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Maytag Dairy Farms Blue Cheese Receives Gold Award from Specialty Foods Association

AgCertain is pleased to announce Maytag Dairy Farms as the recipient of a 2024 sofi Gold Award. Maytag Blue Cheese was recognized as the winner in the Cheese - Cow Milk category based on taste, flavor, appearance, texture, aroma, ingredient quality and innovation. Maytag Blue Cheese is best described as "creamy and fudgy" with "nutty, tangy, with slightly acidic, sweet, clean and piquant" notes.

This award, presented by the Specialty Food Association (SFA), is a top honor in the \$207-billion specialty food industry. Maytag Blue Cheese was selected by specialty food experts, buyers and media as one of the top products of the year.

"We are honored that our Blue Cheese has won a sofi Gold Award," states Maytag Dairy Farms' Business Unit Leader, Jim Blickensdorf. "For 82 years, we have consistently created delicious products for our customers. The Maytag Dairy Farms team has been crafting exceptional cheese for decades and we will continue that tradition for many years to come."

The Specialty Food Association represents over 3,800 businesses worldwide to create a diverse specialty food industry. SFA holds the sofi awards, as well as the Fancy Food Shows, annually to display excellence in the food and beverage industry. "Those that earn top marks from our judges really are the best of the best," said Specialty Food Association president Bill Lynch. "sofi Gold Award winners have accomplished something really extraordinary."

Maytag Dairy Farms, part of AgCertain Industries, manufactures and markets the highly acclaimed Maytag Blue Cheese, as well as other food and beverage items. AgCertain and Maytag Dairy Farms work cohesively to create top-of-the-line products in their highly certified manufacturing facilities.

Winners of the sofi Gold Awards will be showcased at the 2024 Summer Fancy Food Show in New York City, as well as celebrated at the first-ever sofi Awards in June.

About Maytag Dairy Farms

Founded in 1941, Maytag Dairy Farms creates small-batch, traditionally crafted cheeses, as well as other products for individuals and businesses. For over 80 years, Maytag Blue Cheese has been carefully crafted, cave-ripened and aged within carefully monitored conditions to create a bloomy rind and beautiful blue veining. Maytag Dairy Farms sells to a large network of customers through retail, food service and direct-to-consumer channels.

About AgCertain Industries, Inc.

AgCertain delivers products and service where identity preservations and traceability matter, with a focus on food, agricultural and bio-based activities. Operations are conducted through highly certified manufacturing systems, with sales and distribution to companies and consumers. AgCertain strives to meet the growing demand from consumers to know where their products come from and how they are made.