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Lactalis USA Claims 12 Medals at the 2024 American Cheese Society Judging & Competition

Galbani® Ricotta wins gold for second consecutive year, Karoun® Smoked String Cheese and Greek Honey Yogurt also claim top honors

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 15, 2024 – Lactalis USA won 12 medals for cheesemaking expertise at the [2024 American Cheese Society \(ACS\) Judging & Competition](#) on Friday, July 11 in Buffalo N.Y.

The ACS Judging and Competition is the largest event for American-made cheeses, with 1,596 submissions from 142 cheesemaking organizations. The competition showcases talent for excellent cheesemaking and commitment to food safety through a rigorous technical and aesthetic evaluation of American-made cheeses. The ACS recognized Lactalis USA with three gold medals along with seven silver medals and two bronze medals.

“This is a premier competition for American-made cheeses and Lactalis is honored to receive this recognition,” said Philippe Surget, president of the retail business of Lactalis American Group, a division of Lactalis USA. “Like Lactalis, the ACS is committed to collaboration and education, nurturing the next generation of dairy industry experts and we’re thrilled to be recognized among the best cheeses in its elite competition.”

Galbani Ricotta highlighted Lactalis’ wins by claiming first place in the ricotta division for the second consecutive year, with Galbani Double Cream Ricotta taking second prize in the same division. The Galbani brand was also recognized with medals for its Marinated Fresh Mozzarella, Provolone and String Cheese. Lactalis’ Karoun brand won five medals, including two gold medals for Karoun Hand Braided Hickory Smoked String Cheese and Karoun Greek Honey Yogurt. These honors come after Lactalis USA received 21 medals at the 2024 [World Championship Cheese Contest](#) earlier this year, including six gold medals across its broad portfolio of products.

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

1st Place

CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Ricotta – made from cow’s milks	Galbani Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.



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Open Category – Smoked Cheeses – made from cow’s milk	Karoun Hand Braided String Cheese Hickory Smoked	Turlock, Calif.
Yogurt and Cultured Products with Flavor Added (Set yogurts, Greek-style, dips, etc.) – cow’s milk	Karoun Greek Honey Yogurt	Turlock, Calif.

2nd Place

CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Ricotta – made from cow’s milks	Galbani Double Cream Ricotta	Buffalo, N.Y.
Cheeses Marinated in Liquids and Ingredients – made from cow’s milk	Galbani Marinated Fresh Mozzarella	Nampa, Idaho
Pasta Filata types (Provolone, Caciocavallo) – all milks	Galbani Provolone	Buffalo, N.Y.
Labneh, Greek Style Yogurt, and Other Strained Cultured Products – all milks	Karoun Labne	Turlock, Calif.
Plain with NO Additional Ingredients – made from cow’s milk	Thirumala Dahi Whole Milk Yogurt	Turlock, Calif.
Yogurts – Plain with NO Additional Ingredients – made from cow’s milk	Karoun Whole Milk Yogurt	Turlock, Calif.
Burrata – Fresh mozzarella encasing a distinctly separate core made from softer curd and cream, or other soft cheese – all milks	Burrata	Nampa, Idaho

3rd Place

CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Mozzarella types (Brick shape or loaf, Scamorza, String Cheese) – all milks	Galbani Low Moisture Part Skim Mozzarella String Cheese	Nampa, Idaho



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Cheeses Marinated in Liquids and Ingredients – made from cow’s milk	Karoun Hand Braided String Cheese Marinated	Turlock, Calif.
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About Lactalis USA

Lactalis USA is committed to enriching lives by producing nutritious and great tasting dairy products. The company offers an unrivaled house of beloved dairy brands in the United States including [Galbani](#)[®] Italian cheeses, [Président](#)[®] specialty cheeses and gourmet butters, [Kraft](#)[®] brands in natural and grated cheeses, [Breakstones](#)[®] cottage cheese, ricotta and sour cream, [Cracker Barrel](#)[®] cheese, [Black Diamond](#)[®] cheddar cheese, Parmalat[®] milk, [siggi's](#)[®] and [Stonyfield Organic](#)[®] yogurt brands. In the United States the company has approximately 4,000 employees, is present in eight states with 11 manufacturing facilities and corporate offices located in New York City and Buffalo, N.Y., Chicago, Ill., Bedford, N.H., and San Fernando, Calif. 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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