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## <u>"BERNER FOOD & BEVERAGE INTRODUCES NEW COO AND VP OF SALES"</u> <u>Tim Lethcoe Joins as Chief Operations Officer;</u> <u>Yvette Fossum Joins as Vice President of Sales</u>

**Dakota, Illinois** – (September 24, 2018) - Berner Food and Beverage LLC, a leading private label and contract manufacturing supplier of quality food and beverage products, recently announced Tim Lethcoe has joined the company as Chief Operations Officer (COO) and Yvette Fossum has joined as Vice President of Sales.

Kurt Seagrist, Chief Executive Officer, Berner said, "Tim Lethcoe and Yvette Fossum are talented industry veterans who bring a wealth of food manufacturing experience to Berner's leadership team. We are thrilled to have them join us as Berner continues to expand as a leading supplier of food and beverages, providing flexible, tailored solutions to our valued customer partners. Tim's extensive operations knowledge further supports this growth platform, and Yvette's tenure in the industry will aid Berner's ongoing business development efforts."

As COO, Tim Lethcoe is now managing all functional areas of Operations, Supply Chain, and Mechanical Engineering for Berner. He most recently led operations and supply chain for Treehouse Foods. His experience also includes ConAgra Foods, Ralcorp, American Italian Pasta Company, and Frito Lay/Pepsi. Lethcoe holds a BS in Industrial Management from Tennessee Technical University.

As Vice President of Sales, Yvette Fossum is tasked with managing Berner's Private Label Sales team. She joins Berner from CSM Bakery Solutions, where she headed their sales efforts. She has over 18 years experience in food manufacturing sales and has held various leadership roles in sales with companies such as Mars Food, Reckitt Benchkiser, and Gerber Products. Fossum holds an MBA from University of Phoenix and a BS in Business Administration from College of St. Elizabeth.

For more information on Berner Food & Beverage, please visit www.bernerfoods.com.

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**About Berner Food & Beverage** Berner Food & Beverage is a leading private label supplier of quality food and beverage products to a majority of the top retail chains across all trade channels. They provide a single source of supply for both Store Brand products and Contract Manufacturing. Their recent 200,000 sq. ft. production and warehouse addition increases capabilities, making Berner Food & Beverage a single source partner for food and beverages including processed dips, sauces, aerosol cheese, and RTD coffees and teas. Their facilities are USDA approved, SQF2000 Level III, HACCP certified, and meet the demanding standards of virtually every major retailer in North America.