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## **Foremost Farms Tops Mozzarella and Reduced Fat Categories at 2015 National Milk Producers Federation Championship Cheese Contest**

BARABOO, WIS. — Foremost Farms USA<sup>®</sup> placed first for part skim mozzarella and reduced fat natural provolone cheese at the 2015 National Milk Producers Federation Championship Cheese Contest held at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Fla., during the NMPF annual meeting.

More than 145 entries were submitted from a variety of dairy cooperatives, totaling more than 2,500 pounds of cheese in hopes of coming out on top. Participants from all over the country proved to be no match for the world-class Wisconsin cheesemakers at Foremost Farms. Contestants from Foremost Farms submitted various cheeses in six different categories; earning first in their class for two varieties.

Doug Wilke, vice president of marketing and technology, works diligently on building customer and consumer trust. “Consumers want safe and quality cheese, and that is what we continuously produce. These award-winning cheeses are the same cheeses we market every day.” said Wilke.

Here is a list of contest winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place— Clayton, Wis. – reduced fat natural provolone
- 1<sup>st</sup> place— Milan, Wis. – part skim mozzarella
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Milan, Wis. – reduced fat 2% low moisture part skim mozzarella
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Clayton, Wis. – natural flavor provolone
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Marshfield, Wis. – colored, extra sharp cheddar

Dirk Tachick, senior vice president of supply chain operations, expressed how proud he was to add yet another record of awards to the ever-growing list. “Our employees are the backbone of our operation, without doing their job the right way, every day, we wouldn’t have the quality cheese that we do or the awards to prove it,” said Tachick. “I am extremely proud of this cooperative’s value to execute such quality products for the market and the hard work ethic our employees exude.”

Foremost Farms USA ([www.foremostfarms.com](http://www.foremostfarms.com)), headquartered in Baraboo, Wis., is a farmer-owned milk processing and marketing cooperative with annual sales of \$2 billion. The nation’s eighth-largest cooperative and number 25 in annual sales among the Top 100 U.S. dairy processors, Foremost Farms is a leading manufacturer and marketer of cheese, specialty whey ingredients, butter and bulk fluid milk to customers around the world.

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