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## Del Taco Spices Up Breakfast With New Mexican Chorizo Sausage

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Free Hashbrown Sticks With Purchase of Two Chorizo Breakfast Tacos for a Limited Time\*\*

LAKE FOREST, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 03/21/16 -- **Del Taco** Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ: TACO) is spicing up its breakfast menu with the introduction of Mexican Chorizo Sausage, perfectly grilled in each restaurant's working kitchen until golden brown and juicy. The flavorful protein option is offered in three brand new breakfast items: the Chorizo Breakfast Taco (only \$1 on the Buck & Under Menu at Breakfast), the Chorizo Half Pounder Burrito and the Epic Chorizo Scrambler Burrito. Made from ground pork seasoned with a slightly spicy blend of special herbs and spices, Del Taco's new chorizo is yet another fresh forward move in bringing guests delicious, made-to-order menu items at an unbeatable value.

"Del Taco has been serving breakfast for more than 30 years due to our commitment to great-tasting, freshly prepared menu items offered at the best value in the category," said John Cappasola, executive vice president and chief brand officer. "We know that guests are looking for convenient value in the morning, but also want quality ingredients to choose from. Whether they're craving a new option on the Buck & Under Menu at Breakfast or a fully loaded Epic Burrito, our new Chorizo meets these needs as the traditional flavor works well across all of our breakfast platforms."

Available from 11:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.\*, Del Taco's grilled Mexican Chorizo Sausage is featured in three new breakfast items, starting as low as \$1 on the Buck & Under Menu at Breakfast,\*\* including:

- **Chorizo Breakfast Taco:** grilled chorizo sausage and scrambled eggs, topped with freshly grated cheddar cheese and served in a warm flour tortilla

- **Chorizo Half Pounder Burrito:** grilled chorizo sausage and scrambled eggs, freshly grated cheddar cheese, and red sauce served in a warm flour tortilla
- **Epic Chorizo Scrambler Burrito:** grilled chorizo sausage and scrambled eggs, freshly grated cheddar cheese, crispy hash browns, handmade pico de gallo, and red sauce served in a warm, oversized flour tortilla

In addition to Del Taco's introduction of Mexican Chorizo Sausage, restaurants are also pouring an even more flavorful Prima Java Coffee, which is medium bodied and has a smooth taste and sweet aroma. Guests can also wake up with Del Taco's new Prima Java Iced Coffee, featured on the Buck & Under Menu at Breakfast, for only \$1.\*\*

For a limited time, Del Taco invites guests to receive a free 5-piece crispy Hashbrown Sticks with the purchase of two Mexican Chorizo Sausage Breakfast Tacos.\*\*

*\*Hours may vary by location.*

*\*\*Price and participation may vary by location. No coupon necessary. Restrictions may apply.*

#### **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 and carne asada 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. Stay up to date by following Del Taco on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** or visit **www.deltaco.com** for more information.

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