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Food and Ag Companies Dominate top 100 Minnesota Companies List

Minnesota food and agriculture companies, and Agri-Growth members, hold 6 of the top 10 spots in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's recent special edition naming the top 100 Private Companies.

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (June 9, 2010) — *The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* released a list of the top 100 Minnesota private companies, listed by revenue. Food and agriculture companies are a leading demographic in this list, holding nearly 40% of the spots. Further, the Agri-Growth Council is proud to have six companies included in their membership within the top ten.

Of the top ten companies listed in this report, six are food and agriculture companies. All of these are also members of the Agri-Growth Council.

1. *Cargill, Inc. (Ranked #1)*
2. *CHS, Inc. (Ranked #2)*
3. *Land O'Lakes, Inc. (Ranked #3)*
4. *The Schwan Food Co. (Ranked #6)*
5. *Rosen's Diversified, Inc. (Ranked #9)*
6. *Fagen, Inc. (Ranked #10)*

Daryn McBeth, president of the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, said, "Minnesota has a very strong food and agriculture industry, as made apparent by the food and agriculture companies listed here. These companies are major influencers in Minnesota's economy and business sector. Further, we're proud that so many of these companies are members of the Agri-Growth Council."

Additional membership information and details about becoming a part of the Agri-Growth Council can be found here: www.agrigrwth.org/join

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council (www.agrigrwth.org) is an advocate for the state's food and agriculture industry. Founded in 1968, the Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents the shared interests of its 200-plus members, which include food and agriculture businesses, organizations and producers, as well as the service industries that support them.

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