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Garden-Fresh Foods Hires Senior Food Technologist

New hire rounds out executive team, tapped with innovating products for regional and trending flavor profiles

MILWAUKEE, June 20, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Garden-Fresh Foods, one of the nation's leading suppliers of deli fresh salads, salad kits, dips and desserts, announces the hiring of Kirby Ham as senior food technologist. Ham will help the company elevate its culinary leadership as it continues to innovate and provide foods that meet current consumer trends, such as foods made with clean, simple ingredients and also foods that are inspired by flavors from all parts of the world. Garden-Fresh Foods provides branded and private-label items to grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants and delis throughout the country.

Ham will work closely with Executive Chef Tom Sterle and the research and development team on product development, and will ensure a successful transition and compliance with the new FDA nutrition labeling rules that were finalized in 2016.

"It's an exciting time to be in the food industry and I'm thrilled to join the team at Garden-Fresh Foods," said Ham. "I look forward to helping deliver fresh, high-quality, and delicious foods that best represent the unique flavor preferences our customers have throughout the country, most notably more clean label foods," said Ham.

"Kirby brings an impressive background in food microbiology, regulatory affairs, product development and experience at a Fortune 500 beverage company, and will be a crucial team player in helping us continue to meet the high standards we're well known for," said Tom Hughes, founder and chairman of Garden-Fresh Foods.

Ham graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in food science & technology. She began working in her new position June 2017.

About Garden-Fresh Foods

Garden-Fresh Foods is one of the nation's leading suppliers of fresh deli salads, salad kits, dips and desserts. Family owned and operated since 1978, Garden-Fresh Foods delivers wholesome and innovative foods with creative flavor profiles using the highest quality, freshest ingredients. It creates sought-after products, including seasonal and clean label offerings featuring natural ingredients without artificial ingredients and chemicals. The company offers exceptional customer service, culinary expertise, proprietary owned brands, clean label alternatives and private label capabilities. Garden-Fresh Foods is a SQF level 3 certified company by the Safe Quality Food Institute and is committed to the highest standards of excellence. To learn more, visit www.garden-freshfoods.com.

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