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CORTLANDVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — A Syracuse-based dairy company has announced plans to build a yogurt plant in central New York, joining the growing number of yogurt producers in the upstate region.

Byrne Dairy announced Wednesday that it will build its plant and a visitor center at the Finger Lakes East Business Park in Cortlandville, 30 miles south of Syracuse. Byrne officials say they've signed an option with the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency to purchase the 127-acre park, pending state aid and other approvals.

The company hopes to start building the plant in mid-2013, with plans to later add a tourism and dairy education center. Byrne officials haven't said how many jobs would be created.

The family-owned company has three upstate manufacturing plants and 54 convenience stores in central and western New York.

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