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### **FOOD PROCESSING MAGAZINE NAMES CONAGRA FOODS LAMB WESTON FACILITY 2011 GREEN PLANT OF THE YEAR**

Delhi, LA., September 7, 2011 – *Food Processing* magazine, which reports on the food and beverage industry, has named the ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston sweet potato processing plant in Delhi, La., the 2011 Green Plant of the Year. The Delhi plant, which is the first frozen foods plant in the world to receive LEED Platinum certification, opened in the fall of 2010.

The Green Plant of the Year award is based on a number of criteria, including design innovation, economic sustainability, energy efficiency, use of innovative or alternative energy sources, minimal pollution and water use, and incorporating green building materials and practices during construction.

Rick Martin, vice president of global operations for ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston, said in the *Food Processing* magazine article that the company had the opportunity to build a great sustainable plant from scratch. “We had very aggressive quality goals and very specific environmental goals. We wanted this plant to showcase everything we had learned in 10 years of sweet potato processing, and we wanted it to be a facility the employees would be proud of.”

In the article Martin also credited state and local officials for contributing to the plant's success. "One of the things we looked for was to be close to a growing center, and Louisiana is one of the best sources. We found not only a prime growing region, but a community and a state that were ready to work with Lamb Weston to make this happen."

The Delhi plant started operations in September 2010 and operates three shifts a day with a work force of approximately 275 employees.

Lamb Weston makes quality frozen potato, sweet potato and other vegetable products for restaurants, retailers and other foodservice operations throughout the world. Lamb Weston is a brand of ConAgra Foods, Inc., (NYSE: CAG), one of North America's leading food companies, with brands in 97 percent of America's households. For more information, please visit us at [www.lambweston.com](http://www.lambweston.com) or [www.lambweston.com/delhi](http://www.lambweston.com/delhi).

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