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Maytag Dairy Farms Announced as 2027 sofi™ Award Finalist by the Specialty Food Association

AMES, Iowa – AgCertain is honored to announce that Maytag Dairy Farms has been named a finalist in the Specialty Food Association's (SFA) 2027 sofi™ Awards for its artisan blue cheese, Maytag Farm Reserve.

The sofi Awards are an annual celebration of the best specialty food products of the year, highlighting excellence across the industry. Maytag Farm Reserve stood out among more than 1,000 entries, evaluated by an expert panel of specialty food buyers. Judges assessed products based on flavor, appearance, texture, aroma, ingredient quality, and innovation. 75 products with the highest marks advanced as Gold Award finalists, including Farm Reserve.

"Each year, our expert judges are blown away by the craft, quality, and innovation of the sofi Award finalists, who set the tone for the industry in the coming year," said Bill Lynch, president of SFA.

A complex blue cheese, Maytag Farm Reserve combines the signature tanginess of Maytag Blue Cheese with a dense, fudgy texture. Its natural rind is retained throughout the aging process, resulting in a creamy consistency and intense, earthy notes. Crafted with high-quality, simple ingredients, Maytag Farm Reserve's bold profile appeals to artisan cheese enthusiasts and those who appreciate a robust blue.

"Maytag Dairy Farms is very thankful and honored to be named a finalist for this award," said Daniel J. Oh, President & CEO of AgCertain Industries, Inc. "Maytag Farm Reserve reflects the craftsmanship that has defined our cheesemaking for generations. As we celebrate 85 years of Maytag Dairy Farms, this recognition is a significant milestone and testament to the quality of our blue."

SFA will announce the 2027 sofi Award winners in a special ceremony on January 17 at the Winter FancyFaire* trade show. For more information on Maytag Dairy Farms and Maytag Farm Reserve, follow @MaytagDairyFarms on Instagram and Facebook or visit www.MaytagDairyFarms.com.

About Maytag Dairy Farms

Founded in 1941 in Newton, Iowa, Maytag Dairy Farms handcrafts award-winning blue cheese. For 85 years, Maytag Blue has been carefully crafted and cave-ripened under closely monitored conditions to develop its signature bold flavor, creamy texture, and distinctive blue veining. Maytag Dairy Farms offers a range of artisan cheeses and specialty food products to customers through retail, food service, and direct-to-consumer channels.

About AgCertain Industries, Inc.

With highly certified, reliable operations, AgCertain delivers products and services where identity preservation and traceability matter. AgCertain is dedicated to creating specialized, high value products that satisfy the growing desire to understand where products come from and how they are made.