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# US Foods Opens New Distribution Center In Mississippi

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US Foods is celebrating the opening of its newest distribution center in Flowood, Miss. with a grand opening event for employees, customers and stakeholders on Friday, July 17. The new 272,000 square foot facility will service more than 4000 chefs, restaurant owners and foodservice operators throughout Mississippi and Louisiana. It is also the company's 6th LEED-certified facility, featuring an environmentally conscious design maximized for energy efficiency.

"This is an exciting day for US Foods and for our customers throughout Mississippi as this new facility allows us to more efficiently service our customers and provides our employees with an exceptional working environment," said Gil Smith, division president, US Foods. "This new building has everything we need to be able to keep kitchens cooking for our customers for many years to come."

A highlight of the new building is its state-of-the-art kitchen. Across the country, US Foods Kitchens welcome more than 10,000 restaurateurs each year who visit to collaborate on developing new menu items so they can ensure profitability and popularity for their own diners. This facility, known as the Jackson Division, features a demonstration kitchen stocked with culinary tools, the latest A/V equipment and menu development software, allowing for training and product testing. Other notable facility features include temperature-controlled zones for optimal food safety, a significantly increased selection of fresh produce and products and two produce ripening rooms.

The new distribution center was built after the original location was destroyed by a tornado last April. Now, more than a year later, US Foods has reconstructed a bigger and better facility that allows them to continue to support and service its Jackson and New Orleans area customers.



“This past year has been all about rebuilding, and we couldn’t have done it without help from our community,” said Smith. “The support that we’ve received just reinforces what we already knew – Flowood is one of the best business communities in the country.”

US Foods is also bringing its expertise from working with more than 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators across the country to its customers in the Jackson and New Orleans areas. With more than 150 years of experience in the foodservice industry, US Foods has a unique understanding of the needs of today’s chefs and restaurateurs. The company’s vision and passion for innovation drives some of the most popular items on menus today and technology applications that have pioneered in the industry. To learn more about US Foods and its product offerings, visit [www.usfoods.com](http://www.usfoods.com). You can also like us on **Facebook**, follow us on **Twitter** and watch our chefs in action on **YouTube**.

## ABOUT US FOODS

US Foods, Inc. is a large foodservice distributor serving chefs and foodservice operators across the country. Its customers include independent and multi-unit restaurants, healthcare and hospitality entities, government and educational institutions. The company employs approximately 25,000 people in 61 locations nationwide. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill.

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