

Darling Ingredients Opens New Nature Safe Organic Fertilizer Plant in Turlock, CA

IRVING, Texas, Dec. 17, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Darling Ingredients Inc. (NYSE: DAR) announces the opening on January 2, 2019, of its second organic fertilizer production facility in Turlock, CA. The new state-of-the-art facility is located on a 21-acre site and will have the ability to annually produce 35,000 tons of Nature Safe Natural & Organic Fertilizer®. The new plant will also provide 4,500 tons of storage capacity to meet the needs of organic growers operating in California and the entire western region of the United States.

Darling has operated Nature Safe out of its original Henderson, Kentucky plant since the early 1990's, where it will continue to produce its premium fertilizer for customers in the rest of the country. The strength of the organic fertilizer market in the western U.S. has Nature Safe already working on plans to double the new Turlock plant's production capacity by end of year 2019.

Mike Manning, Darling's Vice President of Organic Fertilizer and Innovation, states that recently the company has become focused on a growth strategy in California where it could leverage Darling's diverse supply of animal feed ingredients. With long-established rendering facilities in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno and Turlock that produce feather meal, blood meal, and meat & bone meal, the company's Nature Safe brand is able to produce the highest quality organic fertilizers on the market with cost-effective proficiency.

When the new Turlock plant begins production in January, it will bring on a new management team. **Dan Rodriguez**, West Regional Commercial Business Manager, will develop Nature Safe's go-to-market strategies. **Kevin Van Dewark** has joined Darling Ingredients as Plant Manager for the new Turlock fertilizer plant, and **Mayra Pena** will be its new Office Manager.

Darling Ingredients is a global leader in the production of sustainable natural ingredients from edible and inedible bio-nutrients used by the food, feed, pharmaceutical, pet food, fertilizer and fuel markets. Nature Safe is the company's organic fertilizer brand serving customers throughout the U.S.

About Darling

Darling Ingredients Inc. is a global developer and producer of sustainable natural ingredients from edible and inedible bio-nutrients, creating a wide range of ingredients and specialty solutions for customers in the pharmaceutical, food, pet food, feed, technical, fuel, bioenergy, and fertilizer industries. With operations on five continents, the Company collects and transforms all aspects of animal by-product streams into useable and specialty ingredients, such as gelatin, edible fats, feed-grade fats, animal proteins and meals, plasma, pet food ingredients, organic fertilizers, yellow grease, fuel feedstocks, green energy, natural casings and hides. The Company also recovers and converts recycled oils (used cooking oil and animal fats) into valuable feed and fuel ingredients, and collects and processes residual bakery products into feed ingredients. In addition, the Company provides environmental services, such as grease trap collection and disposal services to food service establishments. The Company sells its products domestically and internationally. For additional information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.darlingii.com>.

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