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**Tumalo Farms is Awarded Two National Awards  
by the American Cheese Society**

**Bend, Oregon, August 8, 2011** – Tumalo Farms, a local artisan cheese maker, today announced their win at the 2011 American Cheese Society's annual competition. They were honored with two awards in various categories. This is a national competition for all cheese makers in the United States and Canada with over 1,650 entries.

Tumalo Farms' Classico was awarded with a first place win in the "open category goats' milk cheeses aged over 60 days" category. This is Classico's seventh national award and 5<sup>th</sup> first place win from the American Cheese Society. Rimrocker received a second place win and it's first ever award in the "open category made from sheep's milk or mixed milk." Rimrocker is a fairly new cheese for Tumalo Farms and uses farmstead goats' milk mixed with Poland Dairy certified organic cows' milk.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the results. Classico continues to be not only our flagship, but our most decorated cheese. And I am thrilled the judges recognized Rimrocker's strengths. It is an excellent cheese with very unique properties and we have always felt it was a stand-out," said Flavio DeCastilhos, owner, Tumalo Farms.

The American Cheese Society is an active, not for profit trade organization that encourages the understanding, appreciation, and promotion of farmstead and natural specialty cheeses produced in the Americas and Canada. By providing an educational forum for cheese makers and cheese enthusiasts, the Society fills an important gap in today's specialty food world.

### About Tumalo Farms:

Tucked in the Central Oregon triangle between Bend, Sisters, and Redmond, Tumalo Farms is 84 acres of lush land surrounded by beautiful views of the Cascades. Tumalo Farms was founded in 2004 by Flavio DeCastilhos, and has a herd of over 700 goats, all raised on organic feed. While most of the cheeses are farmstead goat cheeses, Tumalo Farms has recently introduced two cows' milk cheeses made with organic milk from a neighboring Central Oregon farm. Tumalo Farms makes 12 artisan cheeses that are sold throughout the country.

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