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### **Sunny Fresh Foods plans second expansion at Mason City with \$11 million investment**

**MASON CITY, IOWA** -- Sunny Fresh Foods, which opened a new value-added egg processing facility here in March 2001, said it has plans for another expansion project – the second announced in less than a year.

Sunny Fresh plans to invest about \$11 million in plant and equipment. Sunny Fresh will build a 50,000-square-foot addition, which would double the size of the facility. The expansion project is expected to be completed by the end of 2002.

“When we first came here, we made a commitment to Mason City to create 100 jobs within 10 years,” said Mike Luker, president of Monticello, Minn.-based Sunny Fresh. “This expansion project keeps us on track to meet that commitment.”

The plant currently employs 46 people. When the expansion project is completed, between 5 and 10 jobs would be created immediately. Luker said the number of jobs would then continue to grow, in line with increased production of value-added egg products.

“Mason City is a great place to have a business,” said Luker. “We have an excellent team of stakeholders at the plant and look forward to expanding those numbers.”



The 50,000 square-foot addition is the second Sunny Fresh expansion project at the Mason City site. In December, a 14,000 square-foot addition was completed.

Sunny Fresh is a leader in high-quality, value-added egg products, serving primarily the foodservice industry. With a total of over 500 stakeholders, Sunny Fresh has processing facilities in Panora, Iowa; Monticello, Minn., and Lake Odessa, Mich. It is a business unit of Minneapolis-based Cargill, Incorporated.

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