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Dot Foods opens Ardmore distribution center

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, February 14, 2005 – Mt. Sterling, Ill.-based Dot Foods, Inc. opened its newest distribution center in Ardmore, Okla., today. The 25-acre facility will service Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico with a 121,000 sq. ft. dry warehouse, 40,000 sq. ft. freezer and 10,000 sq. ft. cooler.

Ardmore is strategically located between Dallas and Oklahoma City on Interstate 35, a major, national traffic route.

“We expect to ship 90 million pounds out of here this year,” said Dana Chapman, Ardmore distribution center general manager. “Currently we have 60 employees at the facility, which ultimately will increase to around 90. We’ve had a substantial amount of training, planning and coordinating with internal customers to make sure everything comes off without a hitch. The planning and construction went very well, with no surprises. The only surprise was how contagious the Dot culture is with new employees!”

Construction started in April of last year with the building of the frozen facility, cooler and a 9,200 sq. ft. garage. The Stellar Group from Jacksonville, Fla., was the general contractor.

Dot Foods, Inc. is the nation's largest food redistributor and ranked 170th on Forbes Magazine's 2004 list of largest private companies. Including the corporate headquarters in Mt. Sterling, Ill., this is the company's sixth distribution center nationally. It also has distribution centers in Modesto, Calif., Williamsport, Md., Liverpool, N.Y., and Vidalia, Ga. Dot currently sells to 3,400 distributors in all 50 states and offers 60,000 products in the foodservice, convenience, vending, equipment & supplies and retail categories.

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