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HEADLINE: ARIZONA BUSINESS COMING TO FRANKLIN COUNTY

HAMPTON, IA – An award-winning egg production company is hoping to expand their operations into Franklin County. The Franklin County Development Association is pleased to announce that Hickman Family Farms of Buckeye Arizona has plans to open an egg grading and packaging operation in the Hampton Industrial Park. FCDA Director Karen Mitchell confirmed they have received a conditional offer to purchase the Spec 2 building which is the smaller building formerly occupied by AFG Glass.

FCDA President Ron Schermer remarked “We are very excited about this project. Hickman Family Farms is an excellent company whose operation will fit in very well with the egg production we have not only in the area, but in the state.”

15 – 20 jobs are expected to be created and the company hopes to begin operations by very early spring. Positions will include an assistant manager, office administrator and production workers.

Hickman Family Farms intends to invest nearly \$900,000 dollars in the project. In the Hampton location they will purchase eggs from companies such as Sparboe Farms and then wash, grade and package the eggs for distribution.

Hickman Family Farms was recently awarded the Outstanding Family Farm award from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and was featured on Discovery Channel’s TV show “Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe”. Hickmans is the largest egg supplier in the State of Arizona. Iowa is the number one egg producing state in the nation.