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**MANN PACKING WINS MONTEREY COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL'S
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD IN AGRICULTURE**

SALINAS, Calif. – May 9, 2017 – Salinas-based [Mann Packing](#) is proud to announce that it is the recipient of the 2017 Business of the Year Award in Agriculture from the [Monterey County Business Council](#). The award was presented Friday, May 5th during the MCBC's 22nd Annual Gala and Economic Vitality Awards at the Hyatt Regency Monterey.

Mann's has evolved into an award-winning and well respected industry leader in agriculture with proven initiatives that bring innovative, fresh vegetable solutions to market. The company has a long track record of supporting its local community; fostering a progressive and family-friendly work environment; creating an array of one-of-a-kind products in produce; and educating consumers about the health benefits of eating fresh vegetables.

"Mann Packing exemplifies the innovative, fresh spirit of the Salinas Valley produce industry," said MCBC's President, MaryAnn Leffel. She continued, "They are constantly evolving with new products, packaging and ideas. The MCBC is proud to honor Mann's as our Agricultural Business of 2017."



Mann's 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.

"We are extremely proud that our commitment to leading a values-based business is being recognized by the MCBC," said Lorri Koster, Mann's Chairman & CEO. "As a medium-sized company doing big things, our collective goal has always been to innovate in the products we offer and contribute to the community in which we work," added Koster.

Mann's products can be found at over 21,000 retailers across North America (notable customers include Walmart, Safeway, Target, Whole Foods, Loblaws and Kroger). It also has a robust foodservice business, which includes partners in the U.S. and Canada.

Mann's can be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For more information on the company, visit its new website at veggiesmadeeasy.com.

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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.