

For Immediate Release

**Foremost Farms USA Announces Planned Closure
of Marshfield Cheese Manufacturing Facility**

Middleton, Wisc. (August 26, 2026) – Foremost Farms USA today announced plans to close its Marshfield, Wisc. cheese manufacturing facility in December 2026 and discontinue production of 40 lb. block cheese as part of a strategic realignment of its product portfolio to meet evolving market demands. Production is expected to continue throughout the transition period, with operations scheduled to conclude in December 2026.

The decision follows a comprehensive review of changing dairy market dynamics, including increased U.S. cheese production capacity and shifting consumer demand. As Foremost Farms continues to evaluate opportunities to create long-term value for its members, customers and the cooperative, the company is focusing resources on areas that best position the business for future growth and success.

“This is not a reflection on our employees in Marshfield,” said Brenda Dehart, President and CEO. “The Marshfield team has consistently demonstrated dedication, professionalism and excellence. This decision was incredibly difficult and is based solely on changing market conditions and long-term needs of our cooperative. We are deeply grateful for the contributions our employees have made over the years and are committed to supporting them through this transition with respect, dignity and care.”

The Marshfield facility, built in the 1950s, has a long history of producing award-winning cheeses. The planned closure will impact 68 employees who were informed of the decision on August 24. Foremost Farms is committed to supporting affected employees throughout the transition by providing access to resources, training, Human Resources support, and opportunities to apply for positions at other Foremost Farms facilities.

Foremost Farms remains committed to serving its customers and maximizing value for its dairy farmer members while adapting to changes across the dairy industry.

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ABOUT FOREMOST FARMS USA

Foremost Farms USA® is a dairy cooperative representing hundreds of Midwest dairy farmer members located across seven Midwest states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin – America's Dairyland. It is one of the largest, leading dairy cooperatives in the United States and a major food manufacturing business.