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**MANN PACKING HIRES SENIOR DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC VEGETABLE OPERATIONS,  
SAFETY SUPERVISOR AND CROP PRODUCTION MANAGER**

**Salinas, Calif. – March 16, 2017 – Mann Packing** announced the hiring of Tim Short, Jim Rodger, and Josh Campo to the positions of senior director of strategic vegetable operations, safety supervisor and crop production manager, respectively.



Tim Short joins the company as senior director of strategic vegetable operations. Short will be responsible for maintaining relationships and a flow of communication with grower communities, primarily in California and Arizona, and will also track developments and opportunities in Mexico with Mann's director of international supply chain. In addition, Short will pursue further sourcing and production resources, focusing on the Southeast. Most recently, Short worked at Misionero Vegetables as GM of field operations. In that role, he was responsible for all growing and harvesting aspects of organic and conventional products. Previously, Short worked as director of leaf operations for Dole Fresh Vegetables.



Jim Rodger joins Mann's HR team as a safety supervisor. Rodger comes to the company from Lyons Magnus, where he worked in a safety capacity. Rodger's responsibilities extend to all of the company's facilities, including affiliate sites. He will lead the supervision and development of training programs for employees on safety policies, procedures, and regulations. Rodger is a Navy veteran and has a Bachelor degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University. He also holds an Associate Safety Professional (ASP) certification from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).



Josh Campo joins Mann’s in the position of crop manager - sugar snap peas. In this role, Campo will coordinate growing activities including, planting, irrigation, chemical application, harvesting, grading, and recordkeeping. He recently graduated from Cal Poly with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences. Campo has gained experience in GIS mapping, micro irrigation, scouting, sampling and related subsequent fertilization and pesticide applications. He hails from Patterson, California.

“These additions are a sign of our continued growth as a company. The roles will allow us to refine our programs, create new initiatives and continue to demonstrate strong industry leadership in produce,” said Lorri Koster, Mann’s chairman & CEO. “From industry veterans to recent college graduates, we are proud to bring these new members to the team,” added Koster.

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### **About Mann Packing Company**

Founded in 1939, Mann Packing is an industry leading, third-generation supplier of premium fresh vegetables. Headquartered in Salinas, California, Mann’s is one of the largest suppliers of western vegetables, Broccolini® and sugar snap peas in North America. The firm holds the distinguished Women’s Owned Business Certification from the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council - the most widely recognized and respected certification in the United States for women’s business enterprises. Leading the way in product innovation, environmental sustainability and green supply chain management practices, Mann Packing is consistently vigilant in food safety, employee wellness and quality assurance, making for one of the most trusted brands in the industry.