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## Land O'Lakes, Inc. Announces New Executive Vice President for Dairy Foods

**Arden Hills, Minn.** – Land O'Lakes, Inc. announced today that Chris Roberts would join the organization as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Dairy Foods, effective Feb. 6, 2017. Roberts will report to Beth Ford, group executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Purina Animal Nutrition and U.S. Dairy Foods businesses. In addition, Ford has responsibility for Supply Chain and Operations, Information Technology and Research and Development across the entire Land O'Lakes, Inc. enterprise.

The move marks the re-unification of all Land O'Lakes Dairy businesses, including the global powder organization, under one executive in a new position for the company.

"We're excited to welcome Chris Roberts to Land O'Lakes," Ford stated. "Chris is a best-in-class leader, known to drive innovation, and brings both commodity and branded goods experience. We firmly believe Chris' strong leadership will help Land O'Lakes accelerate into our next phase positioned for faster and more competitive growth."

Roberts joins Land O'Lakes from Cargill, where he was the president of Cargill Value Added Proteins division. He was responsible for integrating two existing businesses, creating and implementing a compelling and sustainable growth strategy, deepening customer acumen and elevating employee engagement. Prior to that, he served as president of the Cargill Kitchens. Prior to Cargill, he built his career in leadership roles at both PepsiCo and The Coca Cola Company.

"I look forward to joining Land O'Lakes for three distinct reasons – the people, the brands and the mission," Roberts said. "I am joining the people of Land O'Lakes at a critical point in the company's growth trajectory. I look forward to driving deeper consumer affinity for the wonderful Land O'Lakes brands. And, finally, joining in our collective quest to feed human progress."

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### **About Land O'Lakes, Inc.**

*Land O'Lakes, Inc., one of America's premier agribusiness and food companies, is a member-owned cooperative with industry-leading operations that span the spectrum from agricultural production to consumer foods. With 2015 annual sales of \$13 billion, Land O'Lakes is one of the nation's largest cooperatives, ranking 215 on the Fortune 500. Building on a legacy of more than 95 years of operation, Land O'Lakes today operates some of the most respected brands in agribusiness and food production including LAND O LAKES® Dairy Foods, Purina Animal Nutrition, WinField United and Land O'Lakes SUSTAIN®. The company does business in all 50 states and more than 60 countries. Land O'Lakes, Inc. corporate headquarters are located in Arden Hills, Minn.*