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United Fresh Applauds Congressional Support for Farm Bill

The United Fresh Produce Association applauds the House and Senate for approving a Farm Bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. Today, the House voted on the Farm Bill 369-47 and the Senate voted on the legislation yesterday with a vote of 87-13. The Farm Bill will now go to the President for his signature. As part of this Farm Bill, the fresh produce industry secured major victories around increasing access to fresh produce in federal nutrition programs, breaking down trade barriers, focusing additional resources towards research priorities, and combating pest and disease challenges. Overall, the Farm bill represents over \$3 billion in resources and policy changes dedicated to these and other important programs targeted by the fresh produce industry.

Robert Guenther, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for United Fresh offered the following comment:

“United Fresh applauds the House and Senate for the passage of a Farm Bill that includes the priorities of United Fresh and our members. We thank Congress for approving this legislation and we are proud that it has strong bipartisan and bicameral support. The Agriculture Improvement Act is vital to the ability of the fresh produce industry to ensure Americans have access to nutritious foods. We look forward to the President signing the bill before the conclusion of the 115th Congress.”

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About United Fresh Produce Association

Founded in 1904, the United Fresh Produce Association serves companies at the forefront of the global fresh and fresh-cut produce industry, including growers, shippers, fresh-cut processors, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, foodservice operators, industry suppliers and allied associations. From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., United Fresh and its members work year-round to make a difference for the produce industry by driving policies that increase consumption of fresh produce, shaping critical legislative and regulatory action, providing scientific and technical leadership in food safety, quality assurance, nutrition and health, and developing educational programs and business opportunities to assist member companies in growing successful businesses. For more information, visit www.unitedfresh.org or call 202-303-3400.