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MARIPOSA DAIRY WINS TOP AWARDS AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE CHEESE SHOW AND THE ROYAL

"If retailers aren't carrying Lindsay Bandaged Goat Cheese, they are missing out on the growth that only true, winning innovation can provide"

Mississauga, ON – Finica's supplier, Mariposa Dairy, took home top awards at the The British Empire Cheese Show and The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair this November.

First, the 91st Annual British Empire Cheese Show, courtesy of the Central Ontario Cheese Association, took place on Thursday November 1st in Belleville, Ontario. It included Canada's oldest display of Canadian and International Cheese.

At this show, Lenberg Farms' Lindsay Bandaged Goat Cheddar won First Place for The River's Edge Goat Dairy Trophy; Tania and Taavi won First Place for the Sheep Cheese category; Lindsay Bandaged Goat Cheddar won First Place for the Goat Cheese Category; Tania won First Place and Taavi won Third Place for the Ontario Cheese Society Trophy. In addition, Celebrity's Unsalted Goat Butter won First Place in the Butter category. Also, Mariposa Dairy won the Aggregate Winner Award for taking home the most points at the show!

Similarly, the 96th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair took place from November 2nd-11th in Toronto. Each year, the Royal features over 2,000 agricultural competitions, including over 400/lbs of cheese competing in five major categories.

This year, at The Royal, Lenberg Farms' Lindsay Bandaged Cheddar won First Place in its category (Cheddar – goat, sheep, buffalo) AND won Grand Champion all cheddars! Tania won Second Place in the Surface ripened (washed, natural or brushed rinds) category; Celebrity's Cranberry Cinnamon Goat Cheese won First Place, Fig Goat Cheese won Second Place, and Dill Goat Cheese won Third Place in the Flavoured cheese category.

"Congratulations to our team at Mariposa Dairy who continues to produce high-quality award-winning products year after year. This is especially true for the Lindsay Bandaged Goat Cheddar bringing home three Golds on its own! This product needs to be on your shelves if it's not already!"

Paul Blake President of Finica Food Specialties

For more information on these cheese competitions, please visit <u>http://www.cocma.ca</u> or <u>http://www.royalfair.org/agriculture.html</u>. For more information on the cheese above, please visit<u>http://www.finica.com</u>. Press contact:<u>clombardi@atalanta1.com</u>





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