

UMIKAH earns national recognition for its vibrant, globally inspired curds

Lime-Yuzu Curd named a 2026 sofi™ Awards Finalist, highlighting UMIKAH's rise as a standout small-batch maker



Long Island, New York Nov 19, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - UMIKAH, maker of small-batch, exotic fruit-based curds and spreads, is proud to announce that its Lime Yuzu Curd has been named a Finalist for the Specialty Food Association's 2026 sofi™ Awards, a distinguished honor recognizing the best specialty food products of the year.

The annual sofi™ Awards have celebrated excellence and innovation in specialty food since 1972. This year's winners will be announced live during a ceremony at the Specialty Food Association (SFA)'s newest trade show, Winter FancyFaire*, taking place January 11–13, 2026 in San Diego, California.

“Being recognized as a sofi Finalist is an incredible honor for us,” said Luciana Uchi Davidzon, Founder of UMIKAH. “It celebrates the creativity, persistence, and love behind every jar we make. This recognition renews our enthusiasm to keep spreading joy through our craft.”

UMIKAH's Lime Yuzu Curd stood out among more than 1,200 entries, judged by a panel of specialty food buyers in a blind tasting. Products were evaluated based on flavor, appearance, texture, aroma, ingredient quality, and innovation.

“There are thousands of food and beverage products that are sold on store shelves, and yet amidst the multitude of options, these finalists have risen above their peers to receive top scores from our expert judging panel,” said Bill Lynch, President of the Specialty Food Association. “Congratulations to UMIKAH and all the 2026 sofi Award Finalists!”

Crafted with yuzu — a prized Japanese lime — blended with bright lime, UMIKAH's Lime Yuzu Curd delivers a tart, floral, and aromatic flavor profile. This unique spread reflects the brand's passion for global inspiration, craftsmanship, and mindful cooking.

Attendees at Winter FancyFaire* 2026 will be able to sample the Lime Yuzu Curd at the First Taste Table (Spreads Category), where all finalists will be showcased.

This recognition comes after a milestone year for UMIKAH, including expanded retail presence, new specialty market partnerships, and growing interest from buyers across the Northeast and Texas.

“This accolade supports our mission to bring elevated, globally inspired flavors into more specialty retailers nationwide,” Davidzon added. “In the coming months, we look forward to launching new products and continuing our expansion.”

The sofi™ Awards are considered the top honor in the \$219-billion specialty food industry. Past winners include iconic brands such as Ben & Jerry's, Kettle Chips, Fage Yogurt, Stonewall Kitchen, and Vermont Creamery.

For more information on UMIKAH and its Lime Yuzu Curd, visit umikah.com or follow on Instagram at [@umikahnewyork](https://www.instagram.com/umikahnewyork).

About UMIKAH

Founded by pastry chef and former business executive Luciana Uchi Davidzon, UMIKAH is a women-owned, New York-based artisanal brand creating exotic, fruit-based curds and spreads in small batches. Inspired by global flavors and the art of mindful, creative cooking, UMIKAH blends international ingredients with local craftsmanship to bring vibrant, versatile flavors to American kitchens. The brand is sold through specialty markets, curated retailers, and online platforms, with a growing presence across Texas and the Northeast.

About the Specialty Food Association

The Specialty Food Association (SFA) was founded in 1952 and is the not-for-profit trade association of

the \$219-billion specialty food industry. Representing more than 4,000 businesses worldwide, SFA champions industry participation and success for a diverse community of makers, buyers, importers, distributors, and service providers by producing events, programs, and year-round resources and education. SFA owns and operates the Summer Fancy Food Show, Winter FancyFaire*, and the sofi™ Awards, which have honored excellence in specialty food and beverage annually since 1972. SFA also produces the e-newsletter Specialty Food SmartBrief, the Trendspotter Panel predictions, and Show reports. Learn more at SpecialtyFood.com and connect with SFA on LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and X.

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