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Award		Coop Name		Plant Location		Cheese Maker
Chairman's Award		Lanco Pennland		Hancock, MD		Team Pennland
Reserve Chairman's		Land O'Lakes, Inc.		Kiel, WI		Kiel Cheese Team
Reserve Chairman's		California Dairies Inc.		Visalia, CA		California Dairies, Inc.
Best Butter		California Dairies Inc.		Visalia, CA		California Dairies, Inc.
Best Cheddar		Lanco Pennland		Hancock, MD		Team Pennland
Best Italian		Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.		Mindoro, WI		Team Mindoro
Best Cottage Cheese		Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.		Carbondale, IL		Brandon Parini
Best Yogurt		Agri-Mark, Inc.		Cabot, VT		Cabot Creamery
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
106	Mild Cheddar	First	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Jim Falls, WI	Mild Cheddar	Jim Falls Cheese Team
104	Mild Cheddar	Second	First District Association	Litchfield, MN	Mild Cheddar	Tyler Kielty
107	Mild Cheddar	Third	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, WI	Mild	Kiel Cheese Team
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203	Medium Cheddar	First	Tillamook County Creamery Assoc.	Tillamook, OR	Medium Yellow Cheddar	Tillamook Team 2
202	Medium Cheddar	Second	Tillamook County Creamery Assoc.	Tillamook, OR	Medium White Cheddar	Tillamook Team 1
204	Medium Cheddar	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Sanborn, IA	Medium Cheddar	Sanborn Cheese Team
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309	Sharp Cheddar	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Kiel, WI	Sharp	Kiel Cheese Team
305	Sharp Cheddar	Second	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Braddocks Crossing Sweet Cheddar	Team Pennland
306	Sharp Cheddar	Third	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Sharpsburg Cheddar (clean, fruity cheddar)	Team Pennland
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
411	Extra Sharp Cheddar	First	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Reserve Extreme Irish Cheddar	Team Pennland
412	Extra Sharp Cheddar	Second	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Extreme Irish Cheddar	Team Pennland
414	Extra Sharp Cheddar	Third	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Sharpsburg Cheddar Aged Reserve (fruity aged cheddar)	Team Pennland
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501	Mozzarella	First	Dairy Farmers of America	Turlock, CA	Low Moisture Whole Milk Mozzarella - Entry 1	1st Shift Cheese Makers
502	Mozzarella	Second	Dairy Farmers of America	Turlock, CA	Low Moisture Part Skim Mozzarella - Entry 4	2nd Shift Cheese Makers
506	Mozzarella	Third	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Vona Mozzarella (clean dairy notes)	Team Pennland
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
614	Provolone	First	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Provolone (sweet lipase flavors)	Team Pennland
608	Provolone	Second	Foremost Farms USA	Clayton, WI	High Fat Provolone Smoked - Entry 11	Clayton Team
607	Provolone	Third	Foremost Farms USA	Clayton, WI	High Fat Provolone Smoked - Entry 10	Clayton Team
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
704	Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Mindoro, WI	Mindoro Heat Treated Gorgonzola	Team Mindoro
702	Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Mindoro, WI	Mindoro Collection Heat Treated Blue Veined Cheese	Team Mindoro
706	Hard & Mold Ripened Italian	Third	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Faribault, MN	Caves of Faribault AmaGorg Gorgonzola	Caves of Faribault
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808	Natural	First	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Monterey Jack D (clean dairy flavors)	Team Pennland
806	Natural	Second	Foremost Farms USA	Appleton, WI	Muenster Undyed - Vat 40	Pat White
807	Natural	Third	Lanco Pennland	Hancock, MD	Monterey Jack (clean dairy flavors)	Team Pennland
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902	Swiss	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, IA	Baby Swiss	Luana Team
901	Swiss	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, IA	Swiss	Luana Team
	Swiss	Third				
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
1007	Processed American Plain	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, WI	Sharp American (48227)	Team Loaf
1011	Processed American Plain	Second	Bongards' Creameries	Norwood, MN	Processed American Deli Loaf	Loaf Team
1009	Processed American Plain	Third	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, WI	Reduced Sodium (48144)	Team Loaf
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
1101	Processed American Flavored	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, WI	Extra Melt w/ Jalapenos (48242)	Team Loaf

1102	Processed American Flavored Processed American Flavored	Second Third	Bongards' Creameries	Norwood, MN	Processed American Deli Loaf w/ Jalapenos	Loaf Team
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1210	Hot or Spicy Flavor	First	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Jim Falls, WI	Four Pepper Jack	Jim Falls Cheese Team
1206	Hot or Spicy Flavor	Second	Tillamook County Creamery Assoc.	Boardman, OR	Pepper Jack	Boardman Team 1
1209	Hot or Spicy Flavor	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Jim Falls, WI	Pepper Jack / Monterey Jack with Jalapenos	Jim Falls Cheese Team
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1303	Unique or Mild Flavor	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Shullsburg, WI	Creamery Bourbon Barrel Smoked Cracked Black Pepper Cheddar	Shullsburg Creamery Team
1301	Unique or Mild Flavor	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, NY	Gouda	Cabot Creamery
1310	Unique or Mild Flavor	Third	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, NY	Garlic Herb Cheddar	Cabot Creamery
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1402	Open Class	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Luana, IA	Neufchatel	Luana Team
1408	Open Class	Second	Dairy Farmers of America	Houston, TX	Queso Fresco	DFA La Vaquita, Inc.
1406	Open Class	Third	Dairy Farmers of America	Monroe, WI	Cotija Hispanic Style	La Vaquita - Monroe
Contest ID	Category	Award	Coop Name	Plant Location	Type	Cheese Maker
1502	Reduced Fat	First	Foremost Farms USA	Clayton, WI	Provolone Nonsmoked- Entry #7	Clayton Team
1506	Reduced Fat	Second	Bongards' Creameries	Humboldt, TN	Melting Cheese	Loaf Team
1507	Reduced Fat	Third	Associated Milk Producers Inc.	Sanborn, IA	Reduced Fat Cheddar	Sanborn Cheese Team
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1602	Cottage Cheese	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Carbondale, IL	Regular (4%)- Small Curd	Brandon Parini
1607	Cottage Cheese	Second	Dairy Farmers of America	Farmington, MN	Mulu 4% Cheese	Kemps LLC
1603	Cottage Cheese	Third	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Quincy, IL	Large Curd 4% Cottage Cheese	Quincy Team
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1704	Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Wichita, KS	2% Small Curd	Wichita Culture Team
1706	Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	Second	Dairy Farmers of America	Farmington, MN	Mulu 2% Cheese	Kemps LLC
1707	Reduced Fat Cottage Cheese	Third	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Kansas City, MO	2% Small Curd	Aaron Menichetti
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1801	Flavored Cottage Cheese	First	Dairy Farmers of America	Farmington, MN	Kemps 4% Cheese Everything Bagel	Kemps LLC
	Flavored Cottage Cheese	Second				
	Flavored Cottage Cheese	Third				
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1902	Natural Cheese Snack	First	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, NY	Colby Jack Cracker Cuts	Cabot Creamery
1901	Natural Cheese Snack	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Chateaugay, NY	Pepper Jack Cracker Cuts	Cabot Creamery
	Natural Cheese Snack	Third				
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2004	Processed Cheese Snack	First	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Spencer, WI	White Queso Bravo Cheese W/Jalapeno & Red Peppers (PP) (48238)	Team Custom
2002	Processed Cheese Snack	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Shullsburg, WI	Brewster House Tomato & Basil Spread	Shullsburg Creamery Team
2001	Processed Cheese Snack	Third	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Shullsburg, WI	Brewster House Cheddar Beer Cheese Spread	Shullsburg Creamery Team
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2101	Yogurt - Traditional & Greek Plain	First	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, VT	10% Plain Greek Yogurt	Cabot Creamery
2103	Yogurt - Traditional & Greek Plain	Second	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	West Seneca, NY	Greek Plain	Upstate Farms
	Yogurt - Traditional & Greek Plain	Third				
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2209	Yogurt - Flavored	First	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Wichita, KS	Peaches	Wichita Culture Team
2206	Yogurt - Flavored	Second	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Wichita, KS	Key Lime Pie	Wichita Culture Team
2201	Yogurt - Flavored	Third	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Quincy, IL	1% Blueberry Yogurt	Quincy Team
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2305	Yogurt - Greek Flavored	First	Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	West Seneca, NY	Greek Blueberry	Upstate Farms
2301	Yogurt - Greek Flavored	Second	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, VT	Vanilla Bean 10% Greek Yogurt	Cabot Creamery
2302	Yogurt - Greek Flavored	Third	Agri-Mark, Inc.	Cabot, VT	10% Strawberry Greek Yogurt	Cabot Creamery

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2410	Butter - Salted	First	California Dairies Inc.	Visalia, CA	Danish 85% Salted	California Dairies, Inc.
2414	Butter - Salted	Second	Northwest Dairy Association	Issaquah, WA	Salted	Baljit Banga
2408	Butter - Salted	Third	Foremost Farms USA	Reedsburg, WI	80% Salted	Nancy Stickley
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2511	Butter - Unsalted	First	Northwest Dairy Association	Issaquah, WA	Unsalted	Baljit Banga
2510	Butter - Unsalted	Second	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Carlisle, PA	Unsalted Butter	Unsalted Butter
2509	Butter - Unsalted	Third	Michigan Milk Producers Assoc.	Ovid, MI	25 KG 80% Unsalted Butter	MMPA
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2601	Butter - Flavored	First	California Dairies Inc.	Visalia, CA	Challenge EV Olive Oil	California Dairies, Inc.
	Butter - Flavored	Second				
	Butter - Flavored	Third				