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**ODA ANNOUNCES 12th COMPANY TO ENTER THE
COOPERATIVE INTERSTATE SHIPMENT PROGRAM**

Northeast Ohio Company Can Now Expand Market Area

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 07, 2016)- The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) today announced that Tea Hills Farms, of Loudonville, Ohio will become the state's 12th business to join U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program. Membership in the program will help the company expand their customer base into other states.

"In the last four years, Ohio has grown its cooperative agreement with USDA into opportunities for 12 small businesses, positioned all across the state," said ODA Director David T. Daniels. "We are very proud to participate in a program that's working to increase the market for products and services of Ohio meat and poultry processors."

The voluntary program allows small, state-inspected businesses with 25 or fewer employees to ship and sell meat products across state lines. Meat products produced in these establishments are inspected by the state, but are subject to the same regulatory requirements as those established by USDA's federal inspection program. Prior to the establishment of the cooperative program, state-inspected businesses could only sell products within their own state.

Cooperative Interstate Shipment was established by the 2008 Farm Bill and finalized in 2011 by USDA. Ohio was the first state to enter the program in 2012, and leads the nation in the number of meat and poultry processors who are participating.

Ohio state-inspected companies interested in the interstate shipment program, should contact ODA's Division of Meat Inspection at 614-728-6260.

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Editor's Note: Attached is a list of Ohio's 12 Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program establishments



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Ohio's Cooperative Interstate Shipment Establishments

Buehler's Food Market
Wooster, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing

Taste of Europa, LLC.
Parma, OH
Program Entry: 06/23/2015
Processing

Derringer Company
Cincinnati, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing

Wholesale Meats Inc., French City Food Service
Gallipolis, OH
Program Entry: 10/03/14
Processing

Fligner's, Great Lakes Smoked Meats
Lorain, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing

Just Natural Provision Company, Inc.
Cleveland, OH
Program Entry: 07/29/15
Processing

Gourmet Pasta, Pasta Ditoni's
Columbus, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing

R & C Packing
Bidwell, OH
Program Entry: 10/19/15
Processing and Slaughter

Lou's Sausage Co, LTD
Cleveland, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing

Tea Hills Farms
Loudonville, OH
Program Entry: 05/20/16
Processing and Slaughter

Pleasant Valley Poultry
Baltic, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
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Premier Food Management LLC
Cincinnati, OH
Program Entry: 08/09/12
Processing



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