

NAMI Awards Smithfield Foods for Environmental Achievements

Four U.S. facilities receive recognition for local environmental stewardship projects

SMITHFIELD, Va., Feb. 22, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- [Smithfield Foods, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that the company's Orange City, Iowa; Springdale, Ohio; Lincoln, Neb. and Cudahy, Wisc. facilities received 2021 Environmental Achievement Awards from the North American Meat Institute (NAMI). The awards recognize local facility projects in the categories of environmental technology, outreach and training; pollution prevention; resource conservation; and social and economic sustainability. Two Smithfield facilities received first place recognition and two additional facilities received second place recognition.

The [NAMI Environmental Achievement Awards](#) are presented to member companies that go beyond environmental compliance by designing and successfully implementing an innovative plant upgrade or environmental program. To qualify, applicants must submit supporting data on natural resources, financial and other metrics to demonstrate a project's impact:

- Smithfield's Cudahy, Wisc. facility won first place in pollution prevention for developing and launching a zero-waste-to-landfill program across its operations. The project will reduce the location's carbon footprint, supporting Smithfield's [industry-leading greenhouse gas reduction initiatives](#), and will generate revenue through the reselling of increased amounts of recyclable materials.
- The company's Orange City, Iowa facility won first place in social and economic sustainability for coordinating a donation of more than 5,000 pounds of food and cleaning supplies to the [Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc.](#) Each facility employee donated an average of 26 pounds of food and supplies to their community.
- Smithfield's Springdale, Ohio facility won second place in environmental technology, outreach and training for organizing a community creek cleanup with the [Mill Creek Alliance](#) that utilized canoes to pick up trash in areas difficult to access. The team also served lunch to community volunteers who participated in the effort.
- The company's Lincoln, Neb. facility was awarded second place in resource and conservation for developing and implementing a wastewater reduction effort reducing the amount of water brought into facility smokehouses by more than 6%. The project achieved both water and cost savings through optimizations to water system features including spray-nozzle spacing and water temperature.

"The constant pursuit of environmental sustainability is ingrained in Smithfield's company culture," said Stewart Leeth, chief sustainability officer for Smithfield Foods. "We are proud of our employees' efforts to continually innovate to the benefit of the environment and their local communities. Congratulations to our Cudahy, Lincoln, Orange City and Springdale facilities on these well-earned awards."

Award recipients were acknowledged during NAMI's virtual Environmental Conference Feb. 8-12. The Environmental Achievement Awards are presented alongside NAMI's [Environmental Recognition Awards](#), which were developed to provide recognition of a company's dedication to continuous environmental improvement through the development and implementation of Environmental Management Systems (EMS). The program begins in Tier 1 with simple environmental compliance policies and culminates with an ISO 14001 EMS as Tier 4, the most complex program.

A complete list of the 45 Smithfield facilities that received Environmental Recognition Awards can be found below.

<i>Environmental Award Winners</i>	
TIER 1	
Smithfield Foods	Warsaw, NC
TIER 2	
Smithfield Foods	Tar Heel, NC
TIER 4	
Smithfield Foods	Arnold, PA
Smithfield Foods	Carroll, IA
Smithfield Foods	Charlotte, NC
Smithfield Foods	Clinton, NC
Smithfield Foods	Crete, NE
Smithfield Foods	Cudahy, WI
Smithfield Foods	Cumming, GA
Smithfield Foods	Denison, IA
Smithfield Foods	Elizabeth, NJ
Smithfield Foods	Grayson, KY
Smithfield Foods	Greenfield, IN
Smithfield Foods	Junction City, KS
Smithfield Foods	Kinston, NC
Smithfield Foods	Lincoln, NE
Smithfield Foods	Martin City, MO
Smithfield Foods	Mason City, IA
Smithfield Foods	Middlesboro, KY
Smithfield Foods	Milan, MO
Smithfield Foods	Monmouth, IL
Smithfield Foods	Omaha, NE
Smithfield Foods	Orange City, IA
Smithfield Foods	Peru, IN
Smithfield Foods	Salt Lake City, UT
Smithfield Foods	Sioux Center, IA
Smithfield Foods	Sioux City, IA
Smithfield Foods	Sioux Falls, SD
Smithfield Foods	Smithfield, VA
Smithfield Foods	Springdale, OH
Smithfield Foods	Springfield, MA
Smithfield Foods	St. Charles, IL
Smithfield Foods	St. James, MN
Smithfield Foods	Tar Heel, NC
Smithfield Foods	Wichita, KS
Smithfield Foods	Wilson, NC
Smithfield Foods	Algona, IA
Smithfield Foods	Corcoran, CA
Smithfield Foods	Laurinburg, NC
Smithfield Foods	Milford, UT
Smithfield Foods	Princeton, MO
Smithfield Foods	Yuma, CO

Smithfield Foods	Waverly, VA
Smithfield Foods	Roanoke Rapids, NC
Smithfield Foods	Smithfield, VA

About Smithfield Foods, Inc.

Headquartered in Smithfield, Va. since 1936, Smithfield Foods, Inc. is an American food company with agricultural roots and a global reach. Our 40,000 U.S. team members and 14,000 European employees are dedicated to producing "Good food. Responsibly.®" and have made us one of the world's leading vertically integrated protein companies. We have pioneered sustainability standards for more than two decades, including many industry firsts, such as our ambitious commitment to cut our carbon impact by 25 percent by 2025. We believe in the power of protein to end food insecurity and have donated hundreds of millions of food servings to our neighbors in need. Smithfield boasts a portfolio of high-quality iconic brands, such as Smithfield®, Eckrich® and Nathan's Famous®, among many others. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

SOURCE Smithfield Foods, Inc.

For further information: Lisa Martin, Smithfield Foods, Inc., (757) 365-1980, lvmartin@smithfield.com

<https://Investors.smithfieldfoods.com/2021-02-22-NAMI-Awards-Smithfield-Foods-for-Environmental-Achievements>