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Marie Antoniewski Joins Sargento Research & Development Department
New hire to assist with dairy products R&D programs

PLYMOUTH, Wis. (Nov. 29, 2011) – Sargento Foods Inc. announced today the hiring of Marie Antoniewski as senior research scientist in the company’s research & development department. In her new position, Antoniewski will be responsible for planning, coordinating and conducting R&D programs focused on dairy products. Her work will lead to new or improved products, processes or packaging systems.

“We are excited to welcome Marie into the Sargento family and confident she will add significant value to our R&D team,” said Louie Gentine, president and chief customer officer at Sargento. “Marie’s expertise will drive strategic insights to support our mission of being best at responding to customer and consumer needs for cheese, cheese-based, and other culinary solutions.”

Prior to joining Sargento, Antoniewski worked as a research development and quality senior scientist in product development for Kraft Foods – Grocery in Glenview, Ill. In this role, she specialized in sodium reduction, natural preservation, margin improvement and brand maintenance.

A native of Milwaukee, Antoniewski earned her master’s degree in food science and nutrition from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and a bachelor’s degree in food science and nutritional science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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 \$975 million. For more information, please visit www.sargento.com.

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