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**BERNER HIRES DIRECTOR OF WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS  
TO OVERSEE NEW FACILITY**

**Dakota, IL** – (December 16, 2019) - Bernier Food & Beverage LLC (Bernier), a leading private label and contract manufacturing supplier of quality food and beverage products, announced the addition of Jesse Higgins as Director of Warehouse Operations. Higgins will oversee warehouse and logistics at two locations, including Bernier’s newest warehouse distribution center in Winnebago County, Illinois.

“Jesse Higgins has joined Bernier’s team to manage our warehouse operations and lead logistics for our new centralized warehouse distribution center,” said Kurt Seagrist, Chief Executive Officer, Bernier. “Bernier’s continued growth as a supplier of ready-to-drink beverages, and recent expansion of our manufacturing lines, ensures that we can provide our customer-partners best-in-class service. Analysis of current and future logistic needs led to the opening of the 675,000 square-foot warehouse distribution center. Jesse now oversees the new facility and the additional storage space. The centralized location lets us better serve our nationwide customer-partners—and all of their private label and contract manufacturing needs.”

As Director of Warehouse Operations, Jesse Higgins manages all aspects of Bernier’s warehouse and logistics operations. This includes oversight of safety compliance for the Bernier team at the distribution center, management of the company fleet of trucks and deliveries, as well as vendor partnerships. He has spent the last seventeen years managing warehouse, logistics and supplier management relations for companies such as CSL Behring, PCI Pharma Services, New Breed Logistics and United Parcel Services. Higgins has a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Rockford University.

For more information on Bernier Food and Beverage, please visit [www.bernerfoods.com](http://www.bernerfoods.com).

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**About Bernier Food & Beverage**

Bernier 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 Bernier 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.