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Cured Meats Excellence Award



Introduced at the 2011 American Cured Meat Championships (ACMC), the “*Cured Meat Excellence Award*” was designed to acknowledge the processor that competed the best throughout the entire competition.

The winner is decided by a pre-determined point system. At the conclusion of the judging and numerical calculations of ACMC, each processor that places in the top four in each ACMC class is awarded points based on their placing (*i.e.*, Grand Champion = 4 points, Reserve Grand Champion = 3 points, Champion = 2 points, and Reserve Champion = 1 point). The points for each processor are then tabulated. A specific scheme is in place, if a tie in the total points awarded would occur. The processor with the highest total points is awarded the “*Cured Meat Excellence Award.*”

This award accomplishes a couple of key points. First, it acknowledges the processor whose products ranked the best overall in the competition and not just in an individual class. Secondly, it encourages processors to compete in more than just a few ACMC classes. The more classes a processor enters and competes well in, the higher the likelihood that they may secure this award.