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Windom Kicks Off Manufacturing Month with \$1 Million Investment in Premium Iowa Pork — Job Milestone Hit

Windom, MN – The City of Windom kicked off Manufacturing Month with a strong vote of confidence in local industry. At noon on Thursday, October 2, 2025, city officials delivered a \$1 million investment to Premium Iowa Pork as a recruitment and expansion incentive for its Windom facility.

This investment was made possible through a portion of the Special Appropriations Grant awarded to the City of Windom in 2023 following the bankruptcy and massive layoff of HyLife Foods. Of the \$1 million presented to Premium Iowa Pork, \$500,000 is forgivable, with the remaining \$500,000 structured as a 5-year loan. A key condition of the funding was that Premium Iowa Pork must create at least 70 new permanent full-time jobs and retain them over the five-year period. The company successfully met that requirement earlier this summer just a few months after opening, making it eligible to receive the full investment.

In addition to this public support, Premium Iowa Pork has made significant private investments to modernize the Windom facility and expand operations, resulting in new jobs and a stronger long-term presence in the community.

“This is a win for Windom’s economy, our residents, and the stability of our manufacturing base,” said Windom Mayor Hilary Mathis. This sentiment was echoed by the Windom Economic Development Authority and EDA Director Sonya Wilt.