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**Sargento to Expand Plymouth Headquarters**  
*Expansion to create 120 jobs in the next five to six years*

**PLYMOUTH, Wis. (Nov. 8, 2010)** – Sargento Foods Inc. announced the expansion of its existing Plymouth headquarters, which is needed to house the projected 120 new office and production employees in the next five to six years.

Pending final municipal approvals, Sargento plans to break ground on the new 45,000-square-foot, three-story building by the end of the year. The new building will be located between its current headquarters and the Leonard Gentine Center on the Plymouth Campus.

“Despite the recession, our business has been growing,” said Louie Gentine, president and chief customer officer at Sargento. “We are thrilled to grow our presence in the community, and we expect this expansion will meet our needs for the next six to 10 years.”

“We have been working with the City of Plymouth, and they have been cooperative regarding the infrastructure needs for Sargento and all businesses in the Northwest Plymouth Industrial Park,” added Gentine.

Sargento also is planning a 5,000 square-foot addition to their headquarters which will be used primarily for human resources and wellness facilities for an onsite nurse practitioner and physical therapist.

Sargento employs approximately 1,400 people with approximately half of its workforce located at the Plymouth headquarters. The family-owned company has production facilities in Plymouth, Kiel, Hilbert and Elkhart Lake, Wis., as well as Bellingham, Wash. and North Sioux City, SD.

Excel Engineering, Fond du Lac, Wis. is the architect and Miron Construction, Neenah, Wis., has been selected as the general contractor.

**About Sargento Foods Inc.**

Sargento Foods Inc. has demonstrated its passion for cheese and cheese-based meal solutions throughout its history. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Sargento is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded, sliced and snack cheeses, cheese appetizers, ingredients, sauces and other culinary solutions. Sargento is owned and operated by the Gentine family, and has net sales of more than \$900 million. For more information, please visit [www.sargento.com](http://www.sargento.com).

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