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Press Release

Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Announces Land Purchase in New Albany, Ohio Company Plans Campus Move in 2013

Columbus, OH (December 15, 2011) – Officials at Bob Evans Farms, Inc. today announced the close of the formal purchase of approximately 40 acres of land in New Albany, Ohio. The company exercised an option to acquire a full 40+ acre parcel of land rather than the originally identified 25-acre parcel to better accommodate future growth needs.

“The potential for expansion at very competitive land pricing was one of the key factors in the selection of the New Albany site, as well as very competitive incentives from the State of Ohio and New Albany,” notes Bob Evans Farms spokesperson Margaret Standing.

In March, the company announced its intentions to move the corporate headquarters to New Albany. The move is scheduled for fall of 2013. The project is currently in design phase, with the selection of a design-build partner expected shortly. Design consideration is being given to elements that will both promote sustainability and the company’s food and farming heritage. A silo bearing the company logo was erected on the property off Smith’s Mill Road this October. A similar silo is located on the original Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio, where the company recently invested in a large-scale renovation project.

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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 second fiscal quarter (October 28, 2011), Bob Evans owned and operated 564 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 convenience food items under the Bob Evans and Owens brand names. For more information about Bob Evans Farms, Inc., visit www.bobevans.com.