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Caboolture students sweep the board in Ekka cheese competition

Caboolture State High School has proven itself a dairy powerhouse in the Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) Student Made Cheese Competition presented by Queensland Government, dominating the blue cheese category.

The winners were announced at an awards presentation at the Brisbane Showgrounds today, with the student cheesemakers claiming first, second and third place in the mould ripened cheese blue class.

International dairy expert and Chief Judge Russell Smith said the clean sweep was an outstanding effort.

"Caboolture State High School focused solely on perfecting their blue cheese entries and they nailed it – all of their cheeses scored 18 or above out of 20," he said.

Beenleigh State High School also celebrated success, with their entry Cheezy Weezy crowned the winner of the mould-ripened cheese white category.

"The winning camembert from Beenleigh State High School was excellent – as good as a cheese you buy from the supermarket," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith also praised the high standard of entries across the board.

"As always in this competition, the best cheeses were superb and it's a credit to the diligence of the students and teachers," he said.

"Both of the first-place entries scored 19.5 out of 20."

Meanwhile, in the Agricultural Sciences & Student Fermented Beverages Competition presented by Queensland Government, Beerwah State High School was awarded Champion Fermented Beverage for their berry fruit wine titled Berry Team.

Both competitions were judged over three days this week, with 225 entries from 26 schools received in total.

Entries in Student Fermented Beverages increased by an impressive 65 per cent, reflecting strong participation from schools that teach winemaking or fermentation as part of their Chemistry, Science, Agriculture or Hospitality programs.

2025 WINNERS

STUDENT MADE CHEESE

Class 1 - Mould Ripened Cheese White

1st Place: Beenleigh SHS - Cheezy Weezy

2nd Place: Toowoomba Grammar School – 3M

3rd Place: Murrumba State Secondary College - The Velvet Vache

Class 2 - Mould Ripened Cheese Blue

1st Place: Caboolture SHS - Bit-cheese be trippen

2nd Place: Caboolture SHS - Kick it to the curd

3rd Place: Caboolture SHS - Leaning tower of cheesa

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Champion Fermented Beverage: Beerwah State High School - Berry Team

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