

ConAgra Expands Indiana Popcorn Plant

RENSSELAER, Ind. (AP) — ConAgra Foods says it will spend nearly \$9 million to expand its popcorn production operations in northwestern Indiana, where it expects to add up to 80 workers in the coming year.

ConAgra announced Wednesday it would spend the money on renovating and equipping its current facility in Rensselaer (ren-suh-LEER'). The Omaha, Nebraska-based company says it expects construction to start in August, with completion early next year.

The company also held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday for a new distribution center in the central Indiana city of Frankfort. ConAgra says the Frankfort center will have about 225 workers, including some 150 jobs being moved from a current distribution center in the nearby city of Lebanon.

ConAgra has about 1,100 workers in Indiana, including at other production facilities in Indianapolis and Brookston.

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