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## **DEL MONTE FOODS TO CLOSE ITS VEGETABLE PROCESSING OPERATIONS IN TURKEY, NORTH CAROLINA**

*Move Will Consolidate Operations to Streamline Efficiencies and Meet Customer Quality Expectations*

**Walnut Creek** – April 19, 2016 – Del Monte Foods announced today that the Company is closing its vegetable operations located in Turkey, North Carolina and transferring production to other U.S. facilities in the Del Monte network. Del Monte acquired the former Sager Creek processing facility in early 2015 as a result of its purchase of the Sager Creek Vegetable Company. While plant production will cease immediately, warehouse activities will continue for an interim period. Once these activities are completed, the entire facility will be closed.

This timely decision will allow Del Monte to consolidate and streamline operations to meet customer driven quality demands.

“We thank the employees of these facilities for their efforts, and the communities of Sampson and Duplin Counties for its support,” said David McLain, President of Sager Creek Foods, Inc. and Sr. VP Operations, Del Monte Foods, Inc.

The Turkey plant has been producing sweet potatoes, greens, dry beans, spinach, white potatoes, squash, refried beans, green beans for Allens/Sager Creek since 1991.

The consolidation impacts approximately 230 full-time employees and 92 seasonal workers at the Turkey plant. The Company is working with local officials regarding this closure.

Del Monte Foods, Inc. is one of the country’s largest producers, distributors and marketers of premium quality, branded food products for the U.S. retail market. The Company also produces and distributes private label food products. Del Monte brands include Del Monte®, Contadina®, College Inn®, S&W® and other brand names.

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