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Orange County Cheese Maker Takes Top Honors at the NC State Fair

RALEIGH, NC – (October 15, 2015) - Orange County NC Cheese makers were front and center in the fifth-annual cheese competition at the North Carolina State Fair. Boxcarr Handmade Cheese in Cedar Grove won Best of Show and Best of NC for its Cottonseed cheese.

Additionally, the following cheeses, made in Orange County, were awarded first place in their respective categories:

Swiss: Swiss by Chapel Hill Creamery in Chapel Hill.

Mozzarella: Mozzarella by Chapel Hill Creamery in Chapel Hill.

Smear Ripened Cheese: Campo by Boxcarr Handmade Cheese in Cedar Grove; and Hickory Grove by Chapel Hill Creamery in Chapel Hill.

Open-Soft Ripened: Carolina Moon by Chapel Hill Creamery in Chapel Hill shared honor with Smoked Round by Goat Lady Dairy in Climax.

Open Hard Cheese: Calvander by Chapel Hill Creamery in Chapel Hill.

Sheep & Mixed Milk Cheese: Cottonseed by Boxcarr Handmade Cheese in Cedar Grove.

This year's [competition](#) saw 44 entries from 11 cheese makers from across the state. All of the cheeses will be on display in the Education Building during the N.C. State Fair, which runs October 15 – 25. Many of the cheeses also will be available for sampling and purchase at the Got to Be NC Dairy Products tent located between the Waterfall and the Graham Building.

Boxcarr is run by a first generation farming family--Austin Genke, his wife Dani, and his sister Samantha Genke. Chapel Hill Creamery is owned by Portia McKnight and Flo Hawley. Visit <http://boxcarrhandmadecheese.com/> and <http://chapelhillcreamery.com/> to find out where you can purchase their cheeses.

Additionally Orange County is home to one more facility, Hillsborough Cheese Company at <https://hillsboroughcheese.wordpress.com/>.

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Portia McKnight in the Cheese room (top left)

Portia McKnight and Flo Hawley talk cheese to writers visiting the Chapel Hill Creamery



Left - Best of Show Ribbon for Boxcarr Handmade Cheese (source Boxcarr)

Above – Dani, son Ariyeh and Austin Genke at their Farm.

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