

# ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston Announces Plans to Expand Operations in Richland, Wash.

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EAGLE, Idaho--(BUSINESS WIRE)--ConAgra Foods, Inc. (NYSE: CAG) announced today that its Lamb Weston business will expand operations at its facility in Richland, Wash., with the addition of a new french fry processing line. The more than \$200 million investment is expected to add 128 full time positions.

Worldwide demand for frozen french fries continues to increase, and Euromonitor predicts that the frozen potato category will grow 2.6 billion pounds by 2020. This capacity expansion will allow Lamb Weston to continue its global growth. Construction on the state-of-the-art processing line is expected to begin immediately, with completion in the fall of 2017. Once complete, the added line is expected to increase annual processing capacity by more than 300 million pounds.

“We have a tremendous opportunity to help our customers realize their global growth projections, but we need to make more french fries to do that,” said Greg Schlafer, President, Lamb Weston. “Investing in capabilities like this is indicative of the opportunity we see in potatoes, and our specific opportunity at Lamb Weston to lead the category.” He added, “We’re proud to be a part of the community in the Tri Cities, and expanding in Richland is a natural extension of our existing presence here. We’re especially grateful to the community partners who worked with us to bring this expansion plan to life.”

Lamb Weston partnered with several officials and organization plans for expansion. The company would like to recognize Go Senator Sharon Brown, Senator Mark Schoesler, TRIDEC, the Department of Commerce.

“We are so pleased with Lamb Weston’s decision to expand the City Manager of the City of Richland. “This is not only an investment are thrilled to continue our relationship with this respected corporation

Lamb Weston’s existing facility in Richland employs approximately company has several offices and facilities in the Tri Cities, including offices in Kennewick, and two additional manufacturing facilities employers in the Columbia Basin, with approximately 4,500 employees leader, the company operates 22 manufacturing facilities in North America

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Lamb Weston, a ConAgra Foods brand, is a leading supplier of frozen potato, sweet potato, appetizer and vegetable products to restaurants and retailers around the world. For more than 60 years, Lamb Weston has led the industry in innovation, introducing inventive products that simplify back-of-house management for our customers and make eating more delicious for their customers. From the fields where Lamb Weston potatoes are grown to proactive customer partnerships, Lamb Weston always strives for more and never settles. Because, when we look at a potato, we see possibilities.

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