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## AGROPUR'S TREGA FOODS OPERATIONS EXPAND IN IOWA

**Little Chute, Wisconsin, December 3, 2009** – Agropur's Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that Agropur's U.S. subsidiary Trega Foods, has acquired Green Meadows Foods, a new cheese factory located in the State of Iowa.

"This most recent acquisition represents a great fit with our current operations and will allow us to keep building a strong foundation for continued growth", reported Agropur's CEO, Pierre Claprood.

"Green Meadows Foods is a natural fit with the product line and culture of Trega Foods. Our passion for the cheese industry and the quality products we produce, are assets to all our facilities. We're excited to work with the Green Meadows team to integrate and grow the Hull, IA facility to its fullest capacity" states Doug Simon, President, Trega Foods.

The Iowa facility will now be part of Trega Foods' operations and will be overseen by Trega Foods' President, Doug Simon, who reports to Agropur Cheese and Functional Products Division's President, Louis Lefebvre.

### **About Green Meadows Foods**

Green Meadows Foods is one of the newest cheese factories in the United States and officially launched its operations on November 3, 2008. The facility can process approximately 876 million pounds of milk a year. The plant produces 80 million pounds of cheese a year, including 11 different varieties of American and Italian cheeses. In addition, 47 million pounds of dried whey powders is extracted from the milk. The organization employs 85 people.

### **About Trega Foods**

Trega Foods is rich in history and tradition. The main products are cheddar, feta, mozzarella, provolone as well as the following dairy ingredients: Iso Chill 6000, 9000, 9010, lactose, delactose and deproteinized whey products. In its three facilities, 300 employees process annually close to 1.3 billion pounds of milk, with sales of \$ US 300 million.

### **About Agropur**

Founded in 1938, Agropur Cooperative is a Canadian dairy industry leader, with \$3.1 billion in annualized sales. It has 3,600 shareholders and, further to this latest acquisition, 5,000 employees distributed among its 27 plants and numerous distribution centres and offices across Canada, the U.S. and Argentina. It processes over 6 billion pounds of milk annually and offers an impressive array of products, including such popular brands as *Québon*, *Oka*, *Sealtest*, *Natrel*, *Island Farms*, *Yoplait*, *La Lacteo*, *Trega* and *Schröder*.

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