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**Americold Announces Perdue Foods to Utilize Leesport, Pa., Expansion,
Create 100 New Jobs**

LEESPORT, Pennsylvania (March 31, 2014) Americold and Perdue Foods today announced that the 96,000 square foot temperature-controlled storage facility expansion underway in Leesport, Pa., will handle products for Perdue's northeastern U.S. customers. This state-of-the-art, energy efficient facility provides more than 2.3 million cubic feet of temperature-controlled storage space dedicated to the support of the Perdue Foods business.

Through this expansion, Perdue Farms and Americold are creating just over 100 new jobs in Pennsylvania. The new facility will handle products previously distributed from a Perdue-owned distribution center in Georgetown, Del. The Georgetown distribution center is being converted to a dedicated shipping facility serving the adjacent Georgetown processing plant.

"The Leesport expansion is symbolic of our long standing partnership with Perdue and our commitment to designing and implementing customized solutions for our customers that meet the needs of their growing businesses," commented Fred Boehler, President and Chief Operating Officer of Americold.

"Americold is the leader in temperature controlled distribution and logistics, and expansion of our partnership with them in Leesport will enable us to focus our efforts on continued market leadership in premium brands and products. At the same time, they'll provide us with updated technology to better serve our customers," said Lester Gray, Senior Vice President of Operations for Perdue Foods. The Leesport facility is approximately three hours closer to most customers compared to the Georgetown distribution center.

"This supports our growth across our portfolio of brands, including the PERDUE®, HARVESTLAND®, COLEMAN NATURAL® and COLEMAN ORGANIC® brands, as well as customer-owned brands, while working toward improvements in customer service," said Gray. "We're seeing continued growth through new customers and new products for the PERDUE® brand and unprecedented growth in organic brands."

Perdue contracts with independent Pennsylvania farm families to raise its organic chickens, and buys both conventional and organic grain from Pennsylvania farmers through Perdue AgriBusiness. To support the growing demand for organic products,

Perdue AgriBusiness operates an elevator in Marietta, Pa., dedicated to buying and storing USDA certified organic grain. Perdue AgriBusiness was recently awarded the 2013 Outstanding New Organic Producer award by Pennsylvania Certified Organic.

Perdue Chairman Jim Perdue said, "This move reinforces Americold and Perdue's joint commitment to Pennsylvania. In addition to the farm families who raise our organic chickens and the farmers who supply grain, we are pleased to be partnering with Americold in Pennsylvania, and look forward to other opportunities to increase our presence in the state."

About Americold

Americold is the global leader in temperature controlled warehousing and logistics to the food industry, offering the most comprehensive warehousing, transportation, and logistics solutions in the world. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Americold owns and operates 177 temperature-controlled warehouses, with more than 1.1 billion cubic feet of storage, in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, China, Argentina and Canada. Americold's warehouses are an integral component of the supply chain connecting food producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to consumers. Americold serves more than 3,000 customers, and employs 12,000 associates worldwide. More information about Americold is at www.americold.com

About Perdue Farms

Perdue Farms is the parent company of Perdue Foods and Perdue AgriBusiness, and represents the Perdue family ownership. Since our beginning on Arthur Perdue's farm in 1920, through expansion into agribusiness and the introduction of the PERDUE® brand of chicken and turkey under Frank Perdue, to our third-generation of family leadership with Chairman Jim Perdue, we've remained a family owned, family operated company dedicated to making Perdue the most-trusted name in food and agricultural products. At Perdue Farms, *We believe in responsible food and agriculture™*. To learn more about Perdue, visit www.perduefarms.com.

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