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Dairy Processing Manufacturers Recognized for Commitment to Quality and Production Excellence

Quality Chekd names finalists from the United States and South America for its highest awards.

LISLE, Ill., August 17, 2020 — Quality Chekd Dairies, Inc., a member-owned organization of independent dairy processors, has named three outstanding dairy processors as finalists for the Quality Chekd Irving B. Weber Award.

The Irving B. Weber Award, which Quality Chekd developed and modeled after the Association for Manufacturing Excellence Award, represents the highest honor for overall quality throughout the Quality Chekd organization. Finalists are judged based on effective implementation of quality in all areas, from processes and products to customer service and satisfaction at a single plant location. The following dairy processors have been named finalists for the 2020 Weber Award:

- Alqueria Dairy, Medellin, Colombia
- Hiland Dairy Foods Company, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Umpqua Dairy Products Company, Roseburg, Oregon

Although the finalist processors operate in very different regions, they all have one thing in common: demonstrated commitment to quality excellence in the categories of leadership, culture, production, sustainability and business ethics.

Quality Chekd will present the Weber Award at the 2020 QCS Virtual Leadership Conference in October.

About Quality Chekd Dairies, Inc.

Quality Chekd works on behalf of dairy processors by providing them with services to improve business success, as well as providing consumers with safe, delicious dairy products. Food safety is first, and Quality Chekd has established quality assurance (QA) measures and evaluations, laboratory resources, and employee training and planning that include and surpass government regulations. Members have access to human resource tools, marketing trends and information, and purchasing opportunities to help them maintain costs. All of these services are part of the Quality Chekd trademark, which signifies product excellence. For more information about the Quality Chekd organization or membership, please visit www.qchedk.com.

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