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Innovation Award Winners Announced at United Fresh 2018

CHICAGO, IL (June 27, 2018) – Seven Produce Innovation Award Winners were recognized today at United Fresh 2018 – the single destination event for the total fresh supply chain. This year’s honorees were selected by show attendees from a total of 36 contestants across seven categories: Best New Food Safety Solution; Best New Fruit Product; Best New Packaging; Best New Packing/Processing Equipment; Best New Vegetable Product; and two new categories for 2018: Best New Indoor Growing Technology and Best New Field Technology.

“This year’s Innovation Awards winners won from a field of excellent and qualified competitors,” said United Fresh’s Vice President of Convention & Industry Collaboration John Toner. “The exceptional creativity of these seven winners helped them stand out at United Fresh 2018, the home of fresh produce innovation.”

“Innovation starts at United Fresh,” said Tom Stenzel, United Fresh’s President & CEO. “The innovation of our member companies shape the entire produce industry and show attendees have the unique opportunity to see that ingenuity up close at United Fresh. Congratulations to this year’s winners and thank you to all participants for showcasing your creativity.”

The 2018 Produce Innovation Awards Winners:

Best New Food Safety Solution: Natures Natural Solutions LLC, Industrial Size Food Freshness Card

Best New Fruit Product: Apeel Sciences, Apeel

Best New Packaging: Mucci Farms, CuteCumber Poppers

Best New Packing/Processing Equipment: Volm Companies, Inc., Volmpack Pouch Bagger

Best New Vegetable Product: Mastronardi Produce / SUNSET, SUNSET® Aloha™ Peppers

Best New Indoor Growing Technology: IUNU, Luna

Best New Field Technology: Food-Origins, Food Origins Data Collection Platform

For more information about the United Fresh Innovation Awards competition contact [John Toner](#), Vice President, Convention & Industry Collaboration, at 202-303-3424.

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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.