



# SUSTAINABILITY AT TYSON FOODS ROOTED IN TRADITION, GROWING RESPONSIBLY

## PROFITS

Tyson Foods' direct and indirect economic impacts are an important aspect of our company's sustainability performance. To ensure our economic impacts are positive, we are committed to capitalizing on strategic opportunities and to aggressively managing potential risks. We are committed to conducting our business in accordance with best practices in corporate governance, and to preserving and enhancing our relationship with our shareholders.

- We believe maintaining qualified, independent directors on the Board of Directors are an integral part of effective governance. The functions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) have been separated since 2006. Since 1998, the percentage of independent directors has increased, while the overall size of the Board has decreased. Of the nine directors currently serving, six are independent.
- Tyson Foods is committed to responsible, legal, and sustainable procurement practices. We encourage our supply partners to recognize the role they play in helping us assure our customers and consumers of the safety and quality of our products. In fiscal year 2010, we developed and implemented a Supplier Code of Conduct that sets forth supplier expectations regarding the values that have been shared above.
- Most of our chicken is raised by independent poultry producers. Currently, Tyson contracts with more than 6,000 independent producers.

There are also a small number of company-owned chicken farms. Our contractual relationships with producers enable many families to remain on farms instead of potentially being forced off by economic pressures.

- Tyson Foods is finding innovative and creative ways to convert animal byproducts into high-margin commercial products. Our Renewable Products Division leads our strategy in this arena. Our efforts currently involve four growth platforms: renewable energy, pet products, biotech, and nutraceuticals.
- As detailed in our company strategy, we are committed to building a multinational enterprise. In fiscal year 2009, Tyson Foods exported chicken, beef, pork, and prepared foods to more than 90 countries. Global consumption of poultry is growing at the fastest rate for meat protein, followed by pork and then beef. Increasing exports, diversifying our export markets, and building in-country production are essential to the company's long-term growth.
- Tyson Foods is a member of numerous industry groups and associations, and actively works with these groups to best represent the food processing industry and business community in discussions with governmental agencies and other stakeholders.



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