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### ***Hiland Dairy Foods to Expand in Texas Through Acquisition of BGC Manufacturing Plants in Tyler***

**TYLER, TX, February 3, 2017** — In a move that promises to expand farmer-owned Hiland Dairy's footprint and support economic development in Tyler, Texas, the company today announced that it will acquire the manufacturing assets of Tyler, Texas-based Brookshire Grocery Company's ice cream, dairy and water plants. The deal is expected to close in March, 2017.

"Our main business focus has always been on our retail stores, which our manufacturing plants supported. But with an abundant offering of quality products now available through the supplier community, we were certainly interested when Hiland approached us about buying these plants," said Brad Brookshire, Chairman of the Board and CEO for Brookshire Grocery Company. "This decision made sense on a number of levels, and the assurance from Hiland that they will retain the employees, supply our stores with the same great products and expand the operations at these plants in Tyler confirmed to us that this would be a good fit.

"Our history and commitment to economic development in the communities we serve is strong. In that spirit, we are committed to growing these facilities in Tyler by investing capital dollars to expand our production capabilities," said Gary Aggus, CEO of Hiland Dairy. Aggus also said that this acquisition aligns with Hiland Dairy's expansion plan into Texas that began five years ago when the company started supplying dairy products to select markets.

### **About Hiland Dairy Foods**

Hiland Dairy Foods Company is an award-winning processor and distributor of dairy foods and other beverages. Founded in 1938, the company is based in Springfield, Missouri, has 2600 employees and operates 12 processing plants in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas with 49 distribution centers across the region. Hiland Dairy is farmer-owned, which ensures that we control the quality and consistency of Hiland Dairy Milk from farm to table. It's how we know our milk is fresh and pure, produced with no artificial growth hormones, and tested for antibiotics. It's also how we can

assure that our milk and dairy products are produced responsibly and sustainably. From water and energy conservation to recycling and animal care, Hiland's farmer-owners are committed to minimizing waste and environmental impact. For more information visit <http://www.hilanddairy.com/company/media-center>

### **About Brookshire Grocery Company**

Brookshire Grocery Co. operates 177 stores in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, along with three distribution centers. Known for friendly service, quality products, clean stores and strong community support, BGC has been in operation since 1928.

**Our Mission:** Making our communities better through our people, our products, our stores and our service.

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