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De Soto Based Custom Foods Welcomes New R&D Team

Hemp-Protein Based Frozen Pizza Crust included in New Product Mix

De Soto, KS – Custom Foods, Inc. announced today that they are continuing to invest in their R&D team led by Jessica Baker and Manfred Uhl.

Baker has a Bachelor's Degree in Food Science from Kansas State University, whose Food Science program consistently ranks in the top ten across the nation, and before joining the Custom Foods team, she was employed with Lantmannen Unibake USA. Baker, the team lead, primarily works with people who want to commercialize their product to make it easier and more cost-efficient.

Uhl has a storied background in the Kansas City Culinary industry running Wally's Pastry Shop with his late father. Over the years, the Kansas City favorite, with its non-assuming exterior, has served loyal customers but also celebrities, athletes and even a few presidents, including Truman, Kennedy and Reagan.

Uhl is a credentialed pastry chef trained in top European schools; he's been a pastry chef for Super Bowl VIP ceremonies and even catered one of Frank Sinatra's album release parties.

Baker, on the other hand, brings science to the table.

"We're like opposite sides of the same coin," said Baker. "I focus on the science and research side of things to scale a customer recipe, and Manfred focuses his expertise on new and exciting creations for the world to enjoy."

Additionally, Custom Foods is experimenting with a variety of recipes in development at all times, including continuing to develop new hemp-protein based products, including a brand new item – hemp pizza crust. This product is produced for grocery stores and will be available on shelves soon.

"I am excited to bring my extensive pastry background to the Custom Foods team," enthuses Uhl. "In particular, the idea of exploring Hemp in my baking creations is something I look forward to; I am a big proponent of sustainability."

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About Custom Foods

Custom Foods is a leader in the frozen dough manufacturing industry, offering clients a wide variety of products, including pizza doughs, bread doughs, cookie doughs and more. The company also features select hemp protein-based frozen dough products. The company R&D team creates customized recipes for products to its clients' specifications.

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