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## Quality Foods Distributing and Market Day Foods Join Forces to Expand Local/Regional Food Distribution

[Bozeman, MT] – Two Bozeman, Montana companies - Quality Foods Distributing, LLC (QFD) and Market Day Foods, Inc (MDF) - have joined forces to expand the distribution of local and regional foods in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. On May 1, 2015, Market Day Foods became a division of Quality Foods Distributing, with an exclusive focus on locally/regionally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as ranch-raised beef, bison, pork, lamb, and poultry.

According to QFD President, Randy Lindberg, "Market Day Foods expertise in fresh produce and meats adds significant value to QFD's well-established line of natural, organic, and sustainably-produced specialty food products. Together, our two companies are poised to offer a wide-ranging selection of local, healthy foods to area businesses with the ease and convenience they are accustomed to from larger distributors."

Market Day Foods co-founder, Mariann Van Den Elzen adds, "As our sales of local farm produce have grown over the past three years, we have been looking for the right partner to help us expand our distribution network. We're excited because QFD has a tremendous amount of experience in food transportation and logistics and also shares Market Day Foods' commitment to supporting small to mid-size farms and ranches within our region."

"We believe in sourcing food from local farms and ranches," says Nova Café and Feed Café owner, Serena Rundberg, whose two Bozeman restaurants are known for using local products on their menus. "Together, QFD and MDF have the potential to make that a lot easier for us."

## About Quality Foods Distributing

Quality Foods Distributing, LLC offers grocery stores, restaurants, guest ranches, lodges, foodservice operations, and other customers a hand-picked collection of specialty products and sundries that are natural, organic, and sustainably-produced. Randy and Nancy Lindberg, QFD's founders and owners, have over 60 years experience in the natural foods distribution business. Randy's grandparents, Walter and Gladys Lindberg,

along with his father, Robert, founded the Lindberg Nutrition Service stores chain in Los Angeles in 1949.

## **About Market Day Foods**

Since its establishment in 2010 by co-owners Mariann Van Den Elzen and Sarah Alexander, Market Day Foods, Inc. has been sourcing and distributing locally grown foods from over 80 Montana farms, ranches, and small-scale food producers. Market Day Foods operated an online market for local customers while also expanding the distribution of local foods to restaurants and lodges throughout southwest Montana. Before founding Market Day Foods, Mariann was an organic farmer in Gallatin County, Montana.

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