



Patrick Cudahy and Smithfield Foods Officials Offer Gratitude to Cudahy Community, Firefighters & Response Teams

Cudahy, Wis. – (July 23, 2009) – All of us at Patrick Cudahy and Smithfield Foods are extremely grateful to the people of Cudahy for their support and to all the public safety personnel throughout southeastern Wisconsin who responded to the fire at our Patrick Cudahy plant. Thanks to their hard work, no one was injured in the fire.

Smithfield Foods and Patrick Cudahy officials are in the process of conducting a thorough assessment of damages. In the meantime, other Smithfield Foods plants can flex to meet customers' needs for Patrick Cudahy production.

We are pleased to report that our administrative office is open, regular operations have resumed in the distribution center and production has resumed in the unaffected areas of the plant. This is a tribute to the resiliency and dedication of our employees. We appreciate what this plant means to the community and the generations of workers who have made Patrick Cudahy what it is today.

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