



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL DAIRY COMPETITION

COMPETITION GUIDELINES & INFORMATION DOMESTIC ENTRIES

Los Angeles International Dairy Competition
Judging Begins April 25, 2026
Mr. Kain Marzalado, Dairy Chairman

The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition and its panel of esteem judges invite you to participate in the 104th annual competition.

- 1. ENTRY FEE ⁽¹⁾** – Early Bird - \$45 per entry received before February 9, 2026, \$60 per entry beginning February 10, 2026. Payment may be made by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, by U.S. check payable to: “Los Angeles County Fair Association”, or by wire transfer. Please email a copy of the wire transfer to the Competitions office at competitions@fairplex.com. Entry fee must accompany entry form to be eligible for competition.

*Early bird discounted fees must be paid by February 9, 2026, to qualify.

*All other entry fees must be received by the entry deadline April 10, 2026, to be entered to the 2026 competition.

Wire Transfer Information

Bank:	Fifth Third Bank, N.A.
Bank Representative:	Blanca Salcedo + 1 (630) 801-2846
Bank Address:	38 Fountain Sq Plaza, Cincinnati, OH. 45202
Beneficiary Account No:	7029167520
ACH/Wire Routing No:	042000314
Swift Code:	FTBCUS3C
Account Name:	Los Angeles County Fair Association Fairplex General Account 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA
Reference:	“Dairy Competition”

- 2. SHIPPING** – International dairy products will be accepted through April 24, 2026. Shipments are received on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. **All dairy products entered MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID. The competition is not responsible for any customs or shipping charges.**

Mail Entry Form and Products to: Los Angeles International Dairy Competition. 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Please put entry form in box marked #1 OR mail/email or fax your entry form to Los Angeles International Dairy Competition, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

⁽¹⁾ Entries, after submitted, become property of the Los Angeles International Dairy Competition

⁽²⁾ Entry fees are non-refundable

- 3. ENTRIES ⁽²⁾** – An Entry shall consist of two (2) samples, no smaller than 16 ounces or 1 pound each. If cheese is produced in sizes smaller than 1 pound, submit a minimum of 2 pounds total (unless otherwise indicated in a class). Please also include labels, and empty consumer size packaging containers along with entry, to be used at the LA County Fair Dairy Competition display in the Los Angeles International Tasting Room. LIST CLASS/CATEGORY NUMBERS ON ENTRY FORM. Entries are assigned random judging codes, then placed in the proper temperature refrigeration and freezers, and separated into categories. All deliveries should be received by the shipping deadline April 24. Before judging, professional cheese mongers and servers break down and serve the dairy products in/on coded plates, bowls, and cups which are then placed in front of each judge. Each judge tastes the dairy products and makes selections independently.

All samples must meet the standard of the California State Food and Agriculture Code and are subject to testing at the discretion of the Fair management and/or judges.

- 4. JUDGING:** The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition uses a 100-point scoring system based on Flavor, Texture, Appearance, Bacteria, Finish, Salt, melting quality, depending on the product.

The decision of the judges is final, and no changes will be made to awards after the judging is complete.

- 5. AWARDS and MEDALS:** We award Gold, Silver, Bronze Best of Class, Best of Division and Best of Show. An award or medal is given to a producer for a particular dairy product. Best of Class dairy products will compete for Best of Division. Best of Division dairy products will compete for the “the Best of Show” (Best Dairy product of the Competition). The medal or award may only be displayed on the identical product on which the Best of Show, Best of Division, Best of Class, Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal was awarded. The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition will offer, for purchase, Best of Show, Best of Class, Gold, Silver, and Bronze award seals to the producers that won these awards.
6. MAY 4, 2026, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LADairyComp.com.
7. May 7 - 31, 2026 is the Los Angeles County Fair. All International Competition award-winning products will be displayed in the Tasting Room. There will also be gold medal wine and olive oil tastings, and education seminars featuring entrants from Olive Oil, Wine, Spirits and Dairy competitions in the Tasting Room education classroom.

For more information, please contact our International Competitions Dept., (909) 865-4538 or e-mail Competitions@fairplex.com

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