESES WITH FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st Holland's Family Cheese, WI Marieke Gouda Foenegreek

2nd Ruggles Hill Creamery, MA Lea's Great Meadow

3rd Nicasio Valley Cheese Co., CA Foggy Morning with Garlic and Basil

#### N. FRESH GOAT'S MILK CHEESES

NO: FRESH GOAT RINDLESS (BLACK ASH COATING PERMITTED) - EXTRUDED SHAPE, LOGS, CYLINDERS, BUCHE STYLE OR IN CONTAINERS, CUPS, TUBS, CRYOVAC

1st Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, CA Bella Capra Chevre

2nd Coach Farm, NY Coach Farm Fresh Curd

2nd Three Graces Dairy, LLC, NC Plain Jane

3rd Woolwich Dairy, WI Woolwich Dairy Original Chevrai

NS: FRESH GOAT CHEESE - HAND SHAPED, FORMED OR MOLDED INTO PYRAMID, DISC, DRUM, CROTTIN, BASKET OR OTHER SHAPE

1st Baetje Farms LLC, MO Coeur de la Créme – Plain

2nd Mystery Bay Farm, WA Fresh Chevre

3rd Umbuzi Farm, FL Chevre

NF: FLAVOR ADDED - FLORAL, FRUITS, LIQUORS, CITRUS, BERRIES, CACAO

1st Montchevré-Betin, Inc., WI Wellspring (by Montchevre) Cranberry Orange

2nd Latte Da Dairy, TX
Latte Da Chocolate Goat Cheese Truffles

3rd Briar Rose Creamery, OR Chocolate Chevre Truffles

3rd Finica Food Specialties, ON
Celebrity International Cranberry & Cinnamon
Goat Cheese

3rd Three Graces Dairy, LLC, NC Turkish Delight

NH: FLAVOR ADDED - HERBS, EXTRACTS, TRUFFLES, TRUFFLE OIL

1st No Award Given

2nd Finica Food Specialties, ON Celebrity International Goat Cheese Dill

Finica Food Specialties, ON
Celebrity International Goat Cheese Honey

NP: FLAVOR ADDED - PEPPERS (SWEET OR SAVORY, JALAPENOS, CHIPOTLES, ETC.), MUSTARDS, OLIVES, WASABI, ONION, GARLIC, SPICES

1st Cypress Grove Chevre, CA Sqt. Pepper

2nd Laura Chenel's Chevre, CA Laura Chenel's Four Pepper Chabis

3rd Finica Food Specialties, ON

Celebrity International Mediterranean Goat Cheese

3rd Montchevré-Betin, Inc., WI
Montchevre Crottin with 4-Peppers

#### O. FRESH SHEEP'S MILK CHEESES

Open to all shapes and styles of rindless, unaged, fresh sheep's milk cheeses

**OO: OPEN CATEGORY** 

1st Hidden Springs Creamery, WI Driftless - Natural

2nd La Moutonnière Inc., QC Cabanon

3rd Shepherd's Way Farms, MN Shepherd's Hope

OF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS

1st Green Dirt Farm, LLC, MO Fresh Nettle

2nd Green Dirt Farm, LLC, MO Fresh Rosemary

3rd Hidden Springs Creamery, WI Driftless - Cranberry Cinnamon

#### P. MARINATED CHEESES

Entries include cheeses marinated in oil, vinegar, wine, spirits and liqueur, etc.

PC: OPEN CATEGORY MARINATED IN LIQUIDS AND INGREDIENTS - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY Marinated Ciliegine

2nd Sartori Company, WI Sartori Reserve Merlot BellaVitano

3rd Calabro Cheese Corporation, CT Ciliegine Salad

Formannio Italian Cheese

3rd Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY Grilled Vegetable w/ Ciliegine

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3rd Alouette Cheese USA LLC, PA PG: OPEN CATEGORY MARINATED IN LIQUIDS AND INGREDIENTS -MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK Alouette Crème Fraiche No Award Given 1st Bellwether Farms, CA 3rd Crème Fraiche Laura Chenel's Chevre, CA 2nd Laura Chenel's Chevre Cabecou QY: YOGURTS - PLAIN WITH NO ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS -MADE FROM COW'S MILK Havstack Mountain Goat Dairy, CO 3rd Cabot Creamery Cooperative, VT 1st Haystack Mountain Chevre in Marinade Cabot Greek Style Yogurt, Plain PS: OPEN CATEGORY MARINATED IN LIQUIDS AND INGREDIENTS -Straus Family Creamery, CA 2nd MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR MIXED **Greek Yogurt** 1st Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI Canaria Karoun Dairies Inc, CA 3rd Karoun Yogurt 2nd Grafton Village Cheese, VT Ewewden, Apple Pie 3rd Straus Family Creamery, CA Greek Yogurt, Nonfat No Award Given 3rd QD: YOGURTS - PLAIN WITH NO ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS -MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK Montchevré-Betin, Inc., WI 1st Q. CULTURED MILK PRODUCTS Montchevre Goat Milk Yogurt Plain Limited to Yogurt, Crème Fraiche, Kefir, Labne, etc. 2nd Redwood Hill Farm, CA QC: CULTURED PRODUCTS - MADE FROM COW'S MILK Plain Yogurt Karoun Dairies Inc. CA 1st Karoun Labne Kefir Cheese Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, CA 3rd Capretta Greek Yogurt Redwood Hill Farm, CA 2nd Lactose Free Sour Cream QE: YOGURTS - PLAIN WITH NO ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS -MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK Straus Family Creamery, CA 3rd Old Chatham Sheepherding Company, NY 1st Sour Cream Sheep's Milk Yogurt Plain **OG: CULTURED PRODUCTS - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK** 2nd Best Baa Dairy Ltd., ON Best Baa Dairy Sheep Milk Yogourt Plain 1st No Award Given 3rd La Moutonnière Inc., QC Redwood Hill Farm, CA 2nd Royogourt Plain Kefir QQ: YOGURTS - FLAVOR ADDED - INCLUDES SUGAR, SYRUP, No Award Given 3rd HONEY, AGAVE, SWEETENERS, VANILLA, FRUIT, ETC. - ALL MILKS OS: CULTURED PRODUCTS - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR 1st Three Happy Cows LLC, TX **MIXED MILK** Three Happy Cows Honey Greek Yogurt **No Entries** Redwood Hill Farm, CA 2nd Peach Yogurt QA: CULTURED PRODUCTS - FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS Three Happy Cows LLC, TX 3rd Redwood Hill Farm, CA 1st Three Happy Cows Blueberry Drinkable Yogurt Lactose Free Strawberry Pomegranate Acai Kefir Three Happy Cows LLC, TX 3rd 2nd No Award Given Three Happy Cows Strawberry Drinkable Yogurt No Award Given 3rd OF: LIMITED TO CRÈME FRAICHE PRODUCTS - MADE FROM **COW'S MILK** 

Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT

Crème Fraiche

Creme Fraiche

Mozzarella Company, TX

1st

2nd

#### R. BUTTERS

Whey Butter, Salted Butter, Sweet Butter, Cultured Butter, etc.

## RC: SALTED BUTTER WITH OR WITHOUT CULTURES - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Cabot Creamery Cooperative, MA Cabot Old Fashioned Solids

2nd CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley, WI Organic Pasture (Salted & Cultured) Butter

2nd CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley, WI Organic Salted Butter

3rd Parmalat Canada, ON Lactantia Salted Butter

3rd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT Cultured Butter Lightly Salted

## RO: UNSALTED BUTTER WITH OR WITHOUT CULTURES - MADE FROM COW'S MILK

1st Cabot Creamery Cooperative, MA
Cabot Unsalted Butter

2nd Tillamook County Creamery Association, OR Tillamook Unsalted Sweet Cream Butter

2nd Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery, VT Cultured Butter Unsalted

3rd CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley, WI Organic European Style (Cultured) Butter

## RM: BUTTER WITH OR WITHOUT CULTURES - MADE FROM GOAT'S, SHEEP'S OR MIXED MILKS

1st Nordic Creamery, WI Goat Butter

2nd No Award Given

3rd La Moutonnière Inc., QC Ewe's Butter

3rd Mt. Sterling Cheese Co-op, WI Salted Whey Cream Butter

## RF: FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - ALL MILKS

1st Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY
Betta Butter Honey Walnut

2nd Nordic Creamery, WI Maple Syrup Butter

3rd Formaggio Italian Cheese, NY
Betta Butter Chocolate Chip & Coconut

3rd Gold Creek Farms, UT Truffle Butter

3rd Shatto Milk Company, MO Garlic Butter

#### S. CHEESE SPREADS

Spreads produced by grinding and mixing, without the aid of heat and/or emulsifying salts, one or more natural cheeses

#### SC: OPEN CATEGORY COLD PACK STYLE - ALL MILKS

1st Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI Sharp Cheddar Spread

2nd Lactalis U.S.A., Inc., WI Rondele Feta Spreadable Cheese

2nd Scott's of Wisconsin, WI Sharp Cheddar Cold Pack Cheese Food

3rd Pine River Pre-Pack, Inc, WI Aged Asiago Cold Pack Cheese Food

# SF: COLD PACK CHEESE FOOD AND CHEESE SPREADS - FLAVOR ADDED - SPICES, HERBS, SEASONINGS, FRUITS - MAXIMUM MOISTURE 44% - ALL MILKS

1st Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI Horseradish Spread

2nd Pine River Pre-Pack, Inc, WI Swiss & Almond Cold Pack Cheese Food

3rd Family Fresh Pack, WI Sugar Brook Capital Amber Cold Pack

## SA: OPEN CATEGORY SPREADS WITH FLAVORS USING A BASE WITH MOISTURE HIGHER THAN 44% - ALL MILKS

1st Rising Sun Farms, OR Curry Cheese Torta

2nd Rising Sun Farms, OR Mediterranean Cheese Torta

3rd Emmi Roth USA, WI Serafina Garlic & Herb Spread

3rd Mozzarella Company, TX
Pecan Praline Mascarpone

#### T. AGED SHEEP'S MILK CHEESES

Caciotta, Romano, Manchego, Table Cheeses, etc.

#### **TO: OPEN CATEGORY**

1st Grafton Village Cheese, VT Bismark

2nd Finica Food Specialties, ON Sheep Cheese

3rd Fromagerie Nouvelle France, QC Zacharie Cloutier

#### **U. AGED GOAT'S MILK CHEESES** Taupinière, Rinded Log and Pyramid Types, etc. **UG: OPEN CATEGORY** Baetje Farms LLC, MO 1st Bloomsdale 2nd Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc., WI Cave Aged Cardona Sartori Company, WI 3rd Sartori Limited Edition Extra Aged Goat V. WASHED RIND CHEESES Cheeses with a rind or crust washed in salted brine, whey, beer, wine, other alcohol, or grape lees that exhibit an obvious, smeared or sticky rind and/or crust - Limburger, Pont l'Evêque, Chimay, Schloss, Raclette, Swiss Appenzeller or Vignerons-style, etc. VC: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM COW'S MILK La Fromagerie 1860 DuVillage inc., QC 1st La Tentation de Laurier 2nd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC OKA Raclette 2nd Cowgirl Creamery, CA Red Hawk 3rd Agropur Fine Cheese, QC Champfleury VG: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM GOAT'S MILK 1st FireFly Farms, MD Cabra La Mancha 2nd Consider Bardwell Farm, VT Manchester 3rd Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy, CO Haystack Mountain Red Cloud VS: OPEN CATEGORY - MADE FROM SHEEP'S MILK OR **MIXED MILKS** 1st Fromagerie Le Détour, QC Le Clandestin Hidden Springs Creamery, WI 2nd Meadow Melody Reserve Grafton Village Cheese, VT 3rd Bear Hill VA: CHEESES AGED MORE THAN 90 DAYS WITH UP TO 44% **MOISTURE - ALL MILKS** Uplands Cheese, WI 1st Pleasant Ridge Reserve Consider Bardwell Farm, VT 2nd Rupert Emmi Roth USA, WI 3rd Raclette



#### **TODD DRUHOT**

#### **Chair, ACS Judging & Competition Committee**

As the Gourmet Cheese Specialist and Director of the Cheese Importing Program for Atlanta Foods International, Todd Druhot has been driving his vision for specialty cheese since 1999. During the past 12 years, he has dramatically increased the selection of American Artisanal cheeses available to Atlanta Foods International's customers. He continues to train and educate sales reps and customers on new American artisanal cheeses.

With his background in foodservice, including a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, Todd has felt compelled to continuously seek out new and interesting American and European artisanal cheeses. Todd's quest has taken him around the world every year, attending multiple shows and competitions both as an exhibitor and ardent student. Todd attended a short course for cheese grading and evaluation at the University of Wisconsin. Todd has been a member of the American Cheese Society and Cheese Importers Association since 1999. In October 2010, he was inducted into the Guilde Internationale des Fromagers. He currently lives in Marietta, GA with his wife Ferrell and two children Kalyn and Max. who both love cheese!

#### **TOM KOOIMAN**

#### Vice Chair, ACS Judging & Competition Committee

Tom Kooiman was born and raised in Southwest Wisconsin on a dairy farm. Tom explains, "My father was a livestock auctioneer for thirty years. I worked at the auction market during my summer months moving and tending all sorts of animals and taking in the wisdom of the farmers that would come to auction. My father and mother along with the rest of us kids took care of our 500-acre farm. The combination of these two jobs sustained our family during the last great recession in the early 1980s." Tom has always had a connection to the world of food, be it farming or working in fine restaurants and catering. He also took on the role of specialty cheese expert for one of the Pacific Northwest's top distributors. Now living in Portland, Oregon, Tom currently acts as a consultant for retailers and restaurants alike, and he is committed to supporting the greater cheesemaking community and the American Cheese Society.

#### **SARA ADDUCI**

Sara Adduci is the head cheesemonger at Feast! in Charlottesville, Virginia. She got her start in the world of cheese by way of a 26-year career in the restaurant world and a fortuitous gig as a wedding photographer for a woman who owned a small wine and gourmet foods shop called River City Cellars, in Richmond, Virginia. After discovering a love for a three-year aged Gouda sold at the shop, Sara offered herself up as a holiday staffer to help to support her addiction, and she was hooked. She never looked back. It wasn't long before she was knee-deep in cheese: learning, buying, selling, enjoying, exploring and immersing herself in all things curd. Her desire to experience the entire process of cheesemaking, from the farm to the plate, led her to an internship at Caromont Farm, where she not only developed a serious appreciation for what it takes to make an American artisanal cheese, but she also discovered a true affection for goats.

Before moving to Charlottesville, she ran the cheese department at River City Cellars for eight years, leading monthly cheese classes and establishing the cheese program for its sister restaurant, Secco Wine Bar. She is thrilled and honored to be a part of the ACS competition this year. Sara still photographs weddings, goats, and cheese in her spare time.

#### **DR. ROBERT L. BRADLEY**

Dr. Bradley is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Food Science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. During his 37 years on the faculty, he held appointments in teaching, research, and extension. His focus in research was in the general area of mostly dairy technology with an emphasis on product development, ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis, frozen desserts, analytical methods of food analysis, and sensory analysis. He participated in and set up several short courses to train industry employees.

#### **MIKE COMOTTO**

Mike is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a BS in Food Science and Nutrition. He began his career in 1977 with Schreiber Foods, Inc. as a Cheese Production Specialist focused on supply cheese manufacturers quality, process development, and compliance. He gained his Wisconsin Cheese Makers and Cheese Graders License in 1979. Mike left Schreiber Foods in 1984 to become Technical Sales Manager for Nordica International, marketing dairy cultures to the cheese industry. He received US Patents for certain culture applications for cheese manufacture, and held several positions in Marketing, Technical Service, and Sales through several company acquisitions from 1989-2006. Mike became an industry consultant from 2006 until August of 2010, taking a position in Product Development with DairiConcepts in Springfield, MO.

Mike has served on Boards for several Dairy Societies in Wisconsin. His grading experiences include two times as US Cheese Contest Judge, three times as World Cheese Contest Judge, four times as Technical Judge for the American Cheese Society's Judging & Competition, seven years as Judge for the Illinois and Missouri State Fair's Dairy Products competition, and fourteen years as an Official Judge for Cheddar Cheese for the Collegiate Dairy Contest. Mike was instrumental in setting up the Idaho Milk Processors' Cheese Contest in 1996 and served as Lead Judge until 2006.

#### **KURT CUCCARO**

Kurt Cuccaro is the owner of Mazzaro's Italian Market in St. Petersburg, FL. Mazzaro's is a full service gourmet market with an extensive cheese department. Kurt started his culinary career at the age of 17 and opened his first seafood restaurant in Florida two years later. He then opened a chain of bagel shops in the southeast. After being bought out by a national company, he started working with his family in the gourmet market and coffee roasting business. His commitment to artisanal cheeses and quality food products has made his market a destination for food lovers all over the state of Florida.

#### **EDOUARD DAMEZ**

Born in Brittany, France, in a small village, Edouard grew up eating almost exclusively food from his family's garden or from his grandparents' farm. He started baking at fifteen and studied the trade for three years, finishing as Best Apprentice des Côtes d' Armor (French Province). After his military service in Germany, Edouard worked in Marseilles, South of France for a French Milling company; that company transferred him to Las Vegas, Nevada in December 1985 to run their Bakery Production plant. In 1988, he moved to Houston where he met his wife and opened the Bakery department for a French retail Grocery store "Auchan Hypermarket" (9th largest food retailer in the world). In 1991, he took over the responsibility of the cheese department and increased the selection to over 400 sku's with a cut-to-order counter. In 1993, Edouard was recruited by H-E-B Central Market to run the Bakery department for their first store in Austin. From 2000 until late 2010, he was responsible for the Deli & Cheese category management, evaluating hundreds of cheeses for the nine-store chain that has received acclaims worldwide for operating some of the best stores in the U.S. Edouard is privileged and honored to judge this year, as well as to have been an ACS aesthetic judge in 2009 and 2010.

#### DR. MARYANNE DRAKE

Dr. Drake is a William Neal Reynolds Professor in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences at the Southeast Dairy Foods Research Center at North Carolina State University, where she conducts research on the flavor and flavor chemistry of dairy products. Her research is focused on integrating sensory science with flavor chemistry to understand flavors and flavor sources in dairy products. Dr. Drake has published more than 180 peer-reviewed manuscripts, given over 170 professional presentations, and 100 invited industry presentations. She has judged the World Cheese Championships and the American Cheese Society Judging & Competition. Dr. Drake is the Past President of the American Dairy Science Association, the Director of the National Dairy Research Institute Sensory Applications Lab, and the Director of the North Carolina State University Sensory Services Center. She is a Co-Chair of the 2012 ACS Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.

#### **GORDON EDGAR**

Gordon Edgar loves cheese and worker-owned cooperatives, and has been combining both of these infatuations as a cheesemonger at Rainbow Grocery Cooperative in San Francisco since 1994. Edgar has been a judge at national cheese competitions, a board member for the California Artisan Cheese Guild, and, since 2002, blogged at www.gordonzola.net. His cheese memoir, Cheesemonger: A Life on the Wedge was published in 2010 by Chelsea Green.

#### DR. NANA Y. FARKYE

Dr. Farkye graduated from the University of Ghana in 1980 with a Bachelor's degree (with honors) in Biochemistry and Nutrition. Then, he received his M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Sciences and Nutrition from Utah State University in 1985 and 1986, respectively. Dr. Farkye is currently a Professor of Dairy Science at California Polytechnic State University where he has been since 1990. Prior to joining Cal Poly, he worked at the University College Cork, in Ireland. Dr. Farkye's research interests are in dairy chemistry and cheese technology. He has several published articles and book chapters on various aspects of cheese and dairy foods, and holds U.S. and international patents on no-melt cheese technologies. He teaches courses in dairy chemistry and cheese and fermented milk foods. Dr. Farkye has been a judge in several previous cheese contests, including the ACS Judging & Competition, the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest, and the World Championship Cheese Contest. Dr. Farkye has also offered his expertise as a consultant to dairy products manufacturers in the U.S. and abroad.

#### **TIM GADDIS**

Tim "The Cheese Man" Gaddis is Atlanta's Cheesemonger. Since graduating from the French Culinary Institute in New York City in 2003, Tim has been at the helm of the Star Provisions cheese shop. At Star Provisions, he works directly with chef-owner Anne Quatrano to create cheese plates for Bacchanalia, Quinones at Bacchanalia, Floataway Café and Abattoir, as well as buying the cheeses for the upscale provider's cheese shop. Though he worked with some of the nation's most celebrated chefs while in New York, it was his stint as a Cheesemonger at Murray's Cheese in Manhattan where he discovered his calling. Tim says "I look for things that are made by traditional farming methods, where the animals are eating fresh grass or straw, where the cheese maker has control of the milk in one form or another from the time that it comes out of the animal." Tim also pays attention to seasonality and locality when making his cheese selections. Tim regularly writes and speaks about cheese and often appears in national publications and at media events where he discusses the value of fresh, local dairies and pairing artisan cheeses with wines and other fresh foods.

#### DR. LISBETH GODDIK

Lisbeth Goddik, Ph.D., grew up on a farm in Denmark but immigrated to the US when her parents bought a farm in Oregon. Her professional work experience includes production work at three different Danish dairy plants and three years at Yoplait's International Research Center in Paris, France. In addition, she has worked in New Zealand, Canada, and Norway. She received her graduate degrees in food science from Cornell University and Oregon State University (OSU). She has worked at OSU since 1999 as OSU's dairy processing extension specialist and associate professor in food science. Her job responsibilities include teaching, research, and outreach in the field of dairy processing. She is the current holder of the ODI-Bodyfelt Professorship in dairy science and directs the Arbuthnot Dairy Center.

#### **KATE HARBIN**

Kate Harbin is currently the Specialty Coordinator for Whole Foods Market Mid-Atlantic Region, representing over 40 Stores in the world of Specialty Foods. Originally from Texas, her love of cheese, ironically, developed out of a mild liquid milk allergy in her youth. Almost 20 years later, a change in career with Whole Foods Market brought her back to her original passion. Kate worked with an amazing mentor in a small Dallas store whom she fondly calls the "Cheese Whisperer" — someone who planted a passion and appreciation in her for the tradition and respect of the product.

Over the past five to seven years, Kate has been lucky enough to study cheese and travel to farms in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Maryland, and across the pond to England and Switzerland. Along the way, she has encountered some amazing mentors and cheese makers. During the American Cheese Society's 2009 Austin conference, Kate was lucky enough to host and organize the Festival of Cheese. Getting to merchandise, taste and interact with such a large cheese network was a monger's dream! Kate currently lives in the greater Washington D.C. metro area and loves the East Coast food scene, including all of the small D.C. farmers' markets.

#### **WALTER HARTMAN**

Walter Hartman has been the dairy plant manager at the Virginia Tech Food Science Department since 1988. He has been the assistant coach of the Virginia Tech Dairy Judging team for fourteen years and coach for five years. Walter has taught collegiate labs on making dairy products since 1988. A native of Virginia, Walter completed the Wisconsin Cheese Technology course in 1993. He works with the Virginia Department of Agriculture to test cheese for safety and quality along with other dairy products from the farm to the customer. He started judging Cheese with the American Cheese Society in 2005 and has been a judge at the 2006 World Championship Cheese Contest, 2007 and 2009 United States Championship Cheese Contests, as well as a coach judge at the Collegiate Dairy Evaluation Contests. Walter has never met a cheese he didn't like, if it was made well.

#### **CAROLINE HOSTETTLER**

Ever since she helped make it as a young girl in the Bernese alps, cheese was Caroline's passion. And when the food journalist moved from Switzerland to Florida in 1996, it was the cheeses she had been surrounded by and loved so much that she missed the most. After joking over the phone one day and telling her friend - Affineur Rolf Beeler with whom she had been working back home - that she might have no other option than to start importing his products, the idea got stuck in her head. So in 1998, equipped with two rollable coolers and 100 lbs of fine cheeses, Caroline set out on a two-week long trip during which she met with only the very best chefs. Quality Cheese was born. The first customers included Picholine and Daniel in NY, Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, IL, and The French Laundry in Yountville, CA. The rest is history.

Quality Cheese brings in hand-crafted cheeses that reflect their origin and tradition and tell their story and history through their flavors, aromas, textures, and uniqueness. Caroline works closely with both producers and Affineurs (and whenever possible with herds) and is an educator and ambassador for precious cheeses that deserve to be understood and appreciated. She lives in Fort Myers, FL with her husband and four sons.

#### **LUIS A. JIMENEZ-MAROTO**

Luis is a Food Engineer from the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico, where his work as an intern in the Dairy Processing Lab seeded his fascination for cheese. He followed this fascination to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he obtained a Master's degree in Food Science working on the composition, functionality, and sensory profiles of Hispanic cheeses. Luis then worked as a Sensory Scientist for PepsiCo International Mexico, while at the same time teaching at the Monterrey Institute of Technology as an Adjunct Professor. But the allure of cheese is hard to ignore, and when the opportunity to come back to work in America's Dairyland presented itself, he seized it. Nowadays, Luis is the Sensory Coordinator for both the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research, and the Food Science Department of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he works in both academic and industry-based research related to sensory science, and is involved in several short courses, including the Wisconsin Cheese Tech Short Course, Cheese Grading, The World of Cheese, and Milk Pasteurization. Luis has previously judged at the World Championship Cheese Contest in 2008 and 2012.

#### **MARK E. JOHNSON**

Mark E. Johnson graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in Dairy Manufacturing, and from North Carolina State University with a degree in Food Science. He became Program Coordinator, in 1980, for the Walter Price Cheese Research Institute (now the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research) at the University of Wisconsin. He is a Senior Scientist at the Center. Mark's main areas of interest are developing manufacturing and ripening protocols for unique cheeses, and the study of cheese characteristics that sometimes consumers may not always appreciate (cheese defects). He loves to talk cheese with cheesemakers to share their experiences, insights, and their cheeses.

#### DR. KERRY E. KAYLEGIAN

Dr. Kerry Kaylegian a Dairy Foods Research & Extension Associate at the Pennsylvania State University Department of Food Science. Kerry provides technical support to the dairy industry to improve the safety and quality of dairy processes and products. To support the entrepreneurs and small to medium-size processors in the raw milk legal state of Pennsylvania, Kerry developed the Dairy Basics for Farmstead and Artisan Processors Workshop and the Science and Art of Cheese Making Short Course. Kerry directs the Pasteurizer Operator's Workshop and the Dairy HACCP Workshop, and develops custom educational programs for the dairy industry. Kerry's current research focuses on improving the functional and nutritional properties of milk fat as an ingredient. Kerry has worked in academia for over twenty years and has experience with butter, milk, yogurt, ice cream, and cheese.

Kerry is a judge for regional, national, and international dairy and cheese competitions. Kerry teaches sensory evaluation of dairy products and is looking forward to starting a team for the annual Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Food Science from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in Food Science from Cornell University. Her graduate research focused on dairy processing and chemistry on butter and milk. Her post-doctoral project at Cornell was to develop a website to provide factual information on raw and pasteurized milk for consumers (www.milkfacts.info).

#### **EMILIANO LEE**

Coming from a long line of grocers, Emiliano Lee's passion for cheese dates back to his childhood in Oakland, where he could be found stealing bites of Brie from the wheel in his father's desk drawer and spending his allowance at the Creighton's old 6th Avenue Cheese Shop in San Francisco. Though he first worked the counter in the late 1990's in Oakland, it wasn't until 2007 at the age of 32 when Emiliano relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah that he established himself as a cheese monger first at Harmon's Brickyard, and later as Cheese and Charcuterie Manager at Liberty Heights Fresh. During this time, Emiliano made certain to constantly hone his craft — from consulting with cheese makers in Utah and Idaho, to assisting in cheese making at local creameries, as well as a brief immersion working the arches and counter at Neal's Yard Dairy in London. While at Liberty Heights Fresh, Emiliano focused on small, sustainable, mostly farmstead producers, allowing him to forge close relationships with cheese makers throughout the United States and beyond.

Since 2009, Emiliano has served as a judge for ACS, affording him the opportunity to taste thousands of cheeses from hundreds of North American producers, and provide them with valuable feedback. Additionally, he participated in the inaugural 2010 Cheese Monger Invitational, served as a panelist at the 2011 Sonoma Valley Cheese Conference, and moderated a panel at the 2011 ACS Conference in Montréal. As Artisan Market Manager at Farmshop in Santa Monica's Brentwood Country Mart, Emiliano has now built a focused cheese program around the vast bounty of artisan cheeses being produced in California and beyond (with a strong West Coast lean, and all but one domestic offering).

#### **DAVID LOCKWOOD**

David Lockwood began selling cheese at Zingerman's Deli in 1986. Since 1991 he has worked with Neal's Yard Dairy: managing the shops, opening up the U.S. market, selecting, buying, maturing and allocating cheese. Currently he is the managing director of Neal's Yard Dairy and a partner in the business.

#### **SARAH MASONI**

Sarah Masoni is the Product and Process Development Manager for Oregon State University Food Innovation Center located in Portland, Oregon. Sarah has worked more than twenty years in the food industry in Quality Assurance, Manufacturing, and Product Development.

While attending Oregon State University, Sarah trained under Floyd Bodyfelt and competed in the 1985 International Dairy Products Judging Competition in Atlanta, placing 1st in Butter and Ice Cream and 2nd in Cottage Cheese. Sarah was the number 3 judge over-all, competing with 28 different universities. Sarah worked in a cheese shop in the 1980's that had over 200 cheeses; she also made semi-soft surface ripened cheeses while working at a small cheese factory in Tillamook, Oregon. Sarah has also worked as a USDA inspector for the Cheese program. Sarah has been an executive board member for the Oregon Dairy Industries, and continues to participate in the ODI. She traveled with her father and family through Europe in 1974, visiting farmstead cheese facilities, and learning a great deal from her dad, Edmund A. Zottola, Professor Emeritus, University of MN, who started the Minnesota Farmstead Cheese Program in 1975. Sarah graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

#### **MAX MCCALMAN**

Max McCalman is America's first restaurant-based Maître Fromager, and Garde et Jure as designated by France's Guilde des Fromagers. McCalman, a veteran of the food and hospitality industries, spent most of his professional life as a Maître d' Hotel and Sommelier. He joined New York City-based restaurant Picholine in 1994 where, as Maître d'Hotel, he became a dedicated scholar of cheese and created that restaurant's fabled cheese program with Chef-Proprietor Terrance Brennan. McCalman later established the critically acclaimed cheese programs at Artisanal Brasserie & Fromagerie restaurant and the Artisanal Cheese Center, both in New York City. Picholine, Artisanal Brasserie, and the Artisanal Premium Cheese Center created on-site "caves" to nurture cheeses to their peak stages of ripeness.

McCalman authored The Cheese Plate with David Gibbons (Clarkson Potter Publishers, 2002) which was nominated for awards by the James Beard Foundation and by the International Association of Cooking Professionals. His second book, Cheese: A Connoisseur's Guide to the World's Best (Clarkson Potter, 2005), won a 2006 James Beard Award. Max's next book, Mastering Cheese: Lessons for Connoisseurship from a Maître Fromager (Clarkson Potter, 2009) won "Best in the World" books on cheese by Gourmand World Cook Book Awards. McCalman is a contributor to leading cheese publications, and he is a frequent lecturer. He has also made appearances on numerous television and radio programs. He is a frequent judge in cheese competitions in the U.S. and Europe. He is a founding member of the ACS Certification Committee.

#### **GINA L. MODE**

Gina was raised on a fifth generation family dairy farm and has been making cheese as a licensed Wisconsin cheesemaker for over a decade. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Food Science and a Master of Business Administration Degree. Gina has been working with cheese since an internship with the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research in 1990. She worked for the Swiss Colony in Monroe, Wisconsin and the Babcock Hall Dairy Plant at the University of Wisconsin—Madison before returning to the CDR in 2005. As a member of the Cheese Industry and Applications Group, Gina works closely with cheese brokers, ingredient suppliers, and manufacturers — from farmstead to commercial. She is involved with everything from cheese trials and troubleshooting to short courses and outreach efforts. Gina particularly enjoys working with cheesemakers to develop new specialty cheeses. She has served as a technical judge for the American Cheese Society, North American Jersey Cheese Awards, and World Dairy Expo Championship Dairy Product Contest.

#### **TRIPP NICHOLS**

Tripp Nichols grew up in Harvard, MA and crossed the country to attend the University of Montana where he graduated with a degree in Business. Returning to New England after college, Tripp's passion for food (particularly cheese) and his curiosity to learn more about food production brought him to Formaggio

Kitchen. In the five years he has worked at Formaggio Kitchen, Tripp has worn many hats — representing the store at a local farmers' market in Cambridge and teaching classes, both in-house and at Boston University. When not at work, Tripp frequently spends his free time visiting with domestic cheesemakers — sometimes helping to make a few wheels of cheese and always enjoying learning more about the extraordinary artisan cheeses being made in the United States today. On these farm visits, made about every three weeks, Tripp often picks up cheese for the shop — this is one of his favorite things about working at Formaggio Kitchen: the relationship the store has with domestic producers.

Recently, Tripp returned from France where he was traveling in the Pyrenees, visiting farms and tasting with cheesemakers and affineurs. Currently, he is a cheesemonger and classroom instructor at Formaggio Kitchen Cambridge. He is in charge of the domestic cheese program and serves as Domestic Cheese Buyer. In addition to his fondness for domestic cheese, Tripp enjoys cooking, eating, pickling things, and reading about food!

#### **MARY QUICKE**

Mary Quicke farms and makes cheese in Devon, England, producing Quickes Traditional Cheeses. Her family has been on the farm for fourteen generations, producing cheese over that time. Her 500 grass-fed cross-bred dairy cows produce the milk used to make the farm's traditional, cloth-wrapped cheddars, using traditional wet pint starters, with a distinctive complex, balanced flavor and a long finish, which are sold across the world. She has judged in the Great Taste Awards, the World Cheese Awards, at the Royal Bath and West and at ACS. She was awarded the MBE in 2006 for services to farming and cheesemaking.

#### **BRIAN RALPH**

Brian is the Caves Master at Murray's Cheese in New York City, home to five maturing caves beneath the flagship shop in Greenwich Village. He oversees the proper storage, maturation, and flavor profiling of more than 300 different styles of cheese. Acting as the liaison between buying and sales representatives, Brian updates departments on the development and quality of all cheeses ripening in the subterranean aging facilities. Recently he has developed new unique cheeses through Murray's CaveMaster Reserve program that are unique and exclusive to New York retail, online, and wholesale clients. Currently Brian is collaborating with many restaurants including Tria, City Winery, Rye House, and Osteria Morini to create exclusive Cave Aged cheese plates.

#### **MATTHEW RUBINER**

Matthew Rubiner is the owner of Rubiner's Cheesemongers & Grocers and rubi's café in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He became a cheesemonger in 1994 after a career in military policy analysis at MIT and in the service of defense contractors and government agencies, including SAIC, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense. His writings on cheese have appeared in Culture Magazine and The American. He has served on the American Cheese Society Board of Directors, appeared on numerous ACS panels, and served as a Judge at several ACS national competitions. In 2010 he won the inaugural National Cheesemongers Invitational.

#### LINDSEY SCHECHTER

Cheese entrepreneur Lindsey Schechter is the owner of Houston Dairymaids, a retail and distribution company specializing in handmade Texas cheeses. Originally from Miami, Florida, Lindsey graduated from Rice University in Houston, and has been a chef and food writer in New York City and coowner of an acclaimed restaurant in Maine. After realizing that cheese was her true passion, Lindsey spent five weeks as a "monger" at Neal's Yard Dairy in London. The experience was the inspiration for the Houston Dairymaids, an endeavor to introduce the world to the growing ranks of fine cheesemakers in Texas and throughout the United States.

#### **THALASSA (LASSA) SKINNER**

Lassa works as a cheesemonger in Napa, California. She started the Oxbow Cheese Merchant in 2007 and now teaches classes at the San Francisco Cheese School and other venues throughout the Napa Valley and beyond. She is also co-founder/owner of culture: the word on cheese, a general consumer magazine distributed throughout the US and UK. Most recently, she co-authored Cheese For Dummies (J.Wiley, June 2012) which gives an introduction to the glories of cheese – her favorite topic.

A dual citizen of both the United States and Australia, Lassa also has a home in South Australia's Barossa Valley and may be the only person on earth who has managed, promoted, and helped grow farmers' markets on two continents. Her dog Samantha (who is, in fact, an Aussie) has a distinctly cheese-centric palate and, though partial to camembert, has learned to accept that even she will have to wait until kidding season is complete before she can savor local goat milk cheeses again.

#### **LEE SMITH**

An award-winning writer and extensive "cheese" traveler, Lee Smith is the senior vice president of Phoenix Media Network and publisher/editorial director for Deli Business and Cheese Connoisseur magazines. She began her career with Kings Super Markets in New Jersey over 30 years ago. Her love of specialty cheeses began with her promotion to deli supervisor and assistant cheese buyer. Her career includes over twenty years in the retail industry as a cheese buyer, deli director, senior marketing/purchasing director, and consultant.

#### **MARIANNE SMUKOWSKI**

Marianne is a graduate of UW-Madison with a degree in Foods Science. Marianne worked for the USDA-Dairy Division for nine years. She then joined Land O' Lakes as a QC specialist for five years. Marianne's current position is Dairy Safety/Quality Applications Coordinator for the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research. In this position she assists dairy manufacturers in the following areas: safety/quality audits, third party audits, recall issues, GMP reviews, and developing HACCP plans. She has judged dairy products for numerous contests throughout her career. She coordinates the WI Master Cheesemaker program and provides technical support in regulatory matters.

#### **CARLOS SOUFFRONT**

Carlos Souffront has spent the whole of his professional career working with cheese. From his first job working for the Michigan specialty grocer the Merchant of Vino, to his formative tenure as buyer within the Zingerman's Community of Businesses, to his current role purchasing for two of the Bay area's most esteemed and long-established specialty food chains, Andronico's Community Market and A.G. Ferrari Foods, Carlos' enthusiasm and connoisseurship for cheese has made him one of the retail industry's most knowledgeable and experienced mongers. His visits with many of his favorite producers on buying trips and his close working relationship with maturers such as the Neal's Yard Dairy, Fromageries Mons and Petite and the Cellars at Jasper Hill have refined his discerning palate, his rigor toward batch selection and even his techniques for finishing cheeses at retail. This is Carlos Souffront's first time judging at the ACS competition, in an official capacity anyways!

#### **RICHARD M. SUTTON**

Richard Sutton's interest in cheese began as a child when he first visited Europe with his parents. However, on the way to becoming New Orleans' premier cheesemonger, he was waylaid into banking, a career which inspired no passion whatsoever. On a whim, and with a fresh visa in hand, Richard and his wife Danielle moved to London in 2002 to see what adventures would find them. What found them was Paxton & Whitfield, the 200-year-old cheese shop in the St. James neighborhood, and supplier of cheese to the royal household. And so began Richard's transition from bored banker to passionate cheesemonger. Living in London and working at Paxton's allowed Richard access to the great cheese makers and affineurs of Europe, and a wealth of knowledge and training about cheese. In 2006. Richard and Danielle decided to move back to the US and

open their own cheese business. Having met in New Orleans while in college and having enormous fondness for the city, they decided that this was where they would open the St. James Cheese Company. Despite the challenges of opening a business in post-Katrina New Orleans, St. James Cheese has been welcomed with open arms by the city and has grown a loyal and steady following in the five years since opening.

#### **COURTENAY TYLER**

Courtenay is currently the Specialty Director for Earth Fare, the Healthy Supermarket, overseeing their specialty cheese, wine, beer, and coffee. She has been with Earth Fare, a growing supermarket chain, since 2003, bringing artisan cheeses to marketplaces in 27 stores in seven States.

Courtenay began her 'cheese journey" working at The Gourmet Shop in Columbia, South Carolina in high school job, cutting and wrapping cheese, and pairing cheese for their weekly wine tastings. After several years of job soul searching, working in different restaurants, and attending culinary school at the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Courtenay returned to her first love: working with cheese. She has worked with cheese makers and suppliers full time for over thirteen years, which has led to eating way more than the FDA Daily Recommended Allowance of Cheese.

#### DR. CHARLES H. WHITE

Dr. White holds a Ph.D. in Food Microbiology from the University of Missouri, a MS in Dairy Microbiology, and a BS in Dairy Technology from Mississippi State University. Dr. White is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Food Science and Technology at Mississippi State University. He coached the students of Mississippi State University for twenty years, and they placed #1 in 7 of those years. In 2006 and 2007 he was a coach for the students at Middle Tennessee State University and they were National Champions—both years.

Dr. White has also served as an official judge at the World Cheese Contest, the U.S. Cheese Contest, and the National Milk Producers Federation Annual Meeting. In addition to theses honors, he has received several awards including: Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award, Pfizer Award in Cheese and Cultured Products Research, and the Nordica International Research Award for Research in Cultured Dairy Products. Dr. White has authored and/or co-authored over 50 articles that have been published in referred journals and many articles in trade journals.

Dr. White has served on boards of the American Cultured Dairy Products Institute, and the American Dairy Science Association. He served as President of the American Dairy Science Association (1998). He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council for the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses / World Food Logistics Association. He retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army.

#### **DR. STEVE ZENG**

Dr. Steve Zeng is a Dairy Product Specialist and Chairman of Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources at Langston University, Oklahoma. His expertise is in dairy product processing, particularly in goat milk and cheese. With his industrial and academic experiences, he has conducted many cheesemaking workshops/schools in the U.S. as well as in Argentina, Armenia, China and the Republic of Georgia, and judged the ACS Cheese Contest, the United States Cheese Championship and the World Cheese Championship since 2007.

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#### **Agropur Fine Cheese**

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#### **Alemar Cheese Company**

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#### Alouette Cheese USA, LLC

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#### Annabella Creamery, Inc.

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#### **Antonio Mozzarella Factory**

631 Frelinghuysen Avenue Office 2nd Floor Newark, New Jersey 07114 (973) 353-9411 www.antoniomozzarella.com

#### **Appleton Creamery**

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#### Arena Cheese Inc.

P.O. Box 136 300 Highway 14 Arena, Wisconsin 53503 (608) 753-2501 www.arenacheese.com

#### Arla Foods Muskegon

6366 Norton Center Muskegon, Michigan 49441 (231) 798-4371 www.arlafoods.com

#### **Arla Foods Production LLC**

489 Holland Court Kaukauna, Wisconsin 54130 (920) 766-5765

#### Arthur Schuman, Inc.

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#### **Avalanche Cheese Company**

216 Cody Lane Basalt, Colorado 81621 (970) 927-6850 www.avalanchecheese.com

#### **Baetje Farms LLC**

8932 Jackson School Road Bloomsdale, Missouri 63627 (573) 483-9021 www.baetjefarms.com

#### **Balfour Farm**

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#### **Beecher's Handmade Cheese**

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#### **Beehive Cheese Company LLC**

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#### **Belfiore Cheese Company**

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#### BelGioioso Cheese Inc.

4200 Main Street Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311 (928) 863-2123 www.belgioioso.com

#### **Belle Chevre**

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#### **Bellwether Farms**

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#### **Berkshire Cheese LLC**

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#### Beurrerie du Patrimoine

225 Cochrane Street Compton, Quebec JOB 1LO Canada (819) 835-9373 www.fermegroleau.com

#### **Black Sheep Creamery**

345 Bunker Creek Road Chehalis, Washington 98532 (360) 520-3397 www.blacksheepcreamery.com

#### **Blackberry Farm**

1471 West Millers Cove Road Walland, Tennessee 37886 (865) 380-2115 www.blackberryfarm.com

#### **Bonnie Blue Farm**

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#### **Boone Creek Creamery**

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#### **Boston Post Dairy, LLC**

2061 Sampsonville Road Enosburg Falls, Vermont 05450 (802) 933-2749 www.bostonpostdairy.com

#### **Brazos Valley Cheese**

7781 Gholson Road Waco, Texas 76705 (254) 230-2535 www.brazosvalleycheese.com

#### **Briar Rose Creamery**

P.O. Box 34 Dundee, Oregon 97115 (503) 538-4848 www.briarrosecreamery.com

#### **Brunkow Cheese**

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#### **Burnett Dairy Co-op**

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#### **Cabot Creamery Cooperative**

1 Home Farm Way Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802) 371-1260 www.cabotcheese.coop

#### Calabro Cheese Corporation

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#### **CalyRoad Creamery**

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#### **Canal Junction Farmstead Cheese**

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#### Capriole

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#### **Caputo Brothers Creamery**

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#### **Caromont Farm**

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#### Carr Valley Cheese Co., Inc.

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#### **Catapano Dairy Farm**

33705 North Road Peconic, New York 11958 (631) 765-8042 www.catapanodairyfarm.com

#### Cato Corner Farm, LLC

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#### **Caves of Faribault**

222 3rd Street NE Faribault, Minnesota 55021 (507) 334-5260 www.cavesoffaribault.com

#### **Cedar Grove Cheese**

P.O. Box 185 Plain, Wisconsin 53577 (608) 546-5284 www.cedargrovecheese.com

#### Cellars at Jasper Hill

P.O. Box 272 884 Garvin Hill Road Greensboro, Vermont 05841 (802) 533-2566 www.cellarsatjasperhill.com

#### **Central Coast Creamery**

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#### **Chapel Hill Creamery**

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#### **Chapel's Country Creamery**

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#### Cherry Glen Goat Cheese Co.

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#### Cherry Grove Farm

3200 Lawrenceville Road Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 (609) 219-0053 www.cherrygrovefarm.com

#### **Coach Farm**

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#### **Consider Bardwell Farm**

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#### **Cooperstown Cheese Company**

107 Oxbow Road Milford, New York 13807 (978) 257-4635 www.cooperstowncheesecompany.com

#### **Cowgirl Creamery**

419 1st Street Petaluma, California 94952 (415) 717-7480 www.cowgirlcreamery.com

#### **COWS Creamery**

397 Capital Drive Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1E 2E2 Canada (902) 628-3517

#### **Cowslip Creamery**

862 Luce Street SW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49534 (616) 453-4257 www.cowslipcreamery.com

#### **Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese**

W11555 Torpy Road Waterloo, Wisconsin 53594 (920) 478-4887 www.cravecheese.com

#### Cricket Creek Farm

1255 Oblong Road Williamstown, Massachusetts 01267 (413) 458-5888 www.cricketcreekfarm.com

#### **CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley**

One Organic Way La Farge, Wisconsin 54639 (608) 625-2666 www.organicvalley.coop

#### **Cypress Grove Chevre**

1330 Q Street Arcata, California 95521 (707) 825-1100 www.cypressgrovechevre.com

#### **DCI Cheese Company**

3018 Helsan Drive Richfield, Wisconsin 53076 (262) 677-6951

#### Di Stefano Cheese

1485 East 3rd Street Pomona, California 91766 (909) 865-8301 www.distefanocheese.com

#### **Doe Run Dairy**

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#### Dreamfarm, LLC

8877 Table Bluff Road Cross Plains, Wisconsin 53528 (608) 767-3442 www.dreamfarm.biz

## Eagle Mountain Farmhouse Cheese Co.

P.O. Box 1496 Granbury, Texas 76048 (817) 579-0090 www.eaglemountaincheese.com

#### **Edelweiss Creamery**

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#### Edgwick Farm Ltd.

348 Angola Road Cornwall, New York 12518 (845) 401-2301 www.edgwickfarm.com

#### **Ely Farm Products**

401 Woodhill Road Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940 (215) 860-0669 www.elyfarmproducts.com

#### **Emmi Roth USA**

657 Second Street Monroe, Wisconsin 53566 (608) 845-5796 x115 www.emmirothusa.com

#### **Everona Dairy**

23246 Clarks Mountain Road Rapidan, Virginia 22733 (540) 854-4159

#### **Family Fresh Pack**

110 West Main Street P.O. Box 323 Belleville, Wisconsin 53508 (608) 347-9566 www.sugarbrookfarms.com

#### **Farm Country Cheese House**

7263 Kendaville Road Lakeview, Michigan 48850 (989) 352-7779 www.farmcountrycheese.come

#### **Farms For City Kids Foundation**

706 Caper Hill Road Reading, Vermont 05062 (802) 484-1226 www.sbfcheese.org

#### **Finica Food Specialties**

5942 Ambler Drive Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2N3 Canada (905) 629-3030 www.finica.com

#### Fiore di Nonno, LLC

561 Windsor Street B305 Somerville, Massachusetts 2143 (617) 764-1231 www.fioredinonno.com

#### FireFly Farms

107 South Main Street P.O. Box 257 Accident, Maryland 21520 (301) 746-8188 www.fireflyfarms.com

#### Fiscalini Cheese Co.

7206 Kiernan Avenue Modesto, California 95358 (209) 545-5495 www.fiscalinicheese.com

#### Flat Creek Lodge

367 Bishop Chapel Church Road Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (877) 352-8273 www.flatcreeklodge.com

#### Formaggio Italian Cheese

P.O. Box 320 250 Hilldale Road Hurleyville, New York 12747 (845) 436-4200 www.formaggiocheese.com

#### Franklin Foods

P.O. Box 486 Ensoburg Falls, Vermont 05450 (802) 933-4338 www.franklinfoods.com

#### Fromagerie Bergeron Inc.

3837 route Marie-Victorin Saint-Antoine-De-Tilly, Quebec GOS 2C0 Canada (418) 886-2234 www.fromagesbergeron.com

#### Fromagerie du Presbytère

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#### Fromagerie La Station

440 Chemin de Hatley Compton, Quebec JOB 1L0 Canada (819) 835-5301 www.fromagerielastation.com

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#### Fromagerie Nouvelle France

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8895, 3 e Croissant Anjou, Quebec H1J 1B6 Canada (514) 648-7997 www.fromagescda.com

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14347 East Cherry Creek Road Larkspur, Colorado 80214 (303) 847-7113 www.fruitionfarmsdairy.com

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557 Town Farm Road Unity, Maine 04988 (207) 948-5268

#### **Garden Variety Cheese**

1481 San Miguel Canyon Road Royal Oaks, California 95076 (831) 761-3630 www.gardenvarietycheese.com

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#### **Goatsbeard Farm**

11351 Callahan Creek Road Harrisburg, Missouri 65256 (573) 875-0706 www.goatsbeardfarm.com

#### **Gold Creek Farms**

P.O. Box 1225 85 West Center Street Kamas, Utah 84036 (435) 671-9104 www.goldcreekfarms.com

#### **Grafton Village Cheese**

P.O. Box 87 Grafton, Vermont 05301 (802) 246-2221 www.graftonvillagecheese.com

#### **Grassfields LLC**

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#### Great Hill Dairy, Inc.

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#### Green Dirt Farm, LLC

P.O. Box 74 Weston, Missouri 64098 (816) 386-0170 www.greendirtfarm.com

#### Hahn's End

62 Captain Perry Drive Phippsburg, Maine 04562 (207) 442-0051

#### **Harmony Specialty Dairy Foods**

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1417 Rosedown Street Longview, Texas 75604 (903) 452-0854

#### **Haystack Mountain Goat Dairy**

1121 Colorado Avenue Longmont, Colorado 80501 (720) 494-8714 www.haystackgoatcheese.com

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#### **Holland's Family Cheese**

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#### **Holly Grove Farms**

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#### Hook's Cheese Company, Inc.

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#### Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy LLC

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#### **Karoun Dairies Inc**

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#### Keeley's Cheese Co.

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#### Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese

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#### Klondike Cheese Co.

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#### **Kokoborrego Cheese Company**

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#### Kootenay Alpine Cheese (dba),

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#### Lactalis American Group-Tipton, CA

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#### Lactalis U.S.A., Inc.

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#### Lactography

22 Parker Road Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 (718) 246-0906 www.lactography.com

#### Lakin's Gorges Cheese LLC

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#### Lark's Meadow Farms

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#### **Latte Da Dairy**

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#### Laura Chenel's Chevre

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#### Leelanau Cheese Co.

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#### Litehouse Inc

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#### Maple Leaf Cheese Coop.

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#### Maplebrook Farm

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#### **Miceli Dairy Products**

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#### Michigan Farm Cheese Dairy, Inc.

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#### **Monroe Cheese Studio**

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#### **Morning Star Farm**

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#### MouCo Cheese Company

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#### **Mountain View Farm Products, LLC**

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#### Mozzarella Company

2944 Elm Street Dallas, Texas 75226 (214) 741-4072 www.mozzco.com

#### Mt Townsend Creamery

338 Sherman Street Port Townsend, Washington 98368 (360) 379-0895 www.mttownsendcreamery.com

#### Mt. Mansfield Creamery, LLC

730 Bliss Hill Road Morrisville, Vermont 05661 (802) 888-7686 www.mymansfieldcreamery.com

#### Mt. Sterling Cheese Co-op

505 Diagonal Street Mt. Sterling, Wisconsin 54645 (608) 734-3151 www.buymtsterlinggoatcheese.com

#### **Mystery Bay Farm**

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#### Ochoa's Queseria

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#### Old Chatham Sheepherding Co.

155 Shaker Museum Road Old Chatham, New York 12136 (518) 794-7733 www.blacksheepcheese.com

#### Old Europe Cheese, Inc.

1330 East Empire Avenue Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 (269) 925-5003 www.oldeuropecheese.com

#### Park Cheese Company, Inc.

168 East Larsen Drive Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937 (920) 923-8484

#### **Parmalat Canada**

490 Gordon Street Winchester, Ontario KOC 2KO Canada (613) 229-1274

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s510 County Highway D Cashton, Wisconsin 54619 (608) 654-5580

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#### **Pineland Farms Creamery**

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#### **Plymouth Artisan Cheese**

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#### Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co.

P.O. Box 9 14700 Highway 1 Point Reyes, California 94956 (415) 663-8880 www.pointreyescheese.com

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#### **Prodigal Farm**

4720 Bahama Road Rougemont, North Carolina 27572 (919) 477-5653 www.prodigalfarm.com

#### Pure Luck Farm and Dairy

3000 Martin Road Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 (512) 917-2803 www.purelucktexas.com

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#### Rainbeau Ridge

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#### Red Barn Family Farms by Springside Cheese

W3933 Highview Drive Appleton, Wisconsin 54913 (920) 570-0324 www.redbarnfamilyfarms.com

#### Redwood Hill Farm

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#### **Rising Sun Farms**

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#### **Rollingstone Chevre**

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#### **Rumiano Cheese Company**

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#### Saxon Cheese, LLC

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#### **Shelburne Farms**

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#### **Snowy Mountain Sheep Creamery**

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#### **Sorrento Lactalis**

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#### **Spring Day Creamery**

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#### **Sprout Creek Farm**

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#### **Stone Hollow Creamery**

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#### **Straus Family Creamery**

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#### **Upper Canada Cheese Company**

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#### Vermont Farmstead Cheese Co.

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# SAIVIPILE THE 2012 JUDGING & COMPETITION FILES!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH,
RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

#### BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

8:00 am - 8:45 am

Come sample yogurts, cultured products, butters, and fresh unripened cheeses from the 2012 Judging & Competition. Winners will be highlighted, and you'll have a chance to enjoy these delicious products with a variety of breads and condiments. This is a continental breakfast with a nod to ACS's 2012 winners!

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## **FESTIVAL OF CHEESE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

6:30pm - 7:00pm, members-only admission

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm,general admission

Sample the incredible North American cheeses entered into the 2012 Judging & Competition, including this year's winners. You'll enjoy the best that ACS members have to offer, along with samples of craft beer and specialty foods. Take away a commemorative wine glass, and come with cash so you can pick up a cheese "grab bag" on your way home! This annual cheese extravaganza is not to be missed.

Admission is included for Full Conference Registration holders and Saturday Day Pass holders. Additional tickets are available for \$55 for guests of ACS members and the general public.