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United Fresh Congratulates Sonny Perdue on Appointment

Former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue Named U. S. Secretary of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 24, 2017) – United Fresh praised the action of the U.S. Senate as they confirmed the nomination of former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to be the next Secretary of Agriculture. Governor Perdue was confirmed today by a vote of 87-11. United Fresh’s Senior Vice President for Public Policy Robert Guenther made the following statement:

“United Fresh congratulates Secretary Perdue on his confirmation today by the full Senate. USDA has been without a leader for far too long, and this confirmation will allow forward progress on issues impacting our industry. Secretary Perdue will play a critical role working on issues important to the fresh fruit and vegetable industry including the 2018 Farm Bill debate, immigration reform, research, trade, and nutrition. As Governor of Georgia, Sonny Perdue was a great friend to the fresh fruit and vegetable industry and we look forward to working with him once again to ensure all Americans have access to healthy, nutritious foods.”

In addition, United Fresh Board member, Bill Brim of Lewis Taylor Farms of Tipton, Georgia stated, “I’ve known and worked with Sonny Perdue for many years and I know what a dedicated public servant he is. I also know that he really understands and appreciates the value of the fresh produce industry to this country. I’m confident that he’ll do everything he can to work with United Fresh and all of our industry to help us meet the many challenges and opportunities we have before us; his confirmation as Secretary of Agriculture is a great development for the entire fresh fruit and vegetable production chain.”

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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.