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Stacyville Cooperative Creamery Merges with Foremost Farms USA®

BARABOO, WI — Foremost Farms USA®, Baraboo, Wis., and Stacyville

Cooperative Creamery, Stacyville, Iowa, jointly announced today a plan to enter into a merger, effective Jan. 1, 2006. Foremost Farms' board of directors and the Stacyville Cooperative membership have agreed to the merger, whereby Foremost Farms will assume the equity investments of Stacyville members. Stacyville member-owners approved the merger on Dec. 12.

The Stacyville Cooperative Creamery is located in north-central Iowa's Mitchell County, approximately four miles from the Minnesota state line. The Stacyville Cooperative Creamery formed in 1916 and has a membership of 66 dairy producers whose farms border the western edge of the Foremost Farms membership area.

Stacyville Cooperative Creamery Manager Randy Stephenson, said, "Our members' equity in Stacyville Co-op Creamery will be matched dollar for dollar by Foremost Farms. Foremost Farms is one of the most financially stable cooperatives in the U.S. dairy industry with a diversified product base and comprehensive member services. We are proud to be joining forces with a cooperative that is fiscally responsible and recognizes our members' investment."

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Foremost Farms Chairman Ed Brooks, Reedsburg, Wis., said, “We welcome the opportunity to grow our milk shed in Iowa and look forward to working with the new membership.”

Operating since Jan. 1, 1995, Foremost Farms USA, headquartered in Baraboo, Wis., this year celebrated 10 years in the food and beverage business. Foremost Farms USA is among the top ten dairy cooperatives in the U.S., based on milk volume. The cooperative and its 1,500 employees operate 20 manufacturing facilities and one milk transfer station for its 3,600 dairy farmer-members in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Foremost Farms USA owns brand identities that include GG Golden Guernsey Dairy® and Morning Glory™.

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