Mantiqueira USA acquires Hickmanâ??s Egg Ranch

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Mantiqueira USA (MTQ USA) announced it has entered a binding agreement to acquire Hickmanâ??s Egg Ranch, a leading egg producer based in the Mountain and West Coast regions and ranked among the top 20 egg companies in the United States. The acquisition marks a significant milestone in MTQ USAâ??s launch and its long-term strategy to build a strong, scalable presence in the U.S. egg market.

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â??Expanding into the United States has long been a vision for our family, and taking this step through the acquisition of Hickmanâ??s makes this moment especially meaningful,â?• said Leandro Pinto, Founder of Mantiqueira. â??Hickmanâ??s is a respected leader with a legacy of quality and service. Combining their deep industry expertise with our global experience positions MTQ USA for long-term success.â?•

The transaction is expected to close by the end of the year, pending customary closing conditions. Murilo Scarpa Pinto serves as President of MTQ USA.

â??Launching MTQ USA through this acquisition creates a strong foundation built on complementary strengths,â?• said Murilo Scarpa Pinto, President, MTQ USA. â??Hickmanâ??s heritage, quality, and customer relationshipsâ??paired with global experience, resources and scaleâ??give us the ability to provide exceptional service and grow with purpose. We are committed to honouring Hickmanâ??s legacy while driving new opportunities for our customers and team members.â?•

Wesley Batista Filho, JBS USA CEO, emphasised the strategic importance of this move in the U.S. protein landscape.

â??This acquisition is an important milestone for JBS in the United States, expanding our presence into a new and complementary protein category,â?• said Wesley Batista Filho, CEO, JBS USA. â??By partnering with the Pinto Family through MTQ USA, we are creating strong synergies that will enhance collaboration, improve efficiency, and accelerate innovation. Hickmanâ??s brings decades of experience and credibility in the American egg industry, and together we see significant opportunity to deliver more value to customers across the country.â?•

The acquisition of Hickmanâ??s represents MTQ USAâ??s formal entry into the U.S. market and reinforces the companyâ??s commitment to collaboration, diversification, and meeting evolving customer needs.