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Lactalis Cheeses Recognized with 13 Medals at American Cheese Society Judging & Competition

Premier Lactalis brands Galbani[®], Pub Cheese[®] by Président[®], Rondelé[®] by Président, Knudsen[®], Karoun[®], Bella Gento[®] and Balderson[®] win honors

CHICAGO, July 25, 2023 – Lactalis, the world’s leading dairy company, was recognized for its cheesemaking expertise with 13 medals at the prestigious [American Cheese Society \(ACS\) Judging & Competition](#) awards ceremony held on July 19 in Des Moines, Iowa. The ACS Judging & Competition is the largest event for American-made cheeses, showcasing talent for excellent cheesemaking and commitment to food safety. Lactalis USA claimed 12 medals (four gold, five silver and three bronze), while Lactalis Canada was awarded a bronze medal.

“It’s an honor to see Lactalis products across our broad portfolio recognized among the best in the dairy industry,” said Esteve Torrens, Chief Executive Officer of Lactalis USA. “I am proud of our employees who are dedicated to perfecting their craft and producing high-quality, nutritious products for consumers across the United States and in our export markets.”

Lactalis USA received medals for products from several of its premier brands, including Pub Cheese by Président, Rondelé by Président, Knudsen, Karoun and Bella Gento. Galbani products were recognized with seven medals, including gold medals for Galbani Ricotta, Galbani Provolone and Galbani Marinated Fresh Mozzarella. Galbani Ricotta had the strongest showing, winning four total medals. Our Canadian affiliate, Lactalis Canada, was recognized with a bronze medal for its Balderson cheese. The products were selected from 1,453 products entered from 195 companies.

Below is the complete list of award medals received by Lactalis products.



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Awards Received by Category

GOLD		
CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Labneh, Greek Style Yogurt, and Other Strained Cultured Products – all milks	Karoun Labne Lactose Free Mediterranean Kefir Cheese	Turlock, Calif.
Ricotta – made from cow’s milks	Galbani Whole Milk Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.
Pasta Filata types (Provolone, Caciocavallo) – all milks	Galbani Low Sodium Provolone	Buffalo, N.Y.
Cheeses Marinated in Liquids and Ingredients – made from cow’s milk	Galbani Marinated Fresh Mozzarella	Nampa, Idaho

SILVER		
CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Cottage Cheese - all milks	Knudsen Small Curd Cottage Cheese, 4% Milkfat	Tulare, Calif.
Mascarpone and Cream Cheese – all milks	Bella Gento Mascarpone	Nampa, Idaho
Ricotta – made from cow’s milks	Galbani Lactose Free Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.
Pasta Filata types (Provolone, Caciocavallo) – all milks	Galbani Mild Provolone	Buffalo, N.Y.
Fat Free and Low Fat cheeses	Galbani Low Fat Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.

BRONZE		
CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Ricotta – made from cow’s milks	Galbani Double Cream Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.
Open Category – made from cow’s milk	Pub Cheese by Président Sharp Cheddar	Merrill, Wisc.



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Mature Cheddar – aged 48 or more months – all milks	Balderson Aged Cheddar	Winchester, Ontario, Canada
Fresh Unripened Cheese with Flavor Added (Cream Cheese, Fromage Blanc, Fromage Frais, Impastata, Quark, etc.) – cow, sheep, mixed, and other milks	Rondelé by Président Garden Vegetable	Merrill, Wisc.

About Lactalis USA

Lactalis USA is committed to enriching lives by producing nutritious and great tasting dairy products. The company offers a vast portfolio of dairy brands including [Galbani](#)[®] Italian cheeses, [Président](#)[®] specialty cheeses and gourmet butters, [Kraft](#)[®] natural, grated and international cheeses, [Cracker Barrel](#)[®] cheese, [Breakstones](#)[®] cottage cheese, ricotta and sour cream, [Black Diamond](#)[®] cheddar cheese, [Parmalat](#)[®] shelf-stable UHT milk, [siggi's](#)[®], [Stonyfield Organic](#)[®] and [Brown Cow](#)[®] yogurt brands, [Karoun](#)[®], [Gopi](#)[®] and [Arz](#)[®] ethnic dairy products, in addition to several beloved brands imported from our affiliates in Europe. Lactalis USA has approximately 3,500 employees and is present in eight states with 11 manufacturing facilities and six corporate offices located in New York City and Buffalo, NY, Chicago, IL, Londonderry, NH and San Fernando, CA. Lactalis USA is part of Lactalis Group, the world's leading dairy company, a French family business founded in 1933 in Laval, France.

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