

May 18, 2020

VIA US MAIL & EMAIL (WIOATitleI@dwd.wisconsin.gov)

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Dislocated Worker Unit P.O. Box 7972 Madison, WI 53707

RE: Notice of Plant Closing and Layoffs - Foremost Farms USA

Dear Members of the Dislocated Worker Unit:

We regret to inform you that Foremost Farms USA's ("Foremost Farms") business operations have been facing significant challenges from a plant layout, infrastructure, and building and equipment age perspective at its Chilton facility. In addition, work order volumes from clients have significantly decreased in a short period due to COVID-19, creating overcapacity of product and a significant and sudden drop in demand for production.

While some of the plant concerns have been known, recent unforeseen disruptions to our business from the impact of COVID-19 have occurred at a fast pace. The Federal and Wisconsin WARN laws require us to provide notice when it is foreseeable there may be a plant closing or mass layoff of employees. Therefore, we are providing you with this notice pursuant to the federal WARN Act and Wisconsin Statute § 109.07.

Because of the above, Foremost Farms USA will be closing its Chilton Facility located at W3286 County Road F, Chilton, Wisconsin, 53014, and permanently laying off approximately 50 employees. The layoffs are anticipated to occur on July 17, 2020 or within 14 days thereafter. There are no bumping rights.

The employees have an Employee Committee, not a formal union, and the head of that Employee Committee is also being notified by this correspondence. Attached is the required affected employee spreadsheet outlining the anticipated affected positions.

We will work with our employees to ensure a smooth transition. A sample letter sent to the affected employees is attached hereto.

Should you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nathan Krudop at 608.355.8794 or by email at nathan krudop@foremostfarms.com

Sincerely,

Nathan D. Krudop

Human Resources Director

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Dear Foremost Farms Chilton Facility Employee,

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We are also providing notice of layoffs to the Wisconsin Dislocated Worker Unit, the Mayor of the City of Chilton, and the Chair of the Chilton Employee Committee, any of which may be able to provide you with assistance. Additionally, the local Workforce Development Board is located at:

Fox Valley Workforce Development Board 1401 McMahon Drive, Suite 200 Neenah, WI 54956 (920) 720-5600

Further, the DWD website: https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/ is a helpful resource that provides information about the types of programs, benefits, and services that may be available to a laid off worker.

Foremost Farms will ensure that all employees be paid all earned wages and agreed upon benefits at the time of their termination.

Foremost Farms regrets that these actions are necessary. We thank you for your hard work and dedication. Should you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nathan Krudop at 608.355.8794 or by email at nathan.krudop@foremostfarms.com.

Thank you for your service to Foremost Farms USA

Sincerely,

Nathan D. Krudop

Human Resources Director

Cc: Wisconsin Dislocated Worker Unit

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Mr. Eric Schneider - Employee Committee Chair



Foremost Farms USA Affected Employee List -W3286 County Road F, Chilton, WI 53014

First Name	Last Name	Position Title	Anticipated Layoff Date
		Cheese Room	7/17/2020
		Cheese Room/Lead	7/17/2020
		Cheese Room/Lead	7/17/2020
		Cheese Room/Lead	7/17/2020
		Evaporator Operator	7/17/2020
		Evaporator Operator	7/17/2020
		Evaporator Operator	7/17/2020
		Intake	7/17/2020
		Intake	7/17/2020
		Inventory Coordinator	7/17/2020
		Maintenance	7/17/2020
		Maintenance Supervisor	7/17/2020
		Packaging	7/17/2020



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Plant Operations Specialist	7/17/2020
Plant Superintendent	7/17/2020
Production Supervisor	7/17/2020
Production Supervisor	7/17/2020
Production Supervisor/Safety Coordinator	7/17/2020
Quality Assurance Manager	7/17/2020
Quality Specialist	7/17/2020
Quality Specialist	7/17/2020
Quality Specialist	7/17/2020
Warehouse/Shipping	7/17/2020