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#### **Press Release**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Bob Evans Farms to Close Fresh Sausage Production line at Bidwell, Ohio, Plant Excess Processing Capacity and Diminishing Supply Cited**

**Columbus, OH (November 5, 2010)** – Bob Evans Farms announced today that it is closing the fresh sausage production line at its Bidwell, Ohio, production facility, effective today. The company cites the difficult economics of the current pork industry – too much processing capacity and not enough supply in the sow market – as the reason for the closure. The Bidwell plant will continue to produce pre-cooked sausage links and patties.

“The U.S. Pork industry is facing several significant issues right now,” says agriculture analyst Steve Meyer of Paragon Economics. “The smallest herd in 200 years coupled with higher production costs and soaring feed costs has created a challenging environment for producers.”

“This was a very difficult decision made for the long-term health of the organization,” says President of Food Products Mike Townsley. “Bob Evans Farms has roots in Gallia County and the employees at the Bidwell plant have been loyal and hard-working. We appreciate everything they have done through the years to build the brand.”

Bidwell’s production volume will be shifted to the company’s other fresh production plants in Xenia, Ohio, Hillsdale, Mich., and Richardson, Texas. The 57 affected employees will receive severance benefits and the opportunity to transfer within the company.

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#### **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 first fiscal quarter (July 30, 2010), 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 the company’s Web site at [www.bobevans.com](http://www.bobevans.com).

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