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NEWS RELEASE

Dot's Driver Appreciation Week Honors Dedicated Drivers

Vidalia distribution center treats drivers to meals, services from managers during weeklong celebration

VIDALIA, Ga. – Dot Foods Inc. recognized its dedicated drivers Aug. 24-29 by hosting a fun-filled week of activities in honor of Driver Appreciation Week, a weeklong event held by Dot every year to reward its drivers' commitment to safe, courteous driving.

"Driver Appreciation Week is a great way of letting our drivers know how much we appreciate the hard work they have done for us," said George Garbutt, Dot's Vidalia transportation manager.

Dot showed its appreciation for its drivers by providing them with six full days of home-cooked meals, free hats and tire thumpers. Transportation manager George Garbutt of Vidalia, Ga., took a break from his usual managerial duties to grill ribs for the drivers (below left). Drivers Frank Odom and Jackie Darden then enjoyed the scrumptious barbeque with general manager Tim Truxel, all from Vidalia, Ga. (below right).



The managers also cleaned and fueled the drivers' trucks. Transportation supervisor Robert Peacock of Eastman, Ga., worked hard to make sure the drivers had gas for their trucks (next page).

Then, drivers hit the greens on the final day of Driver Appreciation Week for the 3rd Annual Joe Burns Invitational Golf Tournament, during which they competed to win awards for the longest drive, closest to pin and others. After a week of star treatment, drivers were refreshed and ready to get back on the road.

Dot Foods Inc. carries 83,000 products from 500 food industry manufacturers and is the largest food redistributor in the United States. Dot Foods and Dot Transportation sell and deliver foodservice, convenience, retail, vending, equipment and supplies to leading distributors in all 50 states. Dot Foods operates nine distribution centers in: Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Joliet, Ill.; Cambridge City, Ind.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; and Ardmore, Okla. For information, visit www.dotfoods.com.



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