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HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — Ninety employees of a northeastern Pennsylvania plant will be laid off as part of a deal expected to become final in the first half of next year.

[The \(Hazleton\) Standard-Speaker](#) [1] reports that Archer Daniels Midland officials will offer severance benefits to the 90 cocoa processing workers.

Another 118 workers who make chocolate will transfer to the buyer, Cargill, which has yet to decide what will happen to the Hazleton plant.

Cargill spokesman Pete Stoddart told the paper in an email that the company "will work out the best way to design the combined operations."

As part of the \$440 million deal, Cargill will buy five other factories in Milwaukee, Ontario, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Germany.

Cargill also has a meat processing plant in Hazleton.

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