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**TIM ECCHER JOINS CAL-MAINE FOODS AND NAMED GENERAL  
MANAGER OF TEXAS EGG PRODUCTS, LLC**

JACKSON, Miss. (October 24, 2006) — Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. (NASDAQ: CALM) today announced that Tim Eccher has joined the Company to assist in the construction of the new egg products plant in Waelder, Texas. Upon completion of the plant, Eccher will be the General Manager of Texas Egg Products, LLC, which was formed by five major egg production and marketing companies (Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Feather Crest Farms, Inc., Mahard Egg Farm, Maxim Production Company, LP and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation).

For the past 13 years, Eccher has been employed in the egg products industry. He most recently served as Manager of Classic Egg Products. Eccher earned a bachelor's degree in management from West Georgia College.

"We are very pleased to have Tim Eccher join Cal-Maine Foods," stated Fred Adams, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. "Tim brings extensive management experience in the egg products industry and will play an important role in managing the Company's operations in Texas. We look forward to working together to execute our growth strategy in 2007."

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. is primarily engaged in the production, grading, packing and sale of fresh shell eggs. The Company, which is headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, currently is the largest producer and distributor of fresh shell eggs in the United States and sells the majority of its shell eggs in approximately 30 states across the southwestern, southeastern, mid-western and mid-Atlantic regions of the United States.

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