

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association



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Dear Buttermaker:

We hope to see your entry in the remaining 2012 Butter Contests coordinated by UMDIA.

Spring Contest - March 2-entry deadline

June Contest - June 1-entry deadline

State Fair Contest - July 13-entry deadline

These contests are open to all buttermakers.

The Monday following the contest closing date Contest Superintendent, Lisa Ramacher will remove the names, number the entries (so that the judging may be completed on the merits of the butter alone), and will take butter samples for evaluation of composition and bacteriological analysis. The next day, three qualified judges will grade the butter. Results of the contest will be tabulated by Superintendent Ramacher and Doris Mold, UMDIA General Manager.

Entry Details

Butter entries should be at least 20 pounds. Entry materials are now all available online at our website www.umdia.org and will no longer be mailed via U.S. mail, unless a contestant does not have Internet access. If a contestant does not have Internet access, we will make other arrangements.

To access the entry cards and contest information, please visit the butter and cheese contest page for the required contest materials. **For each entry complete a butter identification card and place it between the flaps of the entry box.** Please send or deliver all butter entries to Bongards' Creameries at 13200 County Road 51, Norwood, MN 55368. A label master is online for your use.

Scoring

80.25 will be regarded as the perfect end point for butterfat composition and ties will be broken by the entry closest to 80.25. A standard curd of 1.0 will be used unless a different curd is desired and must be noted on the contest identification card. Other information regarding scoring may be found online at www.umdia.org.

Champion Buttermaker Award

Four contests organized by UMDIA are used to determine the 2012 Champion Buttermaker, the Fall contest; the Spring contest; the June Educational Contest, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and the Minnesota State Fair Contest, sponsored by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society. To be awarded the title of Champion, an individual must enter all four contests and have the highest average score among all of the competitors who have entered all of the contests. The award is given out at the UMDIA annual conference on September 12, 2012.

If you require clarifications on the contests you may contact Lisa Ramacher at 952-955-2570 or 952-484-1057 or e-mail at lisa.ramacher@state.mn.us . If you have other questions or cannot reach Lisa, please contact me. You may reach me using the contact information shown above. If you would like to receive future notices or information via e-mail, please e-mail me and we will add you to our list.

Buttermakers do not have to be members of UMDIA to enter the contests; however, we would welcome your membership. Please ask me about membership information or sign up online at www.umdia.org.

Good luck and thank you in advance for entering and encouraging others to enter.

Sincerely,

Doris Mold
General Manager
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association is a non-profit group whose purpose is to promote the dairy industry by providing information, educational services, networks and contests that encourage improvement in the quality and safety of dairy and food products