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Nominations Now Being Accepted for the 2016 Women in Produce Honoree

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 18, 2016) – Held each year in conjunction with the United Fresh convention and expo, the Reception Honoring Women in Produce recognizes the contributions of all women working in the produce industry, and selects one individual to share their personal experience of service. The featured speaker is selected from nominations submitted by United Fresh members across the industry and reviewed by a committee of her peers, including honorees from the past 19 years.

“Each year we see an abundance of qualified women nominated for this honor.” said United Fresh President and CEO Tom Stenzel. “The women in our industry continue to lift eachother up and we all look forward to the opportunity to celebrate their advances and achievements annually at the Reception Honoring Women in Produce.”

This 2016 honoree will join a distinguished group women including:

- Dan’l Mackey Almy, DMA Solutions, Inc.
- Tonya Antle, Tanimura & Antle
- Frieda Caplan, Frieda’s, Inc.
- Karen Caplan, Frieda’s, Inc.
- Margaret D’Arrigo, Taylor Farms, Inc.
- Jan DeLyser, California Avocado Commission
- Jan Fleming, Strube Celery & Vegetable Company
- Janice Honigberg, Sun Belle, Inc.
- Lorri Koster, Mann Packing Company
- Kathleen Nave, California Table Grape Commission
- Lisa McNeece Miceli, Grimmway Enterprises Inc.
- Teri Miller, Delhaize America
- Dr. Martha Rhodes-Roberts, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
- Steffanie Smith, Andrew Smith Company
- Heather Shavey, Costco Wholesale
- Mayda Sotomayor-Kirk, Seald Sweet International
- Rosemary Talley, Talley Farms
- Jenney Tenney, The Kroger Company
The Reception Honoring Women in Produce is one of the most popular networking events at the United Fresh annual convention. Nominations for the 2016 honoree are now being accepted. The nomination period will close on April 5, 2016. Tickets for the Reception Honoring Women in Produce are required, and are included in the United Fresh 2016 convention package or All Access Package. For more information about the reception, contact Angela Tiwari, United Fresh Director, Grassroots and Political Action, at atiwari@unitedfresh.org or 202-303-3416.

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**About United Fresh Produce Association**

Founded in 1904, the United Fresh Produce Association brings together companies across every segment of the fresh produce supply chain, including growers, shippers, fresh cut processors, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, foodservice operators, industry suppliers and allied associations. We empower industry leaders to shape sound government policy. We deliver the resources and expertise companies need to succeed in managing complex business and technical issues. We provide the training and development individuals need to advance their careers in produce. Through these endeavors, we unite our industry with a common purpose – to build long-term value for our members and grow produce consumption.