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MANN PACKING AWARDED BY SYSCO AS TOP SUPPLIER

Salinas, Calif. – October 19, 2016 – Sysco Corporation named Mann Packing one of its leading suppliers at the company's annual recognition event. Of more than 1,300 suppliers, Mann's was one of 18 honored at the ceremony in Houston, and one of only two that received recognition in two categories: Sysco's Gold Heritage Supplier Diversity Award and a Silver Award in the produce category.



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Representatives from Sysco presented the awards to Mann's executives. From left, Brian Sell, VP strategic sourcing & supplier management at Sysco, Bill Day, EVP merchandising & shared services at Sysco, Gina Nucci, director of corporate marketing/shareholder at Mann Packing, Lorri Koster, chairman & CEO/shareholder at Mann Packing, Rick Russo, EVP sales & marketing at Mann Packing, Tom Bene, EVP and president of foodservice operations at Sysco, and William Delaney, president & CEO at Sysco.

The Heritage Award is presented to the top minority or women-owned supplier partners who demonstrate excellence in the areas of sales growth through innovative and high quality products while effectively supporting SYSCO's operating companies and customers.

For the Silver Produce Supplier award, the company was judged for distinction across various service areas, including new products, sales growth, promotional support, and administrative efficiencies.

Company Chairman & CEO, Lorri Koster, said “We want to set the standard for innovation and quality in produce, and to be awarded in two categories is proof of the hard work and vision of our Sysco team.” Koster added, “I am so proud and thankful for this recognition. To be a women-owned produce company and stand out beside much larger, global companies is a real testament to our mission.”

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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.