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TOWNSENDS ADDS 103 JOBS IN DAVIE COUNTY
One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps Poultry Company Expand in Mocksville

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that Townsends Inc., a leading international producer and marketer of poultry products, will expand in Davie County. The company plans to create 103 jobs and invest \$700,000 over the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$250,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“Food production and economic growth go hand in hand in North Carolina, a tradition underscored by Townsends’ expansion in Mocksville,” Gov. Perdue said. “Companies like this one continue to find success and expand in our state, attracted by our high-quality workforce and business-friendly environment.”

Townsends, a 118-year-old poultry company headquartered in Delaware, supplies value-added chicken products to the domestic and international food service and retail markets. The company has a significant presence in North Carolina with three plants located in Pittsboro, Siler City and Mocksville that employ about 1,500 people. Additionally, the company’s poultry operations support an extensive grower base in the local area.

The Mocksville facility, operating as Crestwood Farms, a division of Townsends, is the core of the company’s expansion into value-added chicken products and key to its strategic growth. The company plans to add a production line of fully cooked products, increasing its capacity by approximately 25 percent. Currently, Crestwood Farms employs about 267 workers.

Salaries for the 103 new workers will vary by job function, but the overall average wage will be \$21,496 a year, not including benefits.

“Townsend is proud to be part of the North Carolina business community. We appreciate all the hard work and time everyone has put into this project. Thank you, North Carolina, for your support,” said John Pastrana, vice president of operations for Townsend.

The One North Carolina Fund provides financial assistance through local governments to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Through the use of the One North Carolina Fund, more than 40,000 jobs and \$6.5 billion in investment have been created since 2001. All of these grants require at least 100 percent local matches.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Department of Agriculture, N.C. Rural Economic Development Center, the Golden LEAF Foundation, Davie County Economic Development and the Town of Mocksville.

For more information about Townsend Inc., including job opportunities, please visit:
<http://www.townsend.com/>.

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