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Tyson Foods Makes Additional Investment in Beyond Meat

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SPRINGDALE, Ark., Dec. 07, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN) has made an additional investment in plant-based protein producer **Beyond Meat**. Through Tyson's venture capital fund, the company chose to participate in Beyond Meat's most recent fundraising initiative, which is designed to generate additional capital to help the business continue to expand its product portfolio and distribution.

While the terms are not being disclosed, Tyson Foods' latest investment slightly increases its ownership stake in Beyond Meat from the 5 percent established a year ago.

"Global demand for all protein remains high and we're passionate about meeting that demand sustainably," said Justin Whitmore, executive vice president corporate strategy and chief sustainability officer of Tyson Foods. "Our investment in Beyond Meat provides another fantastic alternative for consumers as we strive to sustainably feed the world."

Whitmore added, "This investment reinforces our focus on protein and enables us to support Beyond Meat's efforts to produce new, leading edge products. What we're most excited about is that we can do all of this while continuing to provide the great tasting, high quality food that is the hallmark of our company."

Beyond Meat reports the latest fundraising round, which also includes the support of venture capital fund Cleveland Avenue, will be used to expand production, fund the company's R&D commitment, and expand sales and distribution.

Tyson's venture capital fund was launched in December 2016 and is focused on investing in promising entrepreneurial food businesses that are pioneering new products or technology.

About Tyson Foods, Inc.

Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN) is one of the world's largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the company has a broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. Tyson Foods innovates continually to make protein more sustainable, tailor food for everywhere it's available and raise the world's expectations for how much good food can do. Headquartered in Springdale, Arkansas, the company has 122,000 team members. Through its Core Values, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity, create value for its shareholders, customers, communities and team members and serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it. Visit **www.tysonfoods.com**.

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