

Tyson CEO visits Corydon

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Tyson Foods visited Corydon in a routine tour of the company production facilities. Richard L. (Dick) Bond also conducted a meeting with several community leaders and after a brief corporate introduction, he engaged in a question and answer session that was very informal and sincere. Several people from the community in attendance offered compliments about David Whittington, the Complex Manager responsible for the Corydon operation and Dick suggested that Tyson represents a culture that expects Team Members to contribute to the communities where they work.

Tyson is the largest production employer in Harrison County with 560 Team Members that work at the Processing Plant in Corydon, the Feed Mill in Ramsey and the Hatchery north of Corydon. They also have 65 contract Family Farmers in the region that supply chickens to the processing plant. The company makes a significant impact on our economy. In 2007 Tyson had an Annual Payroll of nearly \$10 million; the company paid Family Farmers nearly \$9 million. Grain Purchases exceeded \$8.7 million and \$1.9 million was paid to Local Vendors and Contractors. Team members from Tyson are active in more than a dozen civic and community organizations. They provided more than \$100,000 of product and funding to non-profit organizations and food banks in the area and they were especially sensitive and very quick to supply ice to local communities during the power outage caused by the high winds on September 14th.

Tyson Foods, Inc. was founded in 1935. The Corporate headquarters are in Springdale, Arkansas. Tyson is the world's largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork, the second-largest food company in the Fortune 500 and a member of the S&P 500. The company produces a wide variety of protein-based and prepared food products, which are marketed under the "Powered by Tyson™" strategy. Tyson is the recognized market leader in the retail and foodservice markets it serves, providing products and service to customers throughout the United States and more than 80 countries.

The company has approximately 114,000 Team Members employed at more than 300 facilities and offices in the United States and around the world. Harrison County is fortunate to have Tyson in our community.