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**Jana Johnson Joins Sargento Research and Development**  
*Industry veteran to assist with natural cheese platforms and product launches*

**PLYMOUTH, Wis. (Nov. 3, 2011)** – Sargento Foods Inc. announced today the hiring of Jana Johnson as technology principal in the company’s research and development department. In this role, Johnson will be responsible for leading R&D efforts related to Sargento natural cheese platforms and product launches.

“The R&D team, and all of Sargento, is excited to welcome Jana to the Sargento family and we look forward to working with her on ways to continue moving forward with innovation, quality and value,” said Louie Gentine, president and chief customer officer at Sargento. “We know Jana’s expertise will help us deliver on our promise of offering delicious, never-processed, natural cheese.”

Prior to joining Sargento, Johnson served as senior scientist at Cabot Creamery-Agrimark in Cabot, Vt, and before that, she worked for Schreiber, Danisco and ConAgra Foods.

Johnson earned her master’s degree in biological science with an emphasis in dairy science from South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D.

**About Sargento Foods Inc.**

Sargento Foods Inc. has demonstrated its passion for cheese and cheese-based meal solutions throughout its history. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Sargento is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded, sliced and snack cheeses, cheese appetizers, ingredients, sauces and other culinary solutions. Sargento is owned and operated by the Gentine family, and has net sales of more than \$975 million. For more information, please visit [www.sargento.com](http://www.sargento.com).

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