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ConAgra Foods Expands Chemical Testing Program

As part of our continuing commitment to food safety and quality, ConAgra Foods is expanding our chemical contaminant testing program.

The program is designed to augment our Supplier Quality and Specification programs. We are confident in the safety and quality of our products, and we are continually working to advance safety and quality. To that end, we are expanding the ConAgra Foods Chemical Testing Program to provide added assurance to our customers and consumers.

Through this effort, ConAgra Foods developed targeted incremental testing that is cost-effective and provides relevant information on the food safety and quality of the food ingredients we purchase. Included in the Chemical Testing Program are both natural contaminants, such as heavy metals and mycotoxins, and contaminants potentially introduced by humans, such as pesticides and economic adulterants.

ConAgra Foods' program has several layers, including: (1) sample collection and testing by an independent laboratory; (2) a required intensive testing program for selected new suppliers to establish a baseline of quality and food safety for new ingredients and suppliers; and (3) random periodic testing to ensure ongoing quality and safety. Food ingredients and suppliers will be included in the program based upon ConAgra Foods' internal evaluation. Suppliers will be notified prior to their inclusion into the expanded program by their Enterprise Procurement Category Manager.