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Hiland Dairy Foods Company Wins High Honors at 2017 World Dairy Expo

The local dairy's products were recognized as "best of the best" dairy products in North America.

SPRINGFIELD, MO, Nov. 21, 2017 — Hiland Dairy Foods Company, a leading farmer-owned dairy producer, is pleased to announce that the company recently received awards in 17 product categories during the 2017 World Dairy Expo (WDE) Championship Dairy Product Contest. The WDE contest is the only one of its kind in North America that includes all dairy products.

The prestigious WDE all-dairy national contest allows Hiland Dairy and other winning companies the right to claim their products as "the best of the best" in North America.

"It's an honor to have so many of our products and processing facilities recognized at a national level," said Gary Aggus, president and CEO of Hiland Dairy Foods Company. "Our goal is to provide the freshest products from our local facilities. Winning so many WDE awards corroborates our goal of providing the best-tasting, quality products for our customers."

Competing against dairy industry leaders in North America, Hiland Dairy was awarded top honors in the following categories:

- First Place — White Milk, Hiland Dairy, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- First Place — Lowfat Sour Cream, Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska
- Second Place — Whole Chocolate Milk, Hiland Dairy, Springfield Missouri
- Second Place — Drinkable Yogurt Smoothie (Pina Colada), Hiland Dairy, Chandler, Oklahoma
- Second Place — Lowfat Cottage Cheese, Hiland Dairy, Wichita, Kansas
- Second Place — Sour Cream-Based Dips–Onion (Toasted Onion), Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska

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- Second Place — Sour Cream-Based Dips–Southwest (Southwest Ranch Dip), Hiland Dairy, Norman, Oklahoma





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- Second Place — Open Sour Cream-Based Dips (Bacon and Cheddar Dip), Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska
- Third Place — Fat-Free Chocolate Milk, Hiland Dairy, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Third Place — Bulgarian Buttermilk, Hiland Dairy, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Third Place — Blueberry Yogurt, Hiland Dairy, Wichita, Kansas
- Third Place — Drinkable Yogurt Smoothie (Strawberry), Hiland Dairy, Chandler, Oklahoma
- Third Place — Cottage Cheese, Hiland Dairy, Wichita, Kansas
- Third Place — Natural Sour Cream, Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska
- Third Place — Sour Cream Based Dips—Southwest (Salsa Dip), Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska
- Third Place — Open Sour Cream-Based Dips (Ranch w/Dill Dip), Hiland Dairy, Omaha, Nebraska
- Third Place — Vanilla Ice Cream, Hiland Ice Cream, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Third Place — Ice Cream With Peanut Butter, Hiland Ice Cream, Norfolk, Nebraska

This year, the WDE received a record 1,400 entries in 79 product classes, which were evaluated by 50 independent judges. The judges, experienced in product sensory evaluations, used strict criteria and guidelines for taste, texture, appearance and other product factors.

About Hiland Dairy Foods

For nearly 80 years, Hiland Dairy Foods has proudly supported the communities we live in and the businesses whose customers rely on our wholesome products every day. Hiland is owned by the local dairy farmers who provide the fresh, delicious milk that serves as the foundation for our dairy products.

As a full-service dairy, Hiland provides a full array of products, including milk, buttermilk, eggnog, ice cream, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream and dips, half and half, whipping cream, butter, and cheese. We also produce and distribute fresh juices, lemonade, fruit punch, Red Diamond Tea, YoPhoria Smoothies, a full line of iced coffee, lactose-free milk, organic milk, almond milk and soy milk. And, Hiland Dairy milk is always tested for antibiotics and contains no artificial growth hormones.

At Hiland Dairy Foods, part of caring about our communities is caring about our ecological footprint — about preserving water, land and natural resources for our future generations — so we reduce waste, reuse resources and recycle what we can at every opportunity. For more information about our company, products and sustainability efforts, please visit www.HilandDairy.com.

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