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Tanimura & Antle named Agricultural Employer of the Year

Spreckels, California, May 2, 2008 - On April 8, 2008, the Arizona Interagency Farmworker's Coalition (AIFC) honored Tanimura & Antle Fresh Foods, Inc. as the "Agricultural Employer of the Year." Brian Antle, Manager of the company's Baby Green Harvest Operations, and Larry Silva, Director of Human Resources, accepted the award on behalf of Tanimura & Antle. Anna Maria Chavez, the Deputy Chief of Staff Office for Governor Janet Napolitano, presented the award.

The purpose of the AIFC's "Outstanding Service to Farmworkers" awards is to recognize those individuals, organizations, and employers who have contributed to the improvement of the quality of Arizona farmworkers.

Tanimura & Antle was nominated by Yuma, Arizona's Department of Economic Security in large part because of the company's H-2A program. Tanimura & Antle's efforts in providing quality housing to its H-2A workers in Yuma, in addition to the company's decision to pay all Arizona and California harvest workers the base rate of \$9.20 per hour when only obligated to pay this increased rate to the H-2A workers in California, was found noteworthy in the nomination statement: "Creating with this an exemplary method of how the H-2A Program can be used with excellence taking into account their workers' needs, T&A has gone above and beyond the U.S. Department of Labor requirements and regulations. They have contributed to the improvement of quality of life of Arizona farmworkers."

Tanimura & Antle was also nominated because of its commitment to provide a comprehensive package of benefits to its employees, including seasonal employees, that includes: medical, dental, vision, and life insurance; a 401(k) retirement and profit sharing plan; a cost free Employee Assistance Program (EAP); a child care facility at its Salinas operations; an innovative safety incentive program; paid orientations and training; paid holidays, paid jury leave and bereavement leave; and service bonuses and end of season incentive pay.

The Yuma Department of Economic Security had a four-page nomination form that they submitted reviewing the Tanimura & Antle's history and community involvement that ended by saying the following: "... Tanimura & Antle have proven to be an exemplary company who set the example of high standards for their product and above all how to treat their employees. DES Employment Service has had a close working relationship with T&A for many years. We feel confident referring employees to them knowing that they will be well treated. It is a joy to work with a company with such high professional standards."

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Tanimura & Antle is an industry leader whose commitment to premium quality produce has remained strong since its formation in 1982. The Tanimura & Antle families combined more than 50 years of experience and knowledge to establish a produce company unrivaled in its quality products, innovation and dedication to growers, customers, consumers and employees. Today, Tanimura & Antle farms and ships a full line of premium fresh produce products through North America, Europe and Asia.