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PRAIRIE FARMS BUYS SELECT PROPERTIES FROM DEAN FOODS

Purchases Expand Prairie Farms Footprint into Four New States

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (May 11, 2020) – Prairie Farms recently received approval from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas to buy the rights, interests, and properties related to eight former Dean Foods facilities, two distribution branches, and certain other assets. The facilities are subjects of the Chapter 11 reorganization filed by Deans in November 2019.

The purchases include fluid milk processing plants in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Bismarck, North Dakota; Woodbury, Minnesota; Birmingham, Alabama; Marietta, Ohio and Hammond, Louisiana. The properties will now operate under the name of Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc., and the direction of Prairie Farms CEO and Executive Vice President, Ed Mullins.

“This significant acquisition will align well with our strategy to grow the Prairie Farms brand and expand our footprint of best-in-class plants to new states,” said Mullins. “We are looking forward to extending the availability of our award-winning dairy products to new customers.”

For additional information about the Prairie Farms brand and products, visit <https://www.prairiefarms.com/>.

Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. is one of the largest and most successful dairy cooperatives in the Midwest and parts of the South. Elements of the cooperative include more than 700 farm families, 8100 employees, 52 manufacturing plants, over 100 distribution facilities and annual sales of over \$3 billion. Prairie Farms is a nationally recognized leader in the dairy industry and is known for setting the standard for milk flavor innovations and producing award-winning milk, cheese, and cultured dairy products. With headquarters in Edwardsville, Ill., the Prairie Farms distribution footprint covers over 30 percent of the United States; products are available in grocery chains, mass merchandiser stores, club stores, convenience stores, dollar stores, drug stores, schools, foodservice outlets and warehouse distribution centers. Prairie Farms charitable giving program, [Our Caps, Your Cause](#), supports a variety of non-profit organizations.



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