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**FRANKLIN FOODS WINS GOLD AT AMERICAN CHEESE SOCIETY COMPETITION**  
**Hahn's Cream Cheese Brand Voted #1 Cream Cheese in North America**

Delray Beach, FL – August 10, 2015 -- Franklin Foods, Inc., the world's fastest-growing cream cheese company, announced today that it was awarded First Place at the 2015 American Cheese Society Competition held in Providence, Rhode Island on August 1, 2015. The American Cheese Society (ACS) is the leader in supporting and promoting American cheeses.

Franklin Food's "Hahn's Cream Cheese" was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the category "Fresh Unripened Cheeses – Mascarpone and Cream Cheese Made from Cow's Milk." This Cultured Cream Cheese is used in Franklin Foods' proprietary branded as well as Franklin Foods' store brand and private-label products. Other brands recognized in the category include Arthur Schuman, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for its Cello Rich and Creamy Mascarpone and Lactalis American Group, who also took 2<sup>nd</sup> for its Mascarpone. Alouette Cheese USA was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for its California Cow Cream Cheese.

Unlike other cheese competitions, where cheeses are graded down for technical defects, the goal of the ACS judging & competition is to give positive recognition to those cheeses that are of the highest aesthetic and technical quality based on flavor, aroma, and texture. As a result, the highest quality cheeses are awarded from the 1,779 cheeses that were entered by 267 producers from both North and South America

"It's truly an honor to take first place in this prestigious industry award from the American Cheese Society Competition," said Jon Gutknecht CEO of Franklin Foods. "This is a testament to our commitment to dairy innovation and to delivering the highest quality cream cheese available. We could not have done this without the support of our team and the partnerships we have with dairy farms in Vermont and Arizona."

About Franklin Foods

Franklin Foods, Inc., corporate offices are located in Delray Beach, FL, with manufacturing facilities in Enosburg Falls, Vermont and Casa Grande, AZ. Franklin Foods is a Safe Quality Foods (SQF) Level 3 Certified manufacturer. Franklin Foods began producing cheese in 1899 using fresh milk and cream from nearby farms. Today, the Franklin Foods tradition of top quality, delicious taste and dairy innovation continues. Franklin Foods is the fastest growing cream cheese producer in the World and continues on its mission to "Re-Invent Cream Cheese® for today's consumers." For more information visit: [www.franklinfoods.com](http://www.franklinfoods.com)

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