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Teasdale Strike Builds Support Nationally

BCTGM Local 1 (Chicago) Escalates Campaign for a Fair Contract as Strike against Teasdale Foods in Hoopeston, Ill. Enters Tenth Week

Workers on strike at Teasdale Foods in Hoopeston, Ill. are building support nationally as affiliates of the BCTGM International Union and national AFL-CIO join their effort to inform store managers and the general public about the strike.

The activists warn that any Teasdale bean products received by grocers which were produced at the Hoopeston, Ill. plant after June 1, 2025 are no longer being produced by experienced, skilled workers, and the Union cannot guarantee their quality.

“This phase of our negotiations is called ‘*Who’s Cooking the Beans?*,’” said BCTGM Local 1 President Don Woods. “We are now in the process of reaching out to grocers like Walmart, Kroger, Safeway, Target, Albertsons, Meijer and Aldi to inform them that their private label beans—such as Great Value, Dakota, Joan of Arc, B&G, Essential Simply Organic, Good & Gather, B&M, Happy Harvest, IGA, Casa Mamita and Simply Nature—as well as Teasdale labeled bean products from the Teasdale plant in Hoopeston, Ill., are now being produced by unskilled, underpaid replacement labor.”

TruArc Partners Connection to Union Pension Funds

The BCTGM International is also investigating whether TruArc Partners, the private equity company that owns Teasdale Latin Foods, has received any funding from union pension funds. Pension trust funds collect, hold and invest hard earned wages from union members to hold in a trust to fund their retirements. “Following investigation, we will determine if an additional campaign is necessary to start informing union pension funds of how Teasdale treats its workforce in Hoopeston—and the ways in which TruArc is potentially complicit in the situation,” Woods asserts.

Local 1 members working for Teasdale Latin Foods in Hoopeston, Ill. went on strike over two months ago, on June 1, 2025. According to Woods, the Union made a fair and equitable offer to get its skilled workers back on the job on July 11th. “That effort was unfortunately rebuffed by Teasdale,” he said.

BCTGM Local 1 is the bargaining representative for production and maintenance employees working at the Teasdale Latin Foods’ canning facility in Hoopeston. The union workers can, pack and distribute a wide variety of processed conventional non-organic and organic beans under the Teasdale brand, as well as under store brands including Walmart, Giant, Aldi and Jewel. More information about the union and the strike can be found at bctgm.org.

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