



Arizona Department of Agriculture

1688 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
(602) 542-4373 FAX (602) 542-5420

NEWS RELEASE

May 24, 2016

Laura Oxley: 602-542-3244

Vincent (Skip) Becker: 573-694-3785

EGG COMPANY MOVES CLOSER TO PRODUCTION

(Phoenix) Arizona's agriculture businesses are growing across the state, including a new egg-producing facility in LaPaz County. Rose Acre Farms expects to be in production this fall, eventually hiring 80 to 100 people.

On May 19th Rose Acre Farms and the LaPaz Economic Development Corporation hosted the Department of Agriculture on a tour of its Arizona egg farm. The foundations are in and the company is building the houses. Rose Acre Farms expects to produce eggs at the Lone Cactus Egg Farm this fall.

"We're very excited to have Rose Acre Farms in Arizona," said Mark Killian, director of the Department of Agriculture. "It's an incredible facility that shows food safety is a priority. They're able to keep the eggs safe while the chickens are free to move around in the cage-free design."

The La Paz Economic Development Corporation has worked for 3 years with the Indiana-based egg producer to expand to Arizona.

"Rose Acre Farms will benefit all the people and businesses in La Paz County," said Vincent (Skip) Becker, CEO of LaPaz

Economic Development Corporation. "The tens of millions of dollars invested so far have already resulted in higher sales tax collections. The greater impact is still to come when the facility's open and 50 plus people have good jobs."

Rose Acre Farms is the second largest egg producer in the country and employs almost 2,000 people in 8 states.

"From my first trip out here and meeting with Skip, I knew LaPaz County would be a good fit for us," said Chips Everhart, Rose Acre Farms New Projects Coordinator. "The people and the values in this area match the company to a tee."

Arizona's agricultural roots sprout more businesses every day. The good climate and fertile soil, the planned conservation of water through the years, and the year-round growing season make it a good place for agriculture. When you add that to Arizona's business-friendly environment, it's an excellent destination for producers looking to move or expand their businesses.

###