

BRIDGFORD FOODS CORPORATION

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Bridgford produces processed meat products and frozen bakery products. The company operates four plants in California and one plant in New Jersey which handle meat products. The company's frozen bakery products are produced in Texas and Chicago. The company uses Kirwood, Multivac (Koch), Mahaffy & Harder, and Tiromat machines for packaging luncheon meat and hot dogs in it's Los Angeles plant. The Tiromat machines are Canadian and the company is very happy with them. Mr Thompson would not discuss the company's expansion plans and suggested that interested Canadian suppliers should contact the company Chairman Mr H.W. Bridgford personally.

DEL MONTE CORPORATION

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Del Monte is one of the world's leading international food and beverage producers. The company produces canned fruits, vegetables, juices, fruit juice drinks, dried fruits and raisins, canned and frozen sea food, pickles, fresh fruit, frozen and canned prepared foods, and beverages. The company operates ten plants in California and is currently re-structuring and consolidating. A number of plants will be closed during this process. Del Monte employs about 6,400 people. We spoke with a number of executives from the corporation including Mr Ed Belmont who is in charge of packaging development at the corporation's Walnut Creek regional office, tel: (415)933-8000. Mr Belmont is involved in aseptic packaging for beverages; he feels that most major U.S. producers will be operating aseptic lines by the end of this year. It was a Del Monte subsidiary in Europe which helped to pioneer Tetrapack aseptic beverage containers. Since this interview was conducted Ocean Spray has released it's first range of aseptically paper packed juices. Del Monte has recently opened a packaging stress facility at the Walnut Creek office. The center is committed to search for stronger and less expensive packaging; contact with Del Monte through this office may be of interest to Canadian packaging manufacturers. Del Monte also recently introduced a range of Chinese type stir-fry meals packaged in retortable pouches. Canadian companies should contact Mr Sprague at Del Monte Head office with details of their equipment. Del Monte operates a Canadian subsidiary called Canadian Cannery Limited which is located in Hamilton, Ontario, tel: (416)522-2441