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## **California State Fair's Commercial Cheese Competition 2024 – Registration Now Open**

**SACRAMENTO** — The California State Fair is excited to announce that entries for the 2024 Commercial Cheese Competition are now open. This prestigious event invites California's finest cheesemakers to compete and showcase their exceptional cheeses, celebrating the state's rich dairy tradition and craftsmanship.

### **Important Dates for Participants:**

- **Entries Open:** February 1, 2024
- **Entries Close:** February 29, 2024
- **Cheese Receiving Dates:** March 11-15, 2024
- **Judging Date:** March 20, 2024

The competition marks a key date in the diary for California's cheese industry professionals who are looking to put their products to the test. The earlier opening of entries this year allows for a more extended period for cheesemakers to prepare and submit their best cheeses.

"The anticipation for the 2024 Commercial Cheese Competition has been building, and we are proud to continue this celebration of excellence in cheese making," said Tom Martinez, CEO of California State Fair & Cal Expo. "It is a testament to the artistry and dedication of our state's cheesemakers."

Entries for the competition will be accepted through the end of February, with the products being received in mid-March. The culmination of this event will be the judging on March 20th, where a panel of expert judges will assess the cheeses based on flavor, texture, and overall craftsmanship. Winners of the competition will be recognized for their achievements in various categories and will have the honor of being celebrated at one of the most prestigious events in the industry. This competition not only showcases the best of California's cheeses but also sets the standard for quality and innovation in the industry.



Cheesemakers are encouraged to submit their entries promptly to ensure their place in the competition. The California State Fair looks forward to another year of outstanding quality and the celebration of California's cheese industry.

For more information about the 2024 California Commercial Cheese Competition and to enter the competition online, please visit [CalExpoStateFair.com](https://CalExpoStateFair.com).

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