

Tennessee State Fair Dairy Contest
Rules

1. No entry fee required. No premiums will be provided.
2. Entry is open to manufacturers of dairy products that are produced or processed in Tennessee. The entry must represent a typical commercially produced vat of cheese, a batch of ice cream, yogurt, cultured buttermilk, or milk.
3. A production plant may submit one sample in each class for Best of Tennessee Award. Additional samples may be submitted for evaluation purpose only and will not be entered into competition.
4. The product classes are:
Homogenized Whole Milk, Homogenized 1% Milk, Homogenized Whole Chocolate Milk, Homogenized Reduced Fat Chocolate Milk, Non-homogenized Whole Milk, Non-homogenized Whole Chocolate Milk, Flavored Milk of the Year, Whole Buttermilk, Strawberry Yogurt, Plain Yogurt, Vanilla Ice Cream, Chocolate Ice Cream, Strawberry Ice Cream, Butter Pecan Ice Cream, Ice Cream of the Year, Aged Cheddar Cheese, Mild Cheddar Cheese, Chevre, and Flavored Cheese of the Year.
 - a. A total of 1 gallon per milk entry must be provided in whatever size (pints, half, or full gallon) can be sourced.
 - b. A total of 2 quarts per yogurt entry must be provided in whatever size (8oz., etc.) can be sourced.
 - c. One half-gallon should be provided per ice cream entry.
 - d. Two 1-lb blocks of cheese should be provided per cheddar entry. For chevre, four 1-lb containers should be provided per entry. A total of 2 lbs. per submission should be provided.
5. The order of judging shall be cultured buttermilk, whole milk, 1% milk, chocolate milk, reduced fat chocolate milk (non-homogenized followed by homogenized), milk of the year, yogurt, cheddar cheese, chevre, cheese of the year, vanilla ice cream followed by flavored ice creams or as deemed appropriate by the dairy products judges.
6. After judging, samples for evaluation become the property of the UT Center for Dairy Advancement and Sustainability.
7. All dairy products exhibitors will be sent a copy of their submission score card via the email provided.
8. Ribbons awarded to each sample will be determined by score card total quality score for that sample. The overall "Best of Tennessee" winner will be chosen from all first-place samples in each product area. If there are not any first place winner in a product lot, "Best of Tennessee" winner will be chosen from second place winners in the product lot.

10. Schedule of events:

- a. Product Delivery/Shipping
 - i. Products should be shipped to 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN C/O the Fair Office. Entries must arrive either February 6, 7, or 8, 2024.
 - ii. Hand-delivered products can be dropped off from 9:00am to 11:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm CT at the Fair Office at 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN.
- b. Wilson County - Tennessee State Fair Dairy Products Contest Judging
 - i. Dairy products will be judged beginning at 5:00pm CT on February 9, 2024 and run until all products are judged.