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PRESS RELEASE

FORMER BOB EVANS FARMS, INC. CHAIRMAN AND CEO DAN EVANS DIES *Executive Led Brand Growth*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (December 24, 2010) – Former Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dan Evans passed away today at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

The 74-year-old Evans retired as chief executive officer on April 29, 2000, and as chairman of the board on April 27, 2001, after serving in those roles for 29 and 30 years, respectively. He had continued to serve on the Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Board of Directors until his retirement in August 2006. Evans is credited with much of the company's success and growth. During Evans' tenure as chairman and chief executive officer, the company reached \$1 billion in annual sales and the Bob Evans Restaurant footprint vastly expanded from four restaurants in Ohio to 450 restaurants in 20 states. Additionally, Evans oversaw expansion of the company's retail sausage market from 6 states to 30 states.

Dan Evans began his 50-year career with Bob Evans Farms in 1956, working at the company's sausage production plant in Xenia, Ohio. In 1959, he became manager of the company's sausage production plant in Bidwell, Ohio. Five years later, he moved to the corporate headquarters, then located in Gallipolis, Ohio, as executive vice president. He was elected to chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1971 at the age of 35. Evans succeeded his father, Emerson Evans, the company's founding board chairman and chief executive officer.

"Dan loved the brand and the business," says Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Chairman and CEO Steven A. Davis. "He helped build Bob Evans Farms into a thriving company and a household name. He leaves a tremendous legacy, which we are honored to continue each day."

Throughout his retirement he and his wife Temmy were able to pursue their love of riding cutting horses from their homes in both Ohio and Arizona, while competing throughout the United States.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to CS Cutters (The Dan Evans Class), PO Box 23 Canal Winchester, Ohio, 43110 or the Meadow Park Church of God Scholarship Fund, 2525 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

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 second fiscal quarter (Oct. 29, 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 www.bobevans.com.

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