## FRANKLIN FOODS RECOGNIZED AS 2016 DAIRY SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR BY SHAMROCK FOODS

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Delray Beach, FL. – JULY 25, 2016, Franklin Foods, the world's fastest-growing cream cheese company, announced today that it has been recognized by Shamrock Foods as the 2016 Dairy Supplier of the Year. As one of the top 10 foodservice distributors nationwide, Shamrock Foods recognizes its supplier partners' excellence with its annual Supplier of the Year Awards, presented during the company's Supplier Summit.

The supplier awards are based on criteria including growth, profitability, service level, marketing support and compliance to industry standards such as GS1 – a data and communication tool used for supply chain efficiency. In all, 15 supplier partners were recognized in six categories including Center of Plate, Frozen Grocery, Dairy/Cheese, Dry Grocery, Non Foods/Beverage and the overarching Supplier of the Year category.

"We are pleased to be recognized as the 2016 Dairy Supplier of the Year by Shamrock Foods, said Jon Gutknecht, President and CEO of Franklin Foods. "We could not have done this without the leadership of Dan Ernst Franklin Food's Shamrock Sales Manager, the support of our dedicated employees and our supplier-partnership with the United Dairyman of Arizona Co-op of family farms that allow us to continue to innovate, manufacture and deliver excellence in the Dairy category."

The awards presentation was part of a four-day annual summit during which Shamrock Foods and its supplier partners identify new ways of working together to maximize continued growth.

"We at Shamrock Foods recognize that strong partnerships are the foundation of our success, and we pride ourselves on collaborating with our suppliers to provide the right products at the right price and with the right support to delight our foodservice customers," said Jody Wilmes, Vice President, Category Management and Purchasing for Shamrock Foods.

## About Franklin Foods:

Franklin Foods, Inc., corporate offices are located in Delray Beach, FL, with manufacturing facilities in Casa Grande, Arizona and Enosburg Falls, Vermont. Franklin Foods is a Safe Quality Foods (SQF) Level 3 Certified cream cheese manufacturer. Franklin Foods began producing cheese in 1899 using fresh milk and cream from nearby farms. Today the Franklin Foods tradition of top quality, delicious taste and dairy innovation continues. Franklin Foods is the fastest growing cream cheese producer in the World and continues on its mission to "Re-Invent Cream Cheese for today's consumers." Franklin Foods' award-winning products are distributed to industrial, institutional, foodservice, private label, supermarket and club store accounts across the United States and numerous international markets. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.franklinfoods.com">www.franklinfoods.com</a>

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