

## Hillshire Will Shutter Florence, Ala. Plant

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Hillshire Brands Co. officials say they plan to close the company's Florence plant, which employs about 1,100 people.

The company said in a statement that the plant is set to close on Dec. 30.

[The TimesDaily](#) [1] reports that the Florence plant includes cooking operations for breakfast sandwiches and breakfast sausages.

Tom Hayes, chief supply chain officer, said closing the Florence plant was a "very difficult" decision.

However, he said the company determined that it won't meet efficiency or long-term profit expectations.

Company officials said in the statement that the firm will provide severance and outplacement assistance to employees consistent with its company policies.

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