



**Swift & Company®**

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**SWIFT & COMPANY ANNOUNCES U.S. OPERATING PLANS FOR MAY 1, 2006**

GREELEY, COLO., April 27, 2006 – Swift & Company, the world’s second-largest processor of fresh beef and pork products, today announced its domestic operating plans for Monday, May 1, 2006.

Four of five U.S. beef plants and two of three U.S. pork plants will be closed on Monday due to a combination of factors, including previously scheduled maintenance activities, general market conditions, and advance employee requests for time off.

Swift Beef plants scheduled to be closed on Monday, May 1, 2006:

- Grand Island, Nebraska
- Greeley, Colorado
- Hyrum, Utah
- Omaha, Nebraska

Swift Pork plants scheduled to be closed on Monday, May 1, 2006:

- Marshalltown, Iowa
- Worthington, Minnesota

The Company’s prior planning and operational flexibility will allow it to meet the needs of its customers despite the scheduled plant closures identified above.

**About Swift & Company**

With nearly \$10 billion in annual sales, Swift & Company is the world’s second-largest processor of fresh beef and pork. Founded in 1855 and headquartered in Greeley, Colorado, Swift processes, prepares, packages, markets, and delivers fresh, further processed and value-added beef and pork products to customers in the United States and international markets. For more information, please visit [www.swiftbrands.com](http://www.swiftbrands.com).

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