

Great Lakes Cheese Expands To Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Great Lakes Cheese is opening its first plant in the Southeast, in Manchester, TN. The Hiram, Ohio-based company said it plans to invest \$100 million in the 330,000-square-foot facility and create more than 200 jobs. The cheese manufacturing and packaging plant will become the company's ninth. The others are located in Utah, Wisconsin and New York. Hiring is expected to begin in the fall of next year and reach 200 by 2019.

The company supplies grocery and warehouse stores, as well as restaurant chains and food service distributors. Another cheesemaker, MDM Foods, announced in August that it plans to build an expanded production facility in Manchester. The new facility is expected to increase employment from 41 to about 70 people in the next few years.

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