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## GASTINEAU JOINS VALLEY QUEEN

MILBANK, SD – Valley Queen Cheese Factory is pleased to announce that Mark Gastineau has been hired as the company's new Senior Manager-Supply Chain, reporting to Jason Mischel, Vice President-Sales and Procurement. His responsibilities include logistics management, procurement of production supplies and overseeing storage and outbound transportation of finished products.

Gastineau brings to Valley Queen more than 19 years of supply chain management experience with a variety of agricultural products. Most recently, he worked for Grimmway Farms, Bakersfield, Calif., the largest grower, producer and shipper of carrots in the world. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Gastineau and his wife, Amber, are making their home in Milbank. They are parents to five children who range from 19 to 7 years of age.

Mischel said, "Valley Queen is pleased to have Mark join our team. His skills and experience will help strengthen and grow our relationships with both customers and suppliers as we position ourselves to be the premier, privately-owned dairy manufacturer in the U.S."

Valley Queen Cheese Factory was founded in 1929 by Alfred Nef and Alfred Gonzenbach. Valley Queen annually converts 1.5 billion pounds of milk into a variety of natural cheeses, dried lactose, WPC80 and anhydrous milk fat. These products are sold to some of the best-known food brands in the world. For more information, call (605) 432-4563 or visit [www.vqcheese.com](http://www.vqcheese.com).