



**STREMICKS HERITAGE FOODS BACKGROUNDER**  
*Real People Producing Real Products That is Good for You!*

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Stremicks Heritage Foods™ is a multi-generational, family-owned and family-run company based in Santa Ana, Calif., with more than 35 years of experience producing fresh dairy products. The company is a family in every sense of the word—rich in ideals, integrity, honesty, heritage, hard work, and growth.

The early stages of development began in 1988 when Lou Stremick, president and CEO, purchased Carnation Company's Dairy division in Los Angeles and changed its name to Main St. In 1990, Lou and a group of investors purchased Adohr Farms. Adohr Farms was founded in 1916 by Merritt and Rhoda (backwards, that's Adohr) Adamson, and became the world's largest milk producer. After a rich history that included Spanish land grants, a battle to overcome the Great Depression, and more than two decades of ownership by Southland Corporation, Adohr Farms was merged with Main St., in 1990 and became what is now Stremicks Heritage Foods (Heritage).

The newly named company quickly began to make significant business investments in state-of-the-art innovations for extended-shelf life for its products. They also built strategic partnerships to manufacture, bottle and distribute major brand products such as Coffee-mate, Nesquik and many others.

In 2001, Heritage's focus changed to meet the increasing demand for organic and "good for you" products with its first line of Heritage Organic Milk. This milk is produced with the strictest standards of organic quality in order to provide its customers with safe, flavorful organic milk that is created with respect for the environment. Raised under humane conditions, the cows that supply Heritage with organic milk are never treated with antibiotics or growth hormones and are fed only 100 percent certified organic cotton seed, hay and grain.

The company continued to expand its products by acquiring Kern's Beverages from Nestle in 2004—an exciting addition to its offerings made with quality whole fruits and juices. Kern's Beverages, with 18 whole-fruit Nectar flavors, works with growers from around the world to ensure it uses only the highest class fruit purees and all natural ingredients.

Corporate growth continued when Heritage completed the purchase of a majority ownership interest in Jasper Products LLC in 2007. The addition allowed Heritage to enhance its production capabilities and broaden its customer base and geography, resulting in an expanded presence in the branded food products industry and a greater focus on both extended shelf life and shelf-stable technology.

In April 2008, Heritage announced a long-term partnership with Disney to introduce new, healthy beverages for children. Its first beverage is a Disney-inspired Little Einsteins rBST hormone-free milk enriched with omega-3 DHA. This product will enable moms to provide their children with a highly

nutritional, wholesome and great-tasting beverage that children will have an immediate connection with and want to drink.

With more than 600 employees in Santa Ana and Riverside, Calif.; Cedar City, Utah; Joplin, Missouri; and Mexicali, Mexico, Heritage currently owns, co-packages or licenses numerous national brands including Heritage Little Einsteins-branded Milk with omega-3 DHA, Heritage Organic Milk rBST free with omega-3 DHA, Kern's Beverages, 8<sup>th</sup> Continent Soy Milk, Rice Dream and Soy Dream, NesQuik and many others.

Heritage continues to uphold its corporate mission to produce and sell the highest quality products at affordable prices for its customers to enjoy, while striving to build a future for sustainable family farming in order to encourage ecological diversity.

News and other updates from Heritage can be found on the Web site at [www.stremicksheritagefoods.com](http://www.stremicksheritagefoods.com).

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