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TRIUMPH FOODS RECEIVES USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT VALUE-ADDED GRANT

USDA Rural Development presented a \$150,000 Mock Check to Triumph Foods, LLC on Tuesday, October 10th at the corporation's facility in St. Joseph, Missouri. The grant funds will enable the production of agricultural commodity by-products for use in the pharmaceutical industry.

Triumph Foods opened their state of the art pork processing plant in January of 2006 in the stockyards area of South St. Joseph. The facility processes approximately 12,000 head of hogs per day and employs approximately 1,800 workers. The company is running two work shifts and continues to hire new employees.

"The receipt of the USDA Value-Added Grant will allow Triumph Foods to pursue value-added processing. This will result in returning more value to our producer/owners for their product while at the same time creating beneficial products for the animal feed market and for the pharmaceutical industry," said Rick Hoffman, Chief Executive Officer for Triumph Foods.

"I'm proud to have supported this project," said Congressman Graves. "I am thankful for the excellent working relationship my office has with USDA Rural Development team, and I look forward to our continued work in the future."

Gregory C. Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, stated "This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Sam Graves for making available federal monies for funding these types of projects that provide essential services for communities."

USDA Rural Development's Value-Added Grant program is intended to help producers increase their revenues through value-added activities that expand the customer base for their products or commodities. For more information visit the Value-Added website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development,



Those in the photograph are from left to right: Rick Hoffman (Chief Executive Officer for Triumph Foods, LLC), U.S. Representative Sam Graves, Pat Lilly (Chief Administrative Officer for Triumph Foods, LLC), Emily Seifers (Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jim Talent), Martin Rucker (Missouri State Representative for District 29) and Neal Miller (Area Director for USDA Rural Development at St. Joseph, MO)

and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe, at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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