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## **Lactalis USA Secures 21 Medals for Cheesemaking Expertise at the World Championship Cheese Contest®**

***Président® Brie, Gopi® Low Fat Yogurt, Karoun® Labne Tzatziki and three Galbani® products awarded gold medals for excellence.***

**CHICAGO, March 12, 2024** – Lactalis USA, the world's leading dairy company, was recognized for its dairy producing expertise at the World Championship Cheese Contest, the world's premier technical competition for cheese, butter and yogurt. Lactalis USA secured 21 medals, including eight gold medals and nine silver medals across its broad portfolio of award-winning dairy products. Lactalis' premier global brands, Galbani and Président were recognized with eight medals.

In addition, Lactalis USA's Karoun Dairies division, which manufactures a wide variety of Mediterranean specialty cheeses and cultured dairy products, was awarded eight medals. The honors include two gold medals for its Karoun Labne Tzatziki and Gopi Low Fat Yogurt.

Lactalis also received a silver medal for Kraft Grated Parmesan & Romano, along with three medals for whey powders (two gold, one silver).

"We take great pride in our diverse range of brands that exemplify Lactalis' commitment to providing nutritious dairy products to people in all communities. Winning multiple medals underscores our dedication to crafting world class cheese and dairy products," said Esteve Torrens, Lactalis USA chief executive officer "These awards are a testament to the hard work of our team as we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing the very best dairy products for our valued customers and consumers, while advancing innovation in the dairy industry."

The World Championship Cheese Contest, hosted biennially by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, is a prestigious international event showcasing top cheesemakers. In March 2024, the 35th edition attracted submissions from 25 countries and 35 U.S.



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states. Entries underwent evaluation by 53 international judges, considering flavor, texture, saltiness, color, packaging and more. This highly anticipated event, open to the public, garners national media attention and provides a platform for global recognition.

The following is the full list of awards received by Lactalis and Lactalis USA at the 2024 World Championship Cheese Contest.

<b>GOLD</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Soft Cheeses	Galbani Mascarpone	Nampa, Idaho
Brie	Président Brie	Belmont, Wisconsin
Mozzarella, Part Skim	Galbani Part Skim Mozzarella	Buffalo, New York
Lowfat Cheeses	Galbani Low Fat Ricotta	Buffalo, New York
Whey Protein Isolate 90	Whey Protein Isolate 90	Nampa, Idaho
Whey Protein Isolate 90, Instantized	Whey Protein Isolate 90 Instant	Nampa, Idaho
Lowfat Yogurt, Cow's Milk	Gopi Low Fat Yogurt	Turlock, California
High Protein Yogurt, Cow's Milk, Flavored	Karoun Labne Tzatziki	Turlock, California

<b>SILVER</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Soft Cheeses	Bella Gento® Mascarpone	Nampa, Idaho
Whey Protein Concentrate 80	Whey Protein Concentrate 80	Nampa, Idaho
Mozzarella, Part Skim	Galbani Part Skim Mozzarella	Buffalo, New York
Lowfat Cheeses	Galbani Lowfat Ricotta	Buffalo, New York
Spreadable Natural Cheeses	Rondelé® Garden Veggie	Merrill, Wisconsin
Yogurt, Cow's Milk, Flavored	Karoun Honey Vanilla Yogurt	Turlock, California
Yogurt, Cow's Milk	Karoun Bulgarian Style Yogurt	Turlock, California
Grated Cheeses	Kraft Grated Parmesan & Romano	Wausau, Wisconsin
High Protein Yogurt, Cow's Milk	Karoun Labne	Turlock, California



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BRONZE		
CATEGORY	PRODUCT	LOCATION
Spreadable Natural Cheeses	Président Sharp Cheddar Pub Cheese	Merrill, Wisconsin
Yogurt, Cow's Milk, Flavored	Karoun Honey Yogurt	Turlock, California
Yogurt, Cow's Milk	Gopi Whole Milk Yogurt	Turlock, California
High Protein Yogurt, Cow's Milk	Karoun Labne Lactose Free	Turlock, California

### About Lactalis USA

Lactalis USA is committed to enriching lives by producing nutritious and great tasting dairy products. The company offers a strong, well-regarded portfolio of dairy products in the United States including [Galbani](#)<sup>®</sup> Italian cheeses, [Président](#)<sup>®</sup> specialty cheeses and gourmet butters, Kraft<sup>®</sup> brands in natural and grated cheeses, [Breakstones](#)<sup>®</sup> cottage cheese, ricotta and sour cream, [Cracker Barrel](#)<sup>®</sup> cheese, [Black Diamond](#)<sup>®</sup> cheddar cheese, Parmalat<sup>®</sup> milk, [siggi's](#)<sup>®</sup> and [Stonyfield Organic](#)<sup>®</sup> yogurt brands. In the United States the company has approximately 3,700 employees, is present in eight states with 11 manufacturing facilities and corporate offices located in New York City and Buffalo, N.Y., Chicago, Ill., Londonderry, 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. For more information, visit <https://lactalisamericangroup.com/>, [www.lactalisheritagedairy.com](http://www.lactalisheritagedairy.com), [www.lactalisyogurtusa.com](http://www.lactalisyogurtusa.com), and [www.karouncheese.com](http://www.karouncheese.com). Follow Lactalis USA on [Instagram](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

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