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Smithfield Foods Recognized With Manufacturing Leadership Awards

SMITHFIELD, Va., March 15, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Smithfield Foods, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that the [National Association of Manufacturers](#) has recognized the company with two [2019 Manufacturing Leadership Awards](#) for its zero-waste-to-landfill initiative and SAP technology integration project. The prestigious awards honor projects and leaders that shape the future of global manufacturing.

"Recognition for these projects goes to the more than 54,000 Smithfield Family members whose continuous commitment to innovation keeps us at the forefront of our industry," said Kenneth M. Sullivan, president and chief executive officer for Smithfield Foods. "The high-caliber of work delivered by our employees enables Smithfield to continue to fulfill our mission to produce good food in a responsible way."

Smithfield's [zero-waste-to-landfill initiative](#), which encourages the company's domestic facilities to meet a rigorous set of criteria to eliminate waste sent to landfill, was recognized with a Manufacturing Leadership Award. This program results in reduced waste disposal costs, additional revenue from selling recyclables, and decreased pollution, contributing to the company's goals to reduce waste to landfills 10 percent by 2020 and greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent by 2025.

"This initiative has improved our business operations and, at the same time, reduced our environmental impacts," said Stewart Leeth, vice president of regulatory affairs and chief sustainability officer for Smithfield Foods. "I am extremely proud of the members of the Smithfield Family involved in this project for the incredible work they are doing to meet and exceed our aggressive sustainability goals and targets, earning recognition from across the manufacturing industry."

Smithfield's SAP technology integration project earned a Manufacturing Leadership Award for successfully integrating and streamlining the global food company's business functions under one operating system, which drives efficiencies and enhances performance across all plants and production lines. Smithfield's modernization of its infrastructure and harmonization of business applications also increases visibility of the company's performance and customer orders and optimizes its manufacturing processes.

"Our SAP integration project has allowed us to optimize our business processes and operate on one system, as one company, while gaining greater visibility into all aspects of our business," said Julia Anderson, global chief information officer for Smithfield Foods. "We are continuously evaluating and leveraging emerging technologies to transform our business. Through this One SAP implementation, our employees utilized technological innovations to improve the way Smithfield interacts with customers and provides high-quality food to consumers."

Smithfield will be recognized at the 15th Annual Manufacturing Leadership Awards Gala, which will be held on the last day of the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, June 10-12, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa in Huntington Beach, CA.

About Smithfield Foods

Smithfield Foods is a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. In the United States, the company is also the leader in numerous packaged meats categories with popular brands including Smithfield®, Eckrich®, Nathan's Famous®, Farmland®, Armour®, Farmer John®, Kretschmar®, John Morrell®, Cook's®, Gwaltney®, Carando®, Margherita®, Curly's®, Healthy Ones®, Morliny®, Krakus®, and Berlinki®. Smithfield Foods is committed to providing good food in a responsible way and maintains robust animal care, community involvement, employee safety, environmental, and food safety and quality programs. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

About the Manufacturing Leadership Awards

The Manufacturing Leadership Awards, now in their 15th year, honor manufacturing companies and individual manufacturing leaders that are shaping the future of global manufacturing. Winning projects and individual manufacturing leaders have demonstrated achievement in one of a wide range of categories, and are chosen by

a panel of [expert judges](#) for results that have delivered clear and compelling value, return on investment, and other tangible outcomes. There will be several winners in each category, including one High Achiever's Award in each category, as well as a 2019 Manufacturer of the Year for both small and large enterprises. Also unveiled at the Gala will be the ML Awards Manufacturing Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award winners.

The theme for the 15th Annual Manufacturing Leadership Summit is "Strategies to Deliver Business Value Through Manufacturing 4.0." The event enables senior-level executives in all aspects of manufacturing an opportunity to network with and learn from the best minds in the industry.

For more information on the Manufacturing Leadership Awards or the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, please go to www.mlsummit.com.

About the National Association of Manufacturers

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Manufacturing employs more than 12 million men and women, contributes \$2.25 trillion to the U.S. economy annually, has the largest economic impact of any major sector and accounts for more than three-quarters of all private-sector research and development in the nation. The NAM is the powerful voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States.

The NAM's world-class staff of policy experts provide unmatched access and information on the key issues affecting your business and bottom line. We are on the front lines of a wide range of policy battles, from immigration reform and labor relations, to energy and the environment, to trade policy and taxes. At every turn, we are working on behalf of manufacturers in America to advance policies that help manufacturers do what they do best: create economic strength and jobs. www.nam.org

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