



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Governor Corbett: Ahold USA to Build New Facility in Harrisburg Region; Create Hundreds of Jobs**

**Harrisburg** – Governor Tom Corbett announced today that Ahold USA will invest at least \$63 million to build a new meat processing facility in Cumberland County and has entered into an operating agreement with Vantage Foods to run the facility and hire at least 850 new employees.

“As governor, I am committed to ushering in an economic environment that encourages private sector job growth,” Corbett said. “Today’s announcement means 850 new jobs are coming to Central Pennsylvania. These are jobs that could have gone to another state if not for our improved business climate and economic development efforts.”

Ahold USA considered locating a state-of-the-art, USDA certified meat processing and packaging facility in several states, including Pennsylvania. The company ultimately chose to construct a 162,000-square foot facility in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County.

Ahold USA and Vantage Foods received a funding offer from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Ahold USA will receive a \$1.275 million PA First grant, which will be used towards the cost of the project. Vantage Foods was offered and is eligible to apply for \$360,000 in job training assistance and up to \$1.7 million in Job Creation Tax Credits.

“Ahold USA is proud to be part of the economic engine of Central Pennsylvania, bringing new jobs to the region and a new business, Vantage Foods, to the state,” Mark McGowan, Executive Vice President, Supply Chain, Ahold USA said. “This meat packaging facility is a significant investment in the future and these incentives will help us ensure its long-term success.”

“Central Pennsylvania is an ideal location for our newest U.S. facility,” Leonal Kilgore, President and Chief Operating Officer, Vantage U.S. said. “The Lower Allen Township community is well-resourced with strategic access to major distribution arteries and a vital local labor force. It is our full intention to earn our place as a good corporate citizen and to generate strong economic spin off for the community and surrounding area.”

The project was coordinated by the Governor's Action Team, a group of economic development professionals that work directly with businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania.

"This is a real win for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Lower Allen Township," H. Edward Black, president of the Lower Allen Township Commissioners said. "This facility will create family-sustaining jobs, contribute to a healthier local economy and is expected to attract additional industrial development to the township."

Headquartered in Carlisle, Pa., and Quincy, Mass., Ahold USA supports four regional retail grocery divisions throughout the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions. Vantage Foods is a privately held company with corporate offices based in Wichita, Kan. where it primarily focuses on the production and sale of packaged meats to retail food chains. The company operates on long-term supply agreements with major retailers in North America.

For more information on the Governor's Action Team and other economic development initiatives in Pennsylvania, visit [newPA.com](http://newPA.com) or call 1-866-466-3972.

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