



News update



PM Beef Receives Food Safety Certification For Second Year

WINDOM, MINN., April 14, 2010 — For the second consecutive year, PM Beef has been named a Safe Quality Food (SQF) 2000 Level 3 Certified Supplier by the SQF Institute, a division of the Food Marketing Institute (FMI). Last year PM Beef became the first U.S. beef harvest facility to receive this certification, which signifies that the company meets the requirements of one of the most stringent standards for food safety and quality in the industry.

“We are honored to be named an SQF-certified supplier for the second year in a row,” said Lisa Hernandez, Vice President of Quality Assurance and Food Safety at PM Beef. “We have always maintained the highest food safety and quality standards, so this certification, coming from such a prestigious international organization as the Food Marketing Institute, validates our internal commitment and helps set us apart from our competitors.”

SQF certification is an important part of the buyer/supplier relationship, as it builds confidence, demonstrates compliance with regulatory and product traceability requirements, and provides a structure for implementing and demonstrating sustainable production and manufacturing best practices. SQF is internationally recognized and meets the standards of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). It also promotes cost savings by providing “one system, one audit.”

“We are committed to earning SQF certification year after year,” noted Hernandez. “SQF training will thus be an ongoing process, so we can ensure that all current and future PM Beef employees share this understanding of and commitment to the highest safety and quality standards.”

“SQF certification means a company meets the most stringent standards for food safety and quality in the industry,” said Jill Hollingsworth, DVM, FMI Group Vice President of Food Safety Programs. “The integrity of the SQF program relies on committed, effective, and competent implementation of the SQF systems, so we commend PM Beef for their efforts in achieving this certification for the second year in a row.”

PM Beef is a leading domestic and international supplier of top-quality, Midwestern, corn-fed beef. PM Beef is located in southwestern Minnesota, the heart of the Midwest corn- and cattle-raising area. PM Beef’s producer-partners are family farmers who are committed to producing top-quality beef raised according to the most humane standards, following strict individual product specifications. PM Beef provides its customers a wide variety of beef product lines, including PM Angus Beef, PM Natural Angus Beef, PM Retail Ready™ No-Trim Beef, and a variety of customized solutions for their retail, food service, and export partners.