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Sargento Foods Names Phil Delpierre Vice President of Research and Development

PLYMOUTH, Wis. – Feb. 2, 2015 – [Sargento Foods Inc.](http://www.sargento.com) announces the promotion of Phil Delpierre to Vice President of Research and Development.

Phil joined the Sargento Foods family in 2005 as Director of Research and Development with a focus on natural cheese. Phil has been a key asset to the company's success over the past 10 years. In 2006, he was named Senior Director of Research and Development of New Business Development. He supported all sales divisions in all product categories and led the team's efforts on several major product launches. As a result, Phil was named Senior Director of Research and Development in 2014.

"Phil has demonstrated time and time again that he knows how to get things done and work collaboratively," said Louie Gentine, CEO at Sargento Foods. "I am confident he will do a terrific job as an officer of Sargento."

Phil has also provided leadership for the Intellectual Property program. He received a Chairman's award in 2010 recognizing his efforts.

Before joining Sargento Foods, Phil worked at Kraft Foods in its desserts, Post cereal and cheese divisions. Phil earned his bachelor's degree in food science and technology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. He also holds a master's degree in management and organizational behavior from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Phil and his wife, Robin, live in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and have two adult children and two grandchildren who live in Illinois.

About Sargento Foods Inc.

Sargento Foods Inc. has demonstrated its passion for cheese and cheese-based meal solutions for more than 60 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Sargento is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded, sliced and snack cheeses, cheese appetizers, ingredients, sauces and other culinary solutions. Sargento is owned and operated by the Gentine family, and has net sales of more than \$1 billion and more than 1,700 employees. For more information, please visit www.sargento.com.

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