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Del Taco Handcrafts New Ensaladas in House

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Eat Well With Del With Three New Salads Under 600 Calories Each

LAKE FOREST, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 09/02/15 -- Del Taco Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ: TACO), a leader in the Quick Service Restaurant category, invites guests to "Eat Well with Del" with its new Handcrafted Ensaladas. Prepared to order with quality ingredients including hand-sliced avocado, Del Taco's three new salads are all under 600 calories with dressing included. The expansion and innovation of the salad options are yet another step in the brand's continued commitment to provide guests with high quality, flavorful and UnFreshing Believable® menu items with Del Taco's convenience and price.

"Our Handcrafted Ensaladas are made-to-order in our restaurants' working kitchens using the freshest ingredients including our new fresh lettuce blend, sliced Hass avocado, handmade pico de gallo and fresh house-made tortilla chips," said John Cappasola, executive vice president and chief brand officer, Del Taco. "We're proud to introduce this new premium menu platform as part of our brand's continued mission to serve UnFreshing Believable food that our guests will love."

Available beginning on September 3, Del Taco's new Handcrafted Ensaladas include:

- **Chicken Bacon Avocado Salad:** features freshly grilled marinated chicken, fresh sliced Hass avocado, crispy hand-chopped bacon, handmade pico de gallo salsa, chopped cilantro, and fresh house-made tortilla chips atop a mix of fresh crisp romaine and iceberg lettuce. Served with new cilantro pepita ranch dressing and only 590 calories.
- **Mexican Chopped Chicken Salad:** include a fresh blend of romaine and iceberg lettuce topped with fresh sliced Hass avocado, handmade pico de gallo salsa, chopped cilantro, fresh house-made tortilla chips, spicy jack cheese, seasoned black beans and freshly grilled marinated chicken. Served with salsa casera and only

510 calories.

- **Signature Taco Salad:** features seasoned beef, freshly sliced Hass avocado, handmade pico de gallo salsa, cheddar cheese freshly grated from 40-pound blocks, chopped cilantro, seasoned black beans, fresh house-made tortilla chips and real sour cream on a mix of fresh crisp romaine and iceberg lettuce. Served with salsa casera and only 540 calories.

For a limited time guests can download a coupon for a free small drink with the purchase of a salad at www.deltaco.com/salads.

Each of Del Taco's new Handcrafted Ensaladas are served in eco-friendly containers made from recycled beverage bottles. These new salads provide guests with more fresh choices, following the recent addition of sliced avocado to the menu along with the success of several new product introductions including the Epic Grilled Chicken Avocado Burrito and new line of Fresca Bowls.

**Prices and participation may vary.*

About Del Taco Restaurants, Inc.

At Del Taco (NASDAQ: TACO) all menu items taste better because they are made to order with fresh ingredients including cheddar cheese grated from 40-pound blocks, handmade pico de gallo salsa, lard-free beans slow-cooked from scratch, fresh sliced avocado and marinated chicken grilled in the restaurant. The menu, which includes a full line of breakfast, includes classic Mexican dishes such as tacos, burritos, quesadillas and nachos as well as American favorites including hamburgers, crinkle-cut fries and shakes. Del Taco's UnFreshing Believable campaign communicates the lengths the company goes to in order to deliver quality, made-to-order menu items created with freshly-prepared ingredients at unbelievable prices. With nearly 550 restaurants in 16 states, Del Taco serves more than three million guests each week. In June 2015, Del Taco changed its name to Del Taco Restaurants, Inc. following the completion of its transition to a public company. Guests can receive coupons for free food by "liking" Del Taco on Facebook at www.facebook.com/deltaco or joining its Raving Fan eClub at www.DelTaco.com/RavingFan. For more information, please visit www.deltaco.com.

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