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PRESS RELEASE

HOLLAND'S BEST CHEESE CONNOISSEUR 2024

Hendrika Wesseling, who works at Royal Lactalis Leerdammer B.V. in Schoonrewoerd, The Netherlands, has been named 'Hollands Best Cheese Connoisseur 2024'! During the festive ceremony, she received the Golden Cheese Award 2024, having achieved the highest score ever in the history of the NNKC with 242 points.

On September 30th and October 1st, 707 experts from the cheese industry, including trade, retail, specialty stores, and research institutes, looked, smelled, felt, and tasted a specially selected range of Dutch cheeses. Those who excelled in distinguishing the type of cheese, its age and taste, as well as identifying any abnormalities, won this craftsmanship contest.

The Dutch Cheese Craftsmanship Contest has been held for 65 years. The NNKC (The Dutch Cheese Craftsmanship Contest) is the national competition in the Dutch cheese sector, and its awards are highly esteemed. Participating in this contest sharpens skills and craftsmanship, helping to maintain and further develop the rich and versatile palette of Dutch cheeses. After all, it's the people who create high-quality Dutch cheese!

The prizes were awarded to:

Golden Cheese Award 2024 Hendrika Wesseling, Royal Lactalis Leerdammer, Schoonrewoerd

Gold medals

- Trade Suzan van der Linde, Westland Kaas B.V., Huizen
- Industry Daniëlle de Bruin-Schuttel, Rouveen Kaasspecialiteiten, Rouveen
- Retail Dirjan Torn Broers, Kaashandel Torn Broers, Veenendaal

Silver medals

- Trade Huug Nieuwenhuijs, Wijngaard Kaas B.V., Woerden
- Industry Ward Eekhoudt, Royal FrieslandCampina, Steenderen
- Retail Wim van der Voet, Arcadia boerderij, Bodegraven

Bronze medals

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| Trade | Peter Schakel, Westland Kaas B.V., Huizen
Bernard de Graaf, Velder, Bodegraven
Monique Kouwenhoven, Velder, Bodegraven |
| Industry | Miranda Mathijssen, Royal FrieslandCampina Cheese, Wageningen
Jeroen Slomp, Rouveen Kaasspecialiteiten, Rouveen
Freddy Lennings, Royal FrieslandCampina, Amersfoort
Martin Willig, Kaasmakerij Henri Willig B.V., Katwoude |
| Retail | Kees Donkersteeg, Kaas van Kees, Veenendaal
Daan de Leeuw, Kaashandel Daan de Leeuw, Kamerik
Bianca Dijkman, Dijkman Delicatessen, Beilen |

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