



**2006-2007  
FOOD PLANT  
OF THE YEAR**

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**Harlan Bakeries, Inc.'s (Harlan) Avon, Indiana facility named a "2006-2007 Food Plant of the Year" by Refrigerated & Frozen Foods magazine.**

AVON, IND. – Harlan Bakeries, Inc. was honored as the "2006-2007 Food Plant of the Year" for the Bakery Foods category by Refrigerated & Frozen Foods in the magazine's April 2007 issue. The article praised Harlan's successes at the Avon plant and corporate headquarters which produces approximately 3 million bagels daily, and over 1 billion bagels annually.

"We are very proud to be selected for this award. It is a great reflection on the work ethics of the people within this facility and a tribute to how continuous process improvement theory and teamwork can provide a positive impact to the bottom line of an organization," said Dennis Daniels, Chief Operating Officer for Harlan Bakeries, Inc.

Daniels also cited key strengths such as the company's ability to aggressively address new product requests from customers with short turnaround times, wealth of industry experience in key areas, strong execution and management, innovative production design, strategic planning, and sustainable growth initiatives as additional reasons for plant and overall company success.

"In 2006, we were able to improve our overall plant throughput more than 10 percent, while reducing waste by 50 percent," stated Hugh Harlan, President of Harlan Bakeries, Inc.

Training, investment in systems and equipment to reduce downtime, strong interdepartmental relationships and idea sharing have allowed employees in all capacities to improve processes, cut unnecessary costs, and identify new opportunities for growth and improvement. In order to continue its sustainable growth, the company will continue to focus on the key results areas of quality, cost, delivery, safety and morale.

"As a company, we invest in our personnel by providing the proper industry training to not only perform their jobs, but to progress as future leaders within the organization," said Daniels when asked to comment further on Harlan's operational strengths.

This is not the first time that Harlan as a company, or the Avon facility have been recognized for outstanding performance. The Avon location has received a Superior rating by the American Institute of Baking for the past nine consecutive years. In September of 2006, Harlan was named the "2006 Wholesale Baker of the Year" by Snack Food & Wholesale Bakery magazine. Additionally, Harlan has been repeatedly recognized for its dramatic growth over the past decade by the Indiana University's Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship.

For more information about Refrigerated & Frozen Foods or to request a subscription, you may visit them online at [www.refrigeratedfrozenfood.com](http://www.refrigeratedfrozenfood.com). You may read the articles "Leaders of the Pack" and "Bagel Boom" on pages 8 & 20-22 respectively in the April 2007 issue.

Harlan Bakeries, Inc., established in 1991, produces Harlan Bigger Better Bagels® and Harlan Giant Gourmet Bagels® brands, private-label bagels, contract manufacturing, and products for in-store bakeries. Harlan now produces more than just bagels and supplies our customers with pies (meringue, crème, fruit and specialty); cakes; cookies; muffins; and breads. Harlan operates six production facilities, including its 300,000+ square foot facility and corporate office in Avon, Ind. Other production facilities are located in Indianapolis, Ind., Denver, Col.; Hope, Ark.; Wichita, Kan.; and Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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