Hormel Foods Honors Suppliers with Spirit of Excellence Awards

AUSTIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 18, 2013-- Hormel Foods Corporation (NYSE: HRL) recently awarded 59 suppliers with a 2012 Spirit of Excellence Award for their roles in the company's continuous improvement process throughout the last year. These suppliers are from a variety of areas including contractors, pork procurement, provisions, ingredients, packaging and transportation.

"The Hormel Foods Spirit of Excellence Award program recognizes the suppliers that truly go above and beyond, making an impact on our business," said Melanie A. Faust, director of purchasing at Hormel Foods. "We're honored to partner with these distinguished suppliers."

Suppliers that qualified for the Spirit of Excellence Award maintained a minimum supplier rating index score of 92 throughout a 12-month period. This score is determined by a universal measurement system that began in 1990 to ensure each supplier is held to the same standards. Award criteria include meeting performance requirements, making on-time deliveries and providing high-level customer support.

In addition to the Spirit of Excellence Award, suppliers compete for the Hormel No. 1 Award every five years. Two years ago, the company announced the Hormel No. 1 Award recipients, who were honored for providing long-term consistent, superior performance during the five-year period from 2006-2010. One of the criteria for the award requires recipients to have received a Spirit of Excellence Award during four out of five years.

Engineering
A.J. Lysne Contracting Corporation
Allweather Roof
East Penn Manufacturing
Environmental Land Management, LLC
Fehr Solutions, LLC
Fox Electric
Gleeson Constructors & Engineers, LLC
Hyster Company
The Joseph Company, Inc.
Kestner Electric, Inc.
KOFAB
Lou Rich, Inc.
Multivac, Inc.
Rockwell Automation, Inc.
Superior Companies of Minnesota, Inc.
Van Meter Industrial and Werner Electric Supply
Wolf-tec, Inc.

Procurement
New Fashion Pork LLP

David Reuter
Daryl Muilenberg (PLM)
Gleason Farms Inc.
Jason Fett
Honeysuckle Farms LLC
Spronk Brothers LLP
Josie’s Pork Farm Inc.
BS Hogs/Vision Pork
Tip Top Pork

Provision
Fieldale Farms Corporation

Purchasing
Aramark Uniform Services
Bunzl Processor Division
CHR Hansen Inc.
Crown Cork & Seal USA, Inc.
Curwood, Inc.
Dickson Industries, Inc.
DXP Enterprises, Inc.
Exopack LLC
Gamer Packaging Inc.
Griffith Laboratories USA
Hydrite Chemical Co.
International Paper
Kalle USA, Inc.
The Meyers Printing Companies, Inc.
Menasha Packaging
Minnesota Corrugated Box, Inc.
Newly Weds Foods Inc.
Progressive Packaging, Inc.
RR Donnelley
Rangen Inc.
Red Arrow Products Company LLC
Sargento Foods Inc.
Sensient Technologies Corporation
Smyth Companies
Zip Pak
Walter G Anderson Inc.
xpedx

Transportation
Dickey Transport, Inc.

ICS Logistics Corporation
McFarland Truck Lines, Inc.
K & B Transportation, Inc.

About Hormel Foods
Hormel Foods Corporation, based in Austin, Minn., is a multinational manufacturer and marketer of consumer-branded food and meat products, many of which are among the best known and trusted in the food industry. The company leverages its extensive expertise, innovation and high competencies in pork and turkey processing and marketing to bring branded, value-added products to the global marketplace. The company is a member of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index, S&P Dividend Aristocrats for 2012, Maplecroft Climate Innovation Indexes, Global 1000 Sustainable Performance Leaders and was again named one of "The 100 Best Corporate Citizens" byCorporate Responsibility Magazine for the fifth year in a row. Hormel Foods debuted on the G.I. Jobs magazine list of America's Top 100 Military Friendly Employers in 2012. The company enjoys a strong reputation among consumers, retail grocers, foodservice and industrial customers for products highly regarded for quality, taste, nutrition, convenience and value. For more information, visithttp://www.hormelfoods.com.

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