

News Release

Hormel Foods Honors 68 Suppliers with Spirit of Excellence Awards

AUSTIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 6, 2015-- Hormel Foods Corporation (NYSE: HRL) recently awarded 68 suppliers with a 2014 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 in helping us achieve our goals," said Tyler L. Hulsebus, director of purchasing at Hormel Foods. "We're honored to partner with these outstanding 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. Four 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.

Contractors (22)

A.J. Lysne Contracting Corporation

Allweather Roof

Avure Technologies, Inc

Cybertrol Engineering, LLC

The Dupps Company

East Penn Manufacturing

Environmental Land Management, LLC

Evapco, Inc

Fehr Solutions, LLC

Fox Electric

Gleeson Constructors & Engineers, LLC

Hyster Company

Jasper Engineering

The Joseph Company, Inc

Kestner Electric, Inc.

KOFAB

Lou Rich, Inc

Multivac, Inc

Rockwell Automation

Van Meter Industrial and Werner Electric Supply

Weber, Inc

Wolf-Tec, Inc

Procurement (14)

New Fashion Pork, LLP

Donley Farms Inc

K & B Farms, LLC

Sayon Inc

Nutra Tech LC

Lizard Creek Acres

Roe Farms Inc

Spronk Brothers, LLP

R.P.K.

Daryl Muilenburg

Rebco Pork Inc.

K & L Pork Inc.

Honeysuckle Farms, LLC

Hufco, LLC

Provisions (2)

Fieldale Farms Corporation

Kustom Pak Foods

Purchasing (27)

Berry Plastics

Bunzl Processor Division

Bemis North America

Dickson Industries, Inc.

DXP Enterprises Inc.

Flatout Inc

Gamer Packaging, Inc.

Hydrite Chemical Co.

International Paper

Kalle USA, Inc.

Menasha Packaging Company, LLC

The Meyers Printing Companies, Inc

Minnesota Corrugated Box, Inc.

Newly Weds Foods Inc

Progressive Packaging, Inc.

Prolamina

RK Farms LLC

Rangen, Inc. Commodities Division
Red Arrow Products Company LLC
Sargento Foods Inc.
Silgan Containers LLC
Smyth Companies
ViskoTeepak
supplyFORCE
Walter G. Anderson Inc.
Winpak Ltd.
Veritiv Corporation

Transportation (3)

Dickey Transport, Inc.
K & B Transportation, Inc.
Holiday Express Corporation

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 500 Dividend Aristocrats for 2014, was named the 2013 Sustainable Supply Chain of the Year by Refrigerated & Frozen Foods magazine, and was again named one of "The 100 Best Corporate Citizens" by Corporate Responsibility Magazine for the sixth year in a row. Hormel Foods was also recognized as a 2015 Military Friendly Employer by G.I. Jobs magazine, and named one of the 2015 40 Best Companies for Leaders by Chief Executive magazine. 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, visit <http://www.hormelfoods.com>.

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