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Meijer Breaks Ground on Major Addition to Central Kitchen Facility

New Bakery to enhance fresh-baked offerings for Meijer customers

Middlebury, Ind. - September 2, 2008 - Midwest Supercenter Meijer is preparing to broaden its fresh bakery offerings with the construction of a new bakery facility at the company's Middlebury, Indiana food-service operations. The announcement was made today by Bob Mooney, Group Vice President Distribution Operations and Manufacturing for the Grand Rapids, Michigan based retailer.

"We are continually looking for ways to provide more fresh choices for our customers," said Mooney. "The bakery area inside our Meijer stores continues to evolve as a destination point for our customers. The addition of this impressive bakery facility will help us continue to raise the bar on quality, freshness and variety."

Meijer executives will join local officials for a groundbreaking ceremony at the Meijer Central Kitchen facility on Wednesday, September 3, at 12:30 p.m. The 37,000 sq ft bakery addition will complement the existing 184,500 sq ft facility that produces Meijer fresh salads and deli products. Meijer's new central bakery will be capable of producing nearly 15 million loaves of bread and more than 130 million cookies annually.

"This new bakery is an exciting venture for Meijer, but it also shows a continued commitment to Northern Indiana," said Mooney. "This new bakery represents an investment of more than \$10 million and will bring up to 25 new jobs to Middlebury, with the potential to add more jobs in the coming months and years."

Meijer's new bakery operations will begin production during the first quarter of 2009.

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Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Michigan based retailer that operates 182 supercenters throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. As the inventor of the "one-stop shopping" concept, Meijer stores have evolved through the years to include expanded fresh produce and meat departments, as well as pharmacies, comprehensive electronics departments, garden centers and apparel offerings. Additional information on Meijer and the ability to *shop for more* can be found at www.meijer.com.