

## PRESS RELEASE

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# Zott wins “Bundesehrenpreis” (Federal Award of Honour)

## Mertingen-based Gourmet Dairy is one of Germany's top companies

Germany's Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) has awarded a “Bundesehrenpreis” (Federal Award of Honour), the highest-ranking award German food industry companies can be awarded for the outstanding quality of their products, to Gourmet Dairy Zott. The Federal Award of Honour is awarded annually to companies that achieve the best results in the German Agricultural Society (DLG) quality audits. The results are based on extensive and independent laboratory tests.

### Award-winning for the eighth time in a row

The Gourmet Dairy achieved impressive results not only due to the high quality standard of its products but also due to its focus on sustainable quality. Zott has won a Federal Award of Honour for the eighth time in a row. In the name of all Zott employees, Rudolf Kaiser, the head of Zott's quality management department, travelled to Berlin for the award presentation by Parliamentary State Secretary Dr Maria Flachsbarth and DLG vice president Dr Diedrich Harms. "Like our numerous DLG medals, the Federal Award of Honour is yet another confirmation of the excellent work of our employees. We apply the highest quality standards to the raw materials we use, our performance and our gourmet products," says Rudolf Kaiser. Zott complies with the strict rules and regulations that ensure food safety and therefore protect the consumers.

### Zott products in more than 75 countries

The Gourmet Dairy Zott is an independent family company based in Mertingen, Bavaria, Germany. As a future-oriented brand manufacturer, Zott has a marked commitment to long-term partnerships with milk producers and the retail trade. Group-wide, Zott processed approximately 913 million kilograms of milk in 2016. With 2,159 employees, the company achieved a turnover of around 860 million euros that year. Zott sells its products in more than 75 countries around the world and is now one of Europe's leading dairies.



**Gourmet Dairy**  
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Parliamentary State Secretary Dr Maria Flachsbarth (right) and DLG vice president Dr Diedrich Harms (left) presented the certificate and medal to Rudolf Kaiser.

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At Zott, everything complies with the strict food safety rules and regulations – like here in the control room.

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