



Gay Lea Foods Announces Acquisition of Thornloe Cheese

Mississauga, Ontario – (December 2, 2019) Gay Lea Foods Co-operative Limited (“Gay Lea Foods”) confirmed today that it has completed an agreement with EastGen to acquire the operations of Thornloe Cheese.

Located on the outskirts of Thornloe, Ontario, Thornloe Cheese has been a respected local producer of cheese and cheese curds in Northeastern Ontario for over 75 years. Today, the business employs approximately 30 people and is celebrated for its specialty cheeses, as well as for introducing the first butter and cheeses made with milk sourced from Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) Verified Grass Fed program.

“Thornloe Cheese has a long and storied history in Northern Ontario and holds a special place in the hearts of Northern dairy farmers and consumers alike,” said Gay Lea Foods Chair, Rob Goodwill. “We are pleased to keep Thornloe Cheese in the hands of a wholly Canadian dairy farmer-owned co-operative and help keep Northeastern Ontario’s rich agricultural legacy alive.”

Thornloe Cheese operates one retail store and services a wide range of wholesale customers in Northern Ontario and Quebec.

QUICK FACTS

- Thornloe, Ontario is approximately 520 km north of Toronto, in the New Liskeard/Temiskaming region.
- Gay Lea Foods is a Canadian farmer-owned co-operative with members on more than 1,400 dairy farms across Ontario and Manitoba, more than 4,320 producer and investor shareholders.

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