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Tyson Foods to Expand Its Southern Indiana Operations

CORYDON, Ind. (Oct. 9, 2009) - Tyson Foods, Inc. announced plans today to expand its poultry processing operations here, creating 78 new jobs in the next year.

Tyson Foods, the world's largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef and pork, will invest \$626,000 in new equipment to relocate chicken deboning lines from Arkansas and Missouri to its 130,000 square-foot facility in Harrison County.

"Tyson Foods not only provides work for thousands in our state, but this investment is a boost to Hoosier poultry farmers who supply the company with locally grown meat," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "It's a good outcome for Hoosiers -- and one we've been seeing regularly this year -- when companies relocate work into Indiana."

The Corydon branch of the Fortune 500 company, which produces more than 127 million pounds of fried, marinated and rotisserie chicken per year for grocery store delis, employs 650 associates and plans to begin hiring additional production associates immediately. Tyson Foods employs nearly 3,000 across its three Indiana facilities.

"As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance plant efficiencies, we're making some operational changes that will involve more jobs. Instead of continuing to ship certain cuts of chicken to outside plants in other states for deboning we've decided to do the work right here in Indiana. This means the installation of new equipment at the Corydon facility and the addition of 78 new jobs. We are now starting to ramp up the new production line and anticipate full production by early December. We believe Indiana is a great place to do business and we are excited to be expanding during such challenging economic times," said David Whittington, complex manager for Tyson Foods.

Founded in 1935, Tyson Foods provides products to customers in more than 90 countries. The company has more than 300 locations around the world employing approximately 107,000 associates, including nearly 3,000 across its three Indiana facilities. In 2008, the company recorded \$26.9 billion in revenue.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Tyson Foods, Inc. up to \$160,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The Harrison County Economic

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