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BEF Foods President Inducted into The Ohio State University's Animal Sciences Hall of Fame

Columbus, OH (May 25, 2011) – The Ohio State University's Department of Animal Sciences today inducted Mike Townsley, President of BEF Foods, a subsidiary of Bob Evans Farms, Inc., into the Animal Sciences Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame celebrates the achievements of those who have enhanced student education and enriched the animal sciences industry. Honorees have demonstrated superior skill and achieved success in the field of Animal Sciences. They have also practiced service to others through giving their time, energy and thoughtfulness in the local community.

Townsley earned his induction into the Hall of Fame through his continued leadership in the agribusiness community. A 1981 graduate of The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences, Townsley distinguishes himself in his career as an innovator in the field of meat science, processing and marketing.

Townsley joined Bob Evans Farms as president and chief operating officer of Owens Foods, then Owens Country Sausage in 2003, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bob Evans Farms since 1987. BEF Foods, Inc. is a leading producer and distributor of pork sausage and a variety of complementary homestyle convenience food items under the Bob Evans and Owens brand names. Prior to joining Bob Evans, Townsley was senior vice president of sales and marketing for Premium Standard Farms in Kansas City from 1997 to 2003. His prior experience includes three years at Smithfield Packing Company of Smithfield, Va., and 11 years with IBP Inc. of Dakota City, Neb.

Townsley currently serves on the American Meat Institute (AMI) Board of Directors' Executive Committee. Previously he has served on the Board of Directors of the National Pork Producers

Council, the Colorado Beef Board, on the Packer Processor Industry Council for the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and on AMI's Pork Committee.

Townsley comes from several generations of farmers in the Xenia, Ohio area. He and his wife Jane currently reside in Columbus, Ohio, with their three children.

About Bob Evans Farms, Inc.

Bob Evans Farms, Inc. owns and operates full-service restaurants under the Bob Evans and Mimi's Café brand names. At the end of the third fiscal quarter (Jan. 28, 2011), Bob Evans owned and operated 569 family restaurants in 18 states, primarily in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States, while Mimi's Café owned and operated 145 casual restaurants located in 24 states, primarily in California and other western states. Bob Evans Farms, Inc. is also a leading producer and distributor of pork sausage and a variety of complementary homestyle convenience food items under the Bob Evans and Owens brand names. For more information about Bob Evans Farms, Inc., visit www.bobevans.com.

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