



## **Good Source/Harvest Farms – Press Release**

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**For immediate release:**

### **USDA Approves Harvest Farms as Export Plant**

Carlsbad, CA. – Sept 15, 2010 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Harvest Farms for product export to Mexico. Effective immediately, poultry and meat products produced and packaged at the Lancaster, California based processing plant meet import requirements as defined by USDA and SAGARPA.

Harvest Farms, a division of Good Source Solutions, has provided flexible, solutions-based manufacturing and distribution capabilities domestically since 1947. Harvest's extensive meat and poultry slicing operations rank the business among the West Coast's largest Independent USDA approved slicing operations. Their 26,500 square foot production plant is both USDA and HACCP certified and produces roughly 30,000 boxed meals per day with capabilities of producing upwards of 60,000 meals daily. Additionally Harvest re-packs value added poultry products under the "Smart Fare" retail brand.

"We are excited to have the USDA stamp of approval for export", explains Alex Smith, Vice President of Sales, Alternative Markets. "This authorization allows us the opportunity to provide our high quality products to Mexico while forging strong export partnerships."

Products eligible for export to Mexico, must be produced under an approved USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Export Verification (EV) Program and be identified as meeting the stringent requirements of the applicable EV Program.

Only eligible products may be issued a Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Export certificate that validates the products as meeting regulatory guidelines for export.

**About Harvest Farms:**

Since 1947, Harvest Farms has been focused on providing flexible, solutions-based manufacturing and distribution capabilities. Innovation is the hallmark of Harvest Farms and drives the product development team. Harvest Farms provides a myriad of manufacturing capabilities at their USDA and HACCP Certified repacking facility. These capabilities allow Harvest Farms to provide value to customers while easily adapting to their individual requirements. Learn more about Harvest Farms at [www.harvestfarms.com](http://www.harvestfarms.com)

**About Good Source Solutions:**

Good Source Solutions is a leading distributor of food to niche and special application markets challenged by budgetary constraints. Good Source has been providing value to food programs for nearly 20 years. Good Source procures its products through long-standing relationships with over 500 leading food manufacturers and sells products to over 5,000 customers in niche markets where overall food cost is a critical factor in the purchase decision. Learn more about Good Source Solutions at [www.goodsourcesolutions.com](http://www.goodsourcesolutions.com)

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