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## **Dairy Processing Manufacturers Recognized for Commitment to Production Excellence**

### *Quality Chekd Dairies names winners for production excellence*

**LISLE, Ill.** — Quality Chekd Dairies, Inc., a member-owned organization of independent dairy processors, announced the recipients for its Production Excellence Awards, which recognize outstanding processors in three categories: fluid milk, cultured dairy and ice cream. The winners in each category are based on selection criteria that includes a plant audit, evaluation of all plant processes and systems for assuring product quality evaluation results. Due to COVID 19, Quality Chekd announced the winners at the QCS 2020 Virtual Leadership Conference on October 15, 2020.

The following processors are winners for the Production Excellence Award:

#### **Fluid Milk Category**

- Hiland Dairy Foods Company, Little Rock, Arkansas

#### **Cultured Products Category**

For the first time there were two winners in this category

- Prairie Farms Dairy, Jefferson City, Missouri
- Umpqua Dairy Products, Roseburg, Oregon

#### **Ice Cream Category**

- Lochmead Dairy, Junction City, Oregon

#### **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](http://www.qchedk.com).

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