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Taylor Farms Introduces Largest Solar Installation To Date

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Taylor Farms Pacific reveals a 8,204 solar panel system as part of a continued dedication to sustainability

SALINAS, Calif. - (October 10th, 2017) -Taylor Farms, North America's largest producer of salads and healthy fresh foods, announced the completion of the company's largest solar panel installation to date. Located at Taylor Farms Pacific in Tracy, CA, the new solar array spans over 300,000 square feet and will power 67% of the facility's energy needs.

"I am thrilled to see yet another one of our sustainability projects come to fruition, and this is one of our most exciting projects to date" said Nicole Flewell. "With each installation, whether solar, wind or cogeneration, we continue to add clean power to our facilities nationwide in the most sustainable manner possible."

This 8,204-panel installation spans 7.5 acres of rooftop space, making it the largest private solar panel array in San Joaquin County. The system provides 2.256 megawatts (MW) of direct current (DC) power to the facility. Annually, the panels will produce 3,697,800 kWh and reduce Co2 emissions by 2,752 metric tons.

Taylor Farms has dedicated sustainability resources to determine the best energy strategy for each location, and pursue localized incentives to make projects economically viable. Since 2012, Taylor Farms has invested in eight major projects in North America including, solar, wind, fuel cells and cogeneration. The company has installed five solar arrays at facilities in Texas, Tennessee, and three facilities in California, which together generate 8.4 Million kWh/year.

In conjunction with this announcement, Taylor Farms Pacific will be hosting an Open House and Launch Party to celebrate the installation. The event, which will be held at the onsite Innovation Center, will celebrate the people of Taylor Farms, how the company cares for the planet, their community and share their mission for a sustainable future. Mayor Robert Rickman, of the City of Tracy will be delivering a keynote speech, alongside Nicole Flewell, Director of Sustainability, Taylor Farms.

"This is a wonderful achievement for Taylor Farms' sustainability program," said Robert Rickman, Mayor of Tracy. "We're excited about not only the innovation that Taylor Farms is bringing to the City of Tracy, but what's to come with our partnership."

Taylor Farms Pacific, which employs over 1,300 team members, serves leading customers in the retail and deli market with a wide variety of fresh food products, including; premade salads and entrees, sandwiches, wraps, fruit cups, snacks, and behind the glass kits.