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Tyson Foods Focused on Transparency in New Sustainability Report

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First segment details animal well-being, antibiotics reduction efforts

SPRINGDALE, Ark., March 16, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The efforts of Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN) to operate responsibly and with more transparency are outlined in the company's first comprehensive sustainability report since its 2014 acquisition of The Hillshire Brands Company.

For the first time, the online report is being issued in segments over five weeks, beginning with **today's release** of an update on the company's animal well-being efforts. Upcoming segments will cover corporate giving, environmental stewardship, product development and workforce.

Each segment is designed to highlight the company's performance in an open, honest and understandable way, which reflects Tyson Foods' commitment to share its successes and challenges in a meaningful and relevant manner.

"Our newest report shows we're committed to being more transparent about how we do business and our desire for continuous improvement," said Leigh Ann Johnston, director of sustainability for Tyson Foods. "We're providing more details – from how we're reducing antibiotic use and auditing animal well-being on farms to our management of water and workplace safety – than ever before. We recognize that today's consumers expect access to a new level of information so they know the food they buy is produced responsibly."

The animal well-being segment issued today features more detailed information on the Tyson FarmCheck® program, which involves on-farm, third party animal well-being audits.

"Fiscal 2015 was a year of progress for Tyson Foods but was not without challenges," said Dr. Christine Daugherty, vice president of Sustainable Food Production for Tyson Foods. "We're humble enough to admit we're not perfect and are working every day to strengthen our commitment to making sure the animals we depend on are treated

properly.”

Tyson Foods also continues to do its part to address global concerns about antibiotic resistance. The company is making progress toward its goal of **eliminating the use of human antibiotics** in its broiler chicken flocks by the end of September 2017. The sustainability report details the company’s limited use of human antibiotics in its chicken business during the company’s last fiscal year.

“We believe that through continued improvement in such areas as housing, sanitation and the use of probiotics, we can continue to improve bird health and reduce the need for human antibiotics,” said Daugherty.

In 2015, Tyson Foods also began forming working groups with independent farmers, feedlot operators and others to discuss ways to reduce the use of human antibiotics on cattle, hog and turkey farms. The company also offers consumers the option of **chicken, beef and pork** from animals raised without antibiotics.

Other animal well-being highlights in the new sustainability report include:

- Development of a formal animal well-being policy that recognizes the importance of the internationally-recognized Five Freedoms for animal well-being.
- Installation of third-party remote video auditing of live bird handling at the company’s U.S. chicken plants.
- Plans to offer additional annual training for farmers who raise broiler chickens for the company.

To access video comments from Dr. Daugherty about animal well-being at Tyson Foods, **click here**.

Additional information about Tyson Foods’ animal well-being programs that is not included in the sustainability report, covering such areas as housing, training and transportation, is available by **clicking here**.

About Tyson Foods

Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN), with headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas, is one of the world’s largest food companies with leading brands such as Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Sara Lee®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells® and State Fair®. It’s a recognized market leader in chicken, beef and pork as well as prepared foods, including bacon, breakfast sausage, turkey, lunchmeat, hot dogs, pizza crusts and toppings, tortillas and desserts. The company supplies retail and foodservice customers throughout the United States and approximately 130 countries. Tyson Foods was founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson, whose family has continued to lead the business with his son, Don Tyson, guiding the company for many years and grandson, John H. Tyson, serving as the current chairman of the board of directors. The company currently has approximately 113,000 Team Members employed at more than 400 facilities and offices in the United States and around the world. Through its Core Values, Code of Conduct and Team Member Bill of Rights, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity and trust and is committed to creating value for its shareholders, customers and Team Members. The company also strives to be faith-friendly,

provide a safe work environment and serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it.

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