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## Miller Manufacturing Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award

**Glencoe, MN – October 25, 2012:** The Glencoe Chamber of Commerce has awarded its 2012 Manufacturer of the Year award to Miller Manufacturing Company, a leading manufacturer and distributor of farm, ranch and pet products.

The award was presented at a ceremony October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Miller facility in Glencoe, Minnesota by Glencoe Mayor Randy Wilson. Chamber President Dan Ehrke explained that the annual award is intended to showcase manufacturing in Glencoe. Keynote speakers were U.S. Congressman Collin Peterson and Paul Moe, Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Peterson said, “We have the most economically successful congressional district in the nation,” adding, “We make things here; we add value.” He praised the work force of Glencoe and McLeod County for their contribution to that success. “They know how to do things; they know how to work,” he said.

Miller Manufacturing CEO Dan Ferrise explained that the Minnesota JOBZ program was a factor in the company’s decision to relocate to Glencoe in 2005. “We were asked to add 11 jobs when we moved here, and we have now added 61,” Ferrise said. “We were asked to maintain 55, and are now at 105.” He said Miller has experienced 63 percent revenue growth since 2005, and has made capital investments of over \$4 million in the Glencoe community. The company will break ground this month on a 25,000-square-foot expansion, with an additional 60,000 square feet planned to be added in 2013.

Miller Manufacturing Company is a market-leading manufacturer, distributor and marketer of farm, ranch and pet products which are sold under the brand names of Little Giant<sup>®</sup>, Hot-Shot<sup>®</sup> Springer Magrath<sup>®</sup>, Double-Tuf<sup>™</sup> and Pet Lodge<sup>™</sup>. Today, Miller Manufacturing’s catalog features over 900 products which are sold through a large network of farm and animal health supply distributors in the United States and over 30 countries around the world. Miller Manufacturing started as a family-owned business in 1941 and today is owned and operated by Frandsen Corporation of North Branch, MN.

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