

2017 National Milk Producers Federation Championship Cheese Contest						
2017 Chairman's Plaque						
Category		Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	
Chairman's Plaque		Michigan Milk Producers Association	Middlebury, Indiana	Pepperjack		
2017 Class Champions						
Category		Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	
Best Cheddar		Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, Wisconsin		Steve Buechel	
Best Cottage Cheese		Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	4% Small Curd	Ryan Stezel / Dwayne Elkins	
Best Italian		Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	St. Pete's Select Blue	Caves of Faribault Team	
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Mild Cheddar	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, Wisconsin		Steve Buechel	99.50
Mild Cheddar	Second	Northwest Dairy Association	Sunnyside, Washington	Colored	Efrain Manzo	99.30
Mild Cheddar	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Blair, Wisconsin		Mark Frederixon	99.20
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Medium Cheddar	First	Foremost Farms USA	Marshfield, Wisconsin		Mason Frost	98.80
Medium Cheddar	Second	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, Wisconsin		Jeff Berg	98.60
Medium Cheddar	Third	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, New York	B	Team McCadam	98.60
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Sharp Cheddar	First	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Tillamook, Oregon	White	Tillamook Team 1	99.60
Sharp Cheddar	Second	Foremost Farms USA	Lancaster, Wisconsin		Luke Demes	99.50
Sharp Cheddar	Third	Foremost Farms USA	Marshfield, Wisconsin		Doug Snortheim	99.40
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Extra Sharp Cheddar	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, Wisconsin		Luke Kopecky	99.4
Extra Sharp Cheddar	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, New York	B	Team McCadam	99.4
Extra Sharp Cheddar	Third	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, New York	A	Team McCadam	99.3
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Mozzarella	First	Foremost Farms USA	Milan, Wisconsin	Part Skim Mozzarella	Craig Schelling	99.60
Mozzarella	Second	Dairy Farmers of America	Turlock, California	WM Mozzarella	Jaun-Carlos Salazar	99.50
Mozzarella	Third	Foremost Farms USA	Chilton, Wisconsin	LMPS Mozzarella	Chilton Team 1	99.40
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Provolone	First	Foremost Farms USA	Milan, Wisconsin	Lipase Smoked Provolone	Craig Schelling	99.80
Provolone	Second	Foremost Farms USA	Chilton, Wisconsin	Smoked Provolone	Chilton Team 3	99.50
Provolone	Third	Dairy Farmers of America	New Wilmington, Pennsylvania	Mild Provolone	Mike Breznak	99.00
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Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	St. Pete's Select Blue	Caves of Faribault Team	99.50
Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	AmaBlu	Caves of Faribault Team	99.30
Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Hoven, South Dakota	Asiago	AMPI Team	99.20
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Natural	First	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Boardman, Oregon	Monterey Jack	Tillamook Team 3	99.50
Natural	Second	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Jim Falls, Wisconsin	Colby Jack	Mike Heinrichsen	98.80
Natural	Third	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Boardman, Oregon	Colby Jack	Tillamook Team 3	98.60
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Swiss	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, Iowa	Swiss	Luana Team	99.30
Swiss	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Shullsberg, Wisconsin	Baby Swiss	Shullsberg Team	97.60
Swiss	Third	Bongards' Creameries	Norwood, Minnesota	Slice-on-Slice Swiss	Loaf A Shift	97.50
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Processed American Plain	First	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Portage, Wisconsin	Colored American Process Cheese Slice-on-Slice	Process Slice Team	99.20
Processed American Plain	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Rochester, Minnesota	Processed American Plain	Matt Lamp	98.80
Processed American Plain	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Portage, Wisconsin	American Swiss Process Cheese Slice-on-Slice	Process Slice Team	98.70
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Processed American Flavored	First	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Portage, Wisconsin	Past Proc Monterey Jack & American Cheese w/ Red Bell & Jalapeno Peppers	Process Loaf Team	98.90
Processed American Flavored	Second	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Portage, Wisconsin	Hot Pepper Past Proc Cheese Food Loaf	Process Loaf Team	98.80
Processed American Flavored	Third	Bongards' Creameries	Norwood, Minnesota	Processed American Deli Loaf with Peppers	Loaf B Shift	97.90
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Hot or Spicy Flavor	First	Michigan Milk Producers Association	Middlebury, Indiana	Pepperjack		99.70
Hot or Spicy Flavor	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, Vermont	Hot Pepper Jack	Team Cabot	99.50
Hot or Spicy Flavor	Third	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Boardman, Oregon	Pepper Jack	Tillamook Team 3	99.40
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Unique or Mild Flavor	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	St. Mary's Grassfed Gouda	Caves of Faribault Team	99.70
Unique or Mild Flavor	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	Jeff's Select Gouda	Caves of Faribault Team	99.10
Unique or Mild Flavor	Third	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Tillamook, Oregon	Smoked Yellow Cheddar	Tillamook Team 1	99.00
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Open Class	First	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	Campbell, New York	Natural Whole Milk Ricotta 15 oz	Ann White	99.50
Open Class	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, Iowa	Neufchatel	Luana Team	99.40
Open Class	Third	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	Campbell, New York	Natural Whole Milk Ricotta 2 lb	Mike Shaffer	99.30
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Reduced Fat	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, Wisconsin	Reduced Fat American Processed Cheese- Slice on Slice	Team Slice	98.90
Reduced Fat	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, Vermont	50% Reduced Fat Cheddar	Team Cabot	98.50
Reduced Fat	Third	Bongards' Creameries	Norwood, Minnesota	Processed American Reduced Fat - Reduced Sodium	Loaf A Shift	98.40
Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker	Score
Cottage Cheese	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	4% Small Curd	Ryan Stezel / Dwayne Elkins	99.20
Cottage Cheese	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, Vermont	Regular	Team Cabot	99.10
Cottage Cheese	Third	Northwest Dairy Association	Issaquah, Washington	4% Large Curd	Paul Andrews	99.00
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Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Carbondale, Illinois	2% Small Curd	Rory Hundley	99.30
Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Quincy, Illinois	2% Small Curd	Quincy Crew	98.60
Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	Third	Northwest Dairy Association	Issaquah, Washington	2% Small Curd	Paul Andrews	98.50
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Flavored Cottage Cheese	First	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	West Seneca, New York	4% Small Curd Pineapple Cottage Cheese		99.30
Flavored Cottage Cheese	Second	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	West Seneca, New York	4% Small Curd Chive Cottage Cheese		98.60
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Natural Cheese Snack	First	Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery	Ellsworth, Wisconsin	Natural Cheddar Cheese Curds	Team Ellsworth	99.70
Natural Cheese Snack	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, Minnesota	Faribault Dairy Cheese Curds	Caves of Faribault Team	99.60
Natural Cheese Snack	Third	Tillamook County Creamery Association	Tillamook, Oregon	Natural Cheese Curds	Tillamook Team 2	99.50
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Processed Cheese Snack	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, Wisconsin	Queso Bravo Cheese Dip with Jalapeno and Red Peppers	TeamCustom	99.50
Processed Cheese Snack	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, Iowa	Cream Cheese Spread	Luana Team	98.80