

AUSTRALIA'S DAIRY PRODUCERS RICH IN FLAVOUR AND ACCOLADES

Goats Cheese named Champion Cheese 2010 Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show

The judges have taste tested their way through 863 products entered in the 2010 Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show, and now the results are in. 26 Trophies and Awards have been presented, along with 86 Gold and 345 Silver medals.

The accolades were awarded to entries covering butter, milk, cheese, ice-cream, gelato, cultured milk products, yoghurt, dips, dairy deserts, sheep, goat and buffalo milk products and chocolate.

Dairy Produce Committee Chairman Gerry Andersen says the accolades went to a mixture of large companies and small boutique operators from across Australia.

"Bangalow Cheese Company was awarded two trophies in their first attempt at collecting a coveted Sydney Royal, winning the **Champion Fancy** and **Champion Bovine Cheese** of Show. This was nothing short of a stellar effort by owner Justin Telfer and his team who've only been in operation for two years," said Mr Andersen.

2008 President's Medal winners Country Valley from Picton have added another trophy to their impressive list of accolades, winning **Champion Cultured Milk Product or Yoghurt** for their Lush traditionally made natural yoghurt, along with seven gold and one silver medal, for a range of milk, yoghurt and cream products.

Holy Goat Cheese is also celebrating continued success, winning the **Champion Cheese of Show** for the second year in a row for their La Luna Ring. The cheese also took out the **Champion Sheep, Goat and Buffalo Milk Product**.

"It's pleasing to see such a variety of companies successfully strive to produce such high quality products," said Mr Andersen.

The five cheeses selected for the highly coveted **Australian Cheeseboard Perpetual Trophy** were:

- **Bega Cheese** – Rindless Cheddar Cheese – Matured
- **National Foods Ltd – Burnie** – Heidi Farm Raclette
- **Small Cow Farm** – Petit Vache Brie
- **Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese** – Tarwin Blue
- **National Foods Ltd – Burnie** – Tasmanian Heritage Red Square

Bega Cheese was named the Most Successful Cheddar Cheese Exhibitor, winning three Gold and 15 Silver medals.

The Most Successful Fancy Cheese Exhibitor went to The Provedore Group from Victoria, thanks to their tally of two Gold and 18 Silver Medals.

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A smoked salmon and dill dip from Paradise Beach Purveyors took out the **Champion Dip**. The Manly Vale based company also took home the Most Successful Dip Exhibitor Award with three Gold and one Silver Medal.

Bulla Dairy Foods picked up three Gold Medals, 32 Silver and the **Champion Cream or Dairy Desert** helping them secure the Most Successful Dairy Produce Exhibitor.

The **Champion Milk** was won by Fonterra Australia Wagga Wagga, who also took home one Gold and two Silver Medals. The Most Successful Sheep, Goat and Buffalo Milk Exhibitor was Woodside Cheese Wrights form SA.

The Most Successful Milk Exhibitor and the Most Successful Cream or Dairy Desert Exhibitor were won by National Foods Ltd Melbourne, along with four Gold and 17 Silver Medals. National Foods Docklands won **Champion Cheddar Cheese** for their Cracker Barrel Special Reserve Vintage Cheddar.

Ice cream lovers should look out for Gundowring Fine Foods in the cold section after the Victorian based company added another **Champion Ice Cream of Show** trophy to their collection, this year for their Raspberry ice cream. Serendipity Ice Cream took out the Most Successful Ice Cream Exhibitor Award with a tally of four Gold and 18 Silver Medals.

A Caramelised Fig Gelato made by Pure Gelato Enterprises won the **Champion Gelato**. The company also picked up the Most Successful Gelato Exhibitor Trophy, winning four Gold and 27 Silver Medals.

Robyn Rowe Chocolates secured the **Champion Chocolate Exhibit** for the second year running. The **Champion Novelty Exhibit** was won by Nina's Chocolates, while the Most Successful Chocolate Exhibitor Award went to Haigh's.

"Many companies have reveled in the success of winning a medal at the Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show. Producers are given the opportunity to benchmark their products against the best the country has to offer, while at the same time promoting their products under the respected Sydney Royal brand," said Mr Andersen.

Winners will be able to advertise their **Gold and Silver Medals** on their packaging, making it easier for customers to pick the finest products at the supermarket and delicatessen.

A list of trophy winners is attached.

For a list of Gold and Silver Medal winners please visit <http://www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au/wdff/wdff/FineFoodResultsSearch.aspx?Type=1>

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