



In Lathrop, it's time for solar sausages

- *Hormel Foods flips the switch for solar power at its Swiss American Sausage Company facility*
- *“This project supports our environmental sustainability goals”*

Pizza toppings are made out of many ingredients but now, in Lathrop, they're being made with solar power.

The Hormel Foods Swiss American Sausage Company plant in Lathrop is now making a variety of pepperoni and salami for foodservice pizza toppings with power from 2,000 solar panels installed on both the plant roof and on the ground. The project is projected to generate roughly 1.2 million kilowatt hours per year – enough to supply more than 15 percent of the plant's annual electricity consumption.

IGS Solar partnered with Holt Renewables LLC to install the solar array, which is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 288 metric tons per year,

equivalent to removing 61 cars from the road annually or avoiding burning over 314,000 pounds of coal.

“We are pleased to announce the completion of this project,” says Tom Raymond, director of environmental sustainability at Hormel Foods. “This project supports our environmental sustainability goals and is another example of our commitment and support of renewable energy.”

IGS Solar will own, operate and maintain the array. The company is assisting Hormel Foods to integrate solar generation into its energy portfolio while helping the company better control the long-term energy costs for its buildings.