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JBS United, Agtech Products Form Strategic Alliance

Direct-Fed Microbials for Swine to Lead Product Innovations

January 18, 2007 – Sheridan, Ind., – JBS United, a long-time provider of research-based animal nutrition, headquartered in Sheridan, Ind., has formed a strategic alliance with Waukesha, Wis.-based Agtech Products, Inc., an agricultural biotechnology company that specializes in microbiological-based products for animal agriculture. The goal of the relationship is to bring new productivity innovations to U.S. and international swine markets with offerings for other species to follow.

“We’ve teamed up with a company who shares our vision of improving livestock nutrition, productivity and profitability,” says Doug Webel, Vice President of Emerging Technologies for JBS United. “This partnership will help bring even more value and innovation to our customers.”

Dr. Thomas Rehberger, Vice President of Research and Development at Agtech Products, says, “This alliance brings together two companies who are dedicated to developing new technologies. By partnering with JBS United, we gain more nutritional expertise and access to world-class, farm-level research facilities to help us bring new products from the laboratory to the field more quickly.”

Under the agreement, JBS United will help market and distribute direct-fed microbial swine products developed in cooperation with Agtech Products. Adsero™, an all-natural, *Bacillus*-based premix, is the first of these products now available for the U.S. swine market. Adsero is fed to sows and gilts in gestation and lactation diets. Adsero meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s definition of a food ingredient that is Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS).

Rehberger says the livestock industry has changed its perception of microbial products over time. “When we started Agtech Products in 1993, no major pork-producing company was interested in microbials, but today many of them use our products because they realize what they can do.”

For JBS United, technology has changed greatly since it began operations in 1956. However, Webel says the company’s commitment to innovation hasn’t. “Our goal remains the same—to bring unique, research-based solutions from concept to commercialization as fast as possible. And the alliance with Agtech Products will help us accomplish that for our customers.”

About JBS United

JBS United, Inc., with headquarters in Sheridan, Indiana, has been dedicated to providing research-based solutions to enhance animal nutrition and livestock production profitability since its founding in 1956. For additional information, visit www.jbsunited.com.

About Agtech Products

Established in 1993, Agtech Products, Inc., is an agricultural biotechnology company dedicated to the research, development, manufacture and technical support of microbiological-based products for the animal agriculture industry. For additional information, visit www.agtechproducts.com.

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