APPI Testing Program Continues to Ensure Safe Product

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The Animal Protein Producers Industry (APPI) is the rendering industry program responsible for the weekly Salmonella testing in North America. APPI also develops educational programs to control biological, chemical, and physical hazards, and will be considering other biosecurity program needs in the future. APPI became a committee within the National Renderers Association on January 1, 2006. The Salmonella testing program and the Rendering Industry Code of Practice are open to all renderers in the United States and Canada.

APPI's objectives are focused to assist member companies in manufacturing safe products. The Rendering Industry Code of Practice corresponds very closely to the initiatives taking place throughout the entire food chain and furthers the concept of safe feed – healthy livestock – safe food – healthy people. With continued intense scrutiny on all feed ingredients, the development of the Code of Practice by renderers shows great foresight.

The leading edge of the rendering industry is those renderers who participate in the Salmonella program and the participants in the Code of Practice, a list of which can be found at http://nationalrenderers.org/biosecurity.

APPI will continue to develop innovative programs to promote the safety of animal proteins and feed fats through testing, continuing education and training, and collaborative research. The following plants have made a significant commitment and will be the foundation for safe rendered feed products in the future.

The following rendering plants have completed the required testing for the 2009 Salmonella testing program.

AB Foods, LLC

Toppenish, WA

Alberta Processing Co.

Calaary, AB, Canada

Allied Premium Protein

Gaffney, SC

American Food Group (Gibbon

Packing, LLC)

Gibbon, NE

American Proteins, Inc.

Cumming, GA

Cuthbert, GA

Hanceville, AL

Hanceville, AL (Pet Food Div.)

Ampro Products, Inc.

Concordia, MO

Cumming, GA

Cuthbert, GA

Gainesville, GA

Pickensville, AL

Baker Commodities, Inc.

Kerman, CA

North Billerica, MA

Phoenix, AZ

Rochester, NY

Seattle, WA

Spokane, WA

Vernon, CA

Birmingham Hide and Tallow

Birmingham, AL

Boyer Valley Co.

Arion, IA

Harlan, IA

Cargill Meat Solutions

Beardstown, IL

Dodge City, KS

Friona, TX

Ft. Morgan, CO

Highriver, AB, Canada

Ottumwa, IA

Plainview, TX

Schuyler, NE

Wyalusing, PA

Carolina By-Products, Div. of

Valley Proteins

Fayetteville, NC

Fayetteville, NC (Pet Food Div.)

Gastonia, NC

Rose Hill, NC

Wadesboro, NC

Ward, SC

Custom Protein Corp. (formerly Southwest By-Products)

Springfield, MO

Darling International, Inc.

Bellvue, NE

Berlin, WI

Boise, ID Blue Earth, MN

Clinton, IA

Coldwater, MI

Collinsville, OK

Dallas, TX

Denver, CO

Des Moines, IA

Fairfax, MO

Fresno, CA

Darling International (continued)

Houston, TX

Kansas City, KS

Kansas City, KS (blending)

Los Angeles, CA

Lynn Center, IL

Mason City, IL

National Stock Yards, IL

Newark, NJ

Omaha, NE

Omaha, NE (blending)

San Francisco, CA

Sioux City, IA

Tacoma, WA

Turlock, CA

Wahoo, NE

Wichita, KS

Farmers Union Industries, LLC (Central Bi-Products)

Redwood Falls, MN

Long Prairie, MN

Fieldale Farms Corp.

Cornelia, GA

Eastanollee, GA

Foster Farms

Farmerville, LA (formerly Pilgrim's

Pride Corp.)

Livingston, CA

F.W. Renner and Son, Inc.

Canton, OH

G.A. Wintzer and Son Co.

Wapakoneta, OH

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Griffin Industries, Inc.

Bastrop, TX Butler, KY Ellenwood, GA East Dublin, GA Jackson, MS Newberry, IN Russellville, KY Starke, FL Tampa, FL

Union City, TN **Hahn and Phillips Grease**

Marshall, MO

H.J. Baker and Brothers, Inc.

Albertville, AL Forest, MS Ft. Smith, AR Nacogdoches, TX Sanford, NC Westville, OK **Holmes By-Products**

Millersburg, OH

Hormel Food Corp.

Los Angeles, CA Austin, MN Fremont, NE

HTC Industries

San Angelo, TX

Indiana Packers Corp.

Delphi, IN

Island Commodities

Kapolei, HI

JBS Swift and Company

Green Bay, WI Greeley, CO Grand Island, NE Hyrum, UT Louisville, KY Marshalltown, IA Tolleson, AZ Worthington, MN

JCR Enterprises, Inc.

Linkwood, MD

John Kuhni Sons, Inc.

Nephi, UT

Kaluzny Bros., Inc.

Joliet, IL

Keystone Protein Company

Fredericksburg, PA

Kruger Commodities

Hamilton, MI

Lewiston Fats and Proteins (Perdue Farms)

Lewiston, NC

Maple Lodge Farms

Norval, ON, Canada

Mason City By-Products

Mason City, IA

Merrick Animal Nutrition, Inc.

Oxford, NE

Mid-South Milling Co., Inc.

Kansas City, KS Memphis, TN

Mountain View Rendering

Edinburg, VA

National Beef California

Brawley, CA

National Beef, LLC

Dodge City, KS Liberal, KS

Nebraska By-Products

Lexington, NE

North Alabama Blend Mill (Tyson Foods)

Cullman, AL

Northern Alberta Processina

Sherwood Park, AB, Canada

Nutra-Flo Co.

Sioux City, IA

Nutrimax, Inc.

Greensboro, NC

Oklahoma By-Products

Durant, OK

Pacific Rendering Co., Inc.

Seattle, WA

Perdue Farms, Inc.

Accomac, VA

Pilgrim's Pride Corp.

Ball Ground, GA Eldorado, AR Live Oak, FL Mt. Pleasant, TX Moorefield, WV Russellville, AR Sumter, SC Timberville, VA

Pine Bluff Blending Mill (Tyson

Pine Bluff, AR

Protein Products

Sunflower, MS

River Valley Animal Foods (Tyson Foods)

Clarksville, AR

Forest, MS (formerly Central

Industries, Inc.)

Harmony, NC

Robards, KY

Scranton, AR

Sedalia, MO

Seguin, TX

Temperanceville, VA

Texarkana, AR

Rothsay

Dundas, ON, Canada Moorefield, ON, Canada Truro, NS, Canada Winnipeg, MB, Canada

S.F. Rendering, Ltd.

Port Williams, NS, Canada

Sacramento Rendering Co.

Sacramento, CA

Sanimax

Green Bay, WI So. St. Paul, MN Charney, QB, Canada Montreal, QB, Canada

Salinas Tallow Co.

Salinas, CA

Saskatoon Processing Co.

Saskatoon, SK, Canada

Simmons Foods, Inc.

Southwest City, MO

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (Farmland Foods)

Crete, NE Denison, IA Milan, MO Monmouth, IL

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (John Morrell and Co.)

Sioux City, IA Sioux Falls, SD

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (Smithfield Packing Co.)

Clinton, NC Smithfield, VA Tar Heel, NC

Standard Fertilizer Co.

Greensburg, IN

Tallowmasters, LLC

Miami, FL

Tyson Fresh Meats

Amarillo, TX Columbus Junction, IA Dakota City, NE

Denison, IA

Hillsdale, IL

Holcomb, KS

Lexington, NE Logansport, IN

Madison, NE

Pasco, WA

Perry, IA

Storm Lake, IA Waterloo, IA

Valley Proteins, Inc.

Amarillo, TX East Earl, PA

Emporia, VA Linville, VA

Strawberry Plains, TN

Winchester, VA Venture Milling Co.

Annsonville, NC Binghamton, NY Seaford, DE

West Coast Rendering

Vernon, CA West Coast Reduction, Ltd.

Vancouver, BC, Canada **Western Mass. Rendering**

Southwick, MA

Worthington Rendering Co.

Worthington, MN **XL Four Star Beef**

Nampa, ID*

*New participant Total: 200 Plants R