Cal Poly Creamery's Annual Holiday Cheese Sale Under Way

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The historic Cal Poly Creamery is once again offering gift packs of its student-made cheeses for the holidays.

The seven varieties for sale are Gouda, Smoked Gouda, Mustang Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Chipotle Jack, San Luis Lace and reduced-fat Lace. The Gouda and San Luis Lace are award-winning cheeses.

All are available for order through Dec. 12 at www.calpolycheese.com.

The program's cheeses are made and packaged entirely by students, who work closely throughout the year with Dairy Science professor Nana Farkye and Cal Poly Creamery Manager Jerry Mattas. The students involved in the project gain hands-on experience creating, packaging, marketing and shipping the cheeses.

The cheeses are aged for a minimum of nine months and made from the milk of Cal Poly's dairy herd of Jersey and Holstein cows, a combination that adds a unique flavor.

Gift packs available for order include the Green & Gold Special, Mustang Sampler and Smokey Pack (each contains three 12-oz. packages of cheese), the President's Choice (four packages) and the Poly Grande (12 oz. each of all seven cheeses).

Order early; gift packs sell out every year. Gift packs can be picked up at the creamery or shipped.

The Creamery has been making dairy products for the Central Coast since 1903. For a list of cheeses, packages and prices, or for ordering information, visit www.calpolycheese.com or contact the creamery office at 805-756-6644 or creamery@calpoly.edu.

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