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TYSON PROVIDES UPDATE ON IBP ACQUISITION

Springdale, Ark., -- August 7, 2001 --

Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE: TSN) today unveiled details of the new organizational structure for the combined entity of Tyson and IBP inc. (NYSE: IBP) and provided earnings guidance for the upcoming year.

John Tyson, chairman and CEO, announced today that earnings in fiscal 2002 are expected to be in the range of \$0.90 to \$1.00, including synergies. Synergies are expected to be \$50 million in the first full year, increasing to \$200 million within three years.

Speaking on a conference call held earlier this morning, Tyson said, "We have been working hard to develop a structure that will fit our merger aspirations and blend the best practices and people of both companies. The channel structure we have chosen will give us unparalleled ability to develop and market innovative, branded food products. Additionally, we will adopt the shared services structure of dedicated resources. Greg Lee and Dick Bond, who will be co-COO's and group presidents, will be implementing the new structure as well as ensuring shared services are organized to work effectively and efficiently in the new company. Greg and Dick will be working with the integration teams to put the organization in place by the beginning of the next fiscal year."

Tyson also announced that Steve Hankins will serve as CFO and Les Baledge will serve as General Counsel in the new company.

Robert Peterson, currently IBP's chairman and chief executive officer, will retire from active management, but will remain involved with the new company as a member of Tyson's board of directors. "Bob Peterson is a strong leader who has made IBP one of the premier food companies in the world," Tyson added. "We admire his many achievements and look forward to the contributions he will undoubtedly make to the newly-combined company."

Peterson has been active in the livestock and meat industry for more than 45 years and has served as chief executive officer of IBP since 1980 and chairman since 1981. Under his leadership, IBP's employment has increased from 9,500 to 52,000 people, while the company's sales have grown from \$4.6 to \$16.9 billion.

"As I have stated throughout the acquisition process, I believe IBP and Tyson will be a great team," Peterson said. "I

am anxious to assist the leadership of this new organization as they work on making this exciting combination a success."

Tyson and IBP expect to file their joint proxy statement/prospectus for the merger with the Securities and Exchange Commission within the next week and expect to complete the stock portion of the transaction within the next 60 days, subject to the timing of regulatory review. In the meantime, John Tyson, Don Tyson, Greg Lee, Les Baledge and Steve Hankins will join the Board of Directors of IBP, inc.

About Tyson Foods, Inc.

Tyson Foods, Inc., headquartered in Springdale, Ark., is the world's largest fully integrated producer, processor and marketer of chicken and chicken-based convenience foods, with 68,000 team members and 7,000 contract growers in 100 communities. Tyson has operations in 18 states and 16 countries and exports to 79 countries worldwide. Tyson is the recognized market leader in almost every retail and foodservice market it serves. Tyson's Cobb-Vantress subsidiary is a leading chicken breeding stock supplier. In addition, Tyson is the nation's second largest maker of corn and flour tortillas under the Mexican Original® brand, as well as a leading provider of live swine.

About IBP, inc.

IBP, inc., headquartered in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, is the world's largest supplier of premium fresh beef and pork products, with more than 60 production sites in North America, joint venture operations in China, Ireland and Russia and sales offices throughout the world. The company, which generated annual sales exceeding \$16.9 billion in 2000, employs 52,000 people.

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