## WESTIN PACKAGED MEATS

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# Westin Packaged Meats Receives Prestigious Safety & Health Achievement Award From United States Department of Labor

Fairbury, NE - On March 8, 2016, Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley and staff members from the Nebraska Department of Labor presented Ron Schacht, General Manager, Westin Packaged Meats with the OSHA SHARP Award (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program). By achieving SHARP status Westin Packaged Meats (WPM) has joined an elite group of businesses that maintain exemplary injury and illness prevention programs. This award also certifies the culture of safety and entitles this portion of the facility to be free from inspection, by OSHA for up to two years. There are only eight other companies in Nebraska that have achieved this status.

"I'm extremely proud of our team at Westin Packaged Meats," says Schacht. "It takes the dedication of the whole team to create a work environment that is safe and injury free. The team has gone 14 years without a lost time incident and has not had an injury since 2009."

Prior to the awards ceremony and luncheon, dignitaries toured the Dry Bacon facility. Attending the event were Lt. Governor Mike Foley and staff members from the Nebraska Department of Labor; Ron Schacht, General Manager, Westin Packaged Meats; WPM staff Members and the Dry Bacon Production Team; Scott Carlson, CEO and Brad Poppen, President of Westin Foods; OSHA Nebraska Field Office representatives; OSHA Regional Office representatives; Senator Laura Ebke; Fairbury Mayor Homer Ward; and Fairbury City Administrator Collin Beisler.

Westin Packaged Meats is a subsidiary of Westin Foods and an industry leader in bacon bits, bacon pieces and fully-cooked bacon products. It has operated a state-of-the-art production manufacturing facility in Fairbury, NE since 1969. Westin Packaged Meats produces bacon bits, bacon pieces & salad toppings under a number of private label brands for regional and national grocery chains.



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#### **About Westin Foods**

With roots dating back to the 1950's <u>Westin Foods</u> provided then and still provides today, exceptional quality, variety and selection, producing only the finest food products. Westin Foods offers specialty food items from bacon to berries. An experienced management team along with a group of talented and dedicated associates has helped Westin Foods grow to more than 155 million in sales.

In addition to Westin Packaged Meats, the company also operates a division, Westin Health and Wellness. This division is focused on providing foods that are of the highest quality and appeal to the natural grocery channels. Under the Westin Health and Wellness umbrella is the <u>Superberries</u> brand of Aroniaberry based food products and <u>Dominex Natural Foods</u>, frozen food company specializing in eggplant products.

