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## Crisco® Pie & Baking Hotline Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Online Extension

Live Experts Help Tackle Any Holiday Baking Challenge

**ORRVILLE, Ohio (November 23, 2015)** – For those seeking pie crust advice or cookie tips, the **Crisco®** Pie & Baking Hotline is back to help home bakers master their favorite desserts once and for all. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hotline and for the first time, live baking experts will be available through online chat at <a href="www.piehotline.com">www.piehotline.com</a>.

"The holidays are all about gathering around the table with family and friends," said Maribeth Burns, Vice President, Corporate Communications, The J.M. Smucker Company. "For the last decade, the **Crisco** Pie & Baking Hotline experts have been there to help make seasonal baking a little easier and offer advice to wow guests with delicious desserts."

According to a recent **Crisco** survey, conducted by Toluna<sup>1</sup>, 52% of those surveyed think the hardest part of baking a pie is making the crust from scratch followed by knowing exactly how long to bake it (20%) and perfecting the filling (18%). Baking from scratch doesn't have to be a guessing game! The experts at the **Crisco** Pie & Baking Hotline offer guidance, inspiration and simple tips to ensure home bakers create delicious desserts this holiday season. Along with its new online chat, the hotline offers a Spanish version, as well as tips and tricks from popular baking bloggers Jamie Lothridge from My Baking Addiction, and Yvette Marquez from My Bueno Cookbook.

## **Crisco Pie & Baking Hotline Hours of Operation\*:**

- Live baking experts can be reached year-round, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET by calling 1-877-367-7438.
- Live experts will be available through online chat at <a href="www.piehotline.com">www.piehotline.com</a> during the following days and times:
  - o November 16 25 from (8 a.m. 7 p.m. ET)
  - December 14 23 from (8 a.m. 7 p.m. ET)
- Extended calling hours are also offered:
  - November 16 25 (8 a.m. 8 p.m. ET)
  - December 14 23 (8 a.m. 7 p.m. ET)

For more information about the **Crisco** Pie & Baking Hotline or for additional tips, recipes and how-to videos, visit <u>www.piehotline.com</u>. Join the **Crisco** community on Facebook at <u>Facebook.com/Crisco</u> or on Pinterest at <u>Pinterest.com/criscorecipes</u>.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: Live experts are not available on Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Survey conducted by Toluna; September 2015; 1000 participants

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