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Sargento Foods Ranked 20th Most Successful Private Company on Deloitte's 2019 Wisconsin 75™

Company also named Distinguished Performer for Succession for exemplary corporate leadership

PLYMOUTH, Wis. – October 8, 2019 – Sargento Foods Inc. announced today that it ranked No. 20 on Deloitte's Wisconsin 75™, a ranking of the 75 largest private companies in Wisconsin, based on sales revenue.

Sargento also achieved a distinguished performer award in the Succession category, recognizing companies that have successfully moved to next-generation leadership.

Louie Gentine, CEO of Sargento Foods, credits the company's employees and its communities with this accomplishment. He said, "Throughout our history, we have encouraged everyone in the Sargento Family to feel a sense of ownership in the company. This shared commitment to excellence is the common thread that runs through every facet of our business and has allowed it to flourish for over 65 years."

"The Wisconsin 75 list doesn't just include some of our state's most recognizable brands. It also highlights many exciting and emerging companies," said Scott Wrobbel, US central region leader and Wisconsin managing partner of Deloitte LLP. "Deloitte is delighted to recognize the important role these private companies play in Wisconsin's economy."

Sargento previously ranked No. 20 on the Wisconsin 75 list and has been featured on the list eight times. Additionally, Sargento achieved a distinguished performer award in the Generations category in the 2013 Wisconsin 75™ awards.

About Deloitte's 2019 Wisconsin 75

Deloitte's annual Wisconsin 75 list salutes the largest privately held Wisconsin-based companies. These companies play a key role in the state's economy. Wisconsin 75 award winners are selected based on annual sales revenue.

To be eligible for Deloitte's Wisconsin 75 recognition, companies must have a majority ownership by an individual(s), family, employee stock ownership plan, or private equity firm. Public companies are eligible when greater than 50 percent of the value or vote of the shares are owned by individuals, family, an employee stock ownership plan, or private equity. Additionally, companies must have annual sales revenue of at least USD 50,000. The Wisconsin 75 excludes cooperatives and accounting, tax, legal, and consulting service companies.

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About Sargento Foods Inc.:

With 2,300 employees and net sales of more than \$1 billion, Sargento Foods is a family-owned company that has been a leader in cheese for more than 65 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Sargento created the world’s first successful pre-packaged sliced and shredded natural cheeses. Today, Sargento Foods is still based in Wisconsin, where they manufacture and market amazing shredded, sliced and snack natural cheese products, as well as ingredients and sauces. Company leadership lives to serve local communities and employees, whom they refer to as the Sargento Family. www.sargento.com



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