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Mid-States Specialty Eggs Prepares for Global Reach and Impact

Smithton, MO – July 29, 2026 – Mid-States Specialty Eggs is building for a global reach as they prepare to take eggs world-wide as their new state-of-the-art egg grading and processing facility in Sedalia, MO comes online in 2026. With this global initiative, Mid-States Specialty Eggs is excited to share the growth and promotion in their team to accomplish this scaling and global reach. Highlights include:

- New team member Shelly McKee, PhD, joins as Vice President of Food Safety & Quality Assurance
- Promotion of Sean Delano to Executive Director of Business Development
- Mid-States Specialty Eggs of Sedalia processing facility will feature state-of-the-art production capabilities to be a leader of further-processing in North America

"We're delighted with the team we are building. Mid-States Specialty Eggs is excited to have Shelly McKee join our team with her food safety expertise, her addition demonstrates our commitment to be a leader in excellence and quality with our egg products and ingredients world-wide," shares Marion Hostetler, President and Co-Founder of Mid-States Specialty Eggs. "As part of this commitment and the effort needed with opening our further processing plant, Sean Delano's 6 years of commitment here at Mid-States Specialty Eggs led to his promotion to Executive Director of Business Development. Our mission to provide quality organic and specialty eggs, while supporting our small family farms and their communities, is driving our growth into the global market."

As part of this growth, Mid-States Specialty Eggs is excited to welcome Shelly McKee, PhD, as V.P. of Food Safety & Quality Assurance. Dr. Shelly McKee is a leading authority on food safety with a worldwide expertise in eggs, combining academic research with practical application and industry production knowledge. She earned her BS, MS, and PhD in Food Science from Texas A&M University and has been on faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Auburn University. She also has a tremendous tenure in food safety and egg quality during production, processing, and further processing and has served as the Director of Technical Services with the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council.

In addition to bringing in internationally recognized food safety expert Dr. Shelly McKee, Mid-States Specialty Eggs is promoting Sean Delano to Executive Director of Business Development for a stronger international focus, leading the team's strategic partnerships alignment. Delano has been with Mid-States Specialty Eggs in Business Development since 2019 and has previously worked as V.P. of Sales & Marketing at S&R Egg Farm and V.P.

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of Sales at CCF Brands. As a prominent egg industry leader throughout his career, Delano currently serves as a member of the American Egg Board (AEB) representing Mid-States Specialty Eggs.

“The power of protein has never been more relevant, and we believe the humble egg is about to take center stage. I am excited to serve in this new role as Mid-States Specialty Eggs enters their next chapters in further processing and as a global egg supplier,” states Sean Delano, Executive Director of Business Development.

This initiative and global effort will align strongly with the opening of the Mid-States Specialty Eggs of Sedalia processing plant, which features state-of-the-art further processing capabilities in North America. This new Mid-States Specialty Eggs processing facility will cover approximately 250,000 square feet, almost six acres, and offer egg grading, egg breaking, and further processing for whole eggs, egg whites, and egg yolks for liquid, frozen, and dried products with customizable specifications to customer needs. The new to market products that this facility will produce will provide innovation to the domestic and global markets.

This new plant will be the sixth processing operation for Mid-States Specialty Eggs, which already has facilities in Arkansas, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The new plant will be operational in 2026 and will feature innovative equipment and processing technologies. Mid-States Specialty Eggs is dedicated to sustainable and responsible practices, ensuring the highest standards of food safety and animal welfare in the products they produce.

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About Mid-States Specialty Eggs:
Mid-States Specialty Eggs, founded in 2008, is a 100% employee-owned company. Working with more than one thousand family farmers across the Heartland of America, they provide more than two billion eggs annually. With a mission to “provide the highest quality eggs with integrity and true customer service,” Mid-States Specialty Eggs co-packs and provides eggs for many private labels and has their own brand of humanely raised eggs, Contented Hen®.