

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## CPMA announces the 2022 Passion for Produce participants

March 22, 2022 (OTTAWA, ON) –The Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) is proud to announce the participants for the 2022 Passion for Produce (PFP) Program in Montreal. As an added value to membership, PFP was created by CPMA in 2010 to provide rising stars in the produce industry with the opportunity to accelerate their professional development through a unique mentoring experience at the Annual Convention and Trade Show.

"We are thrilled to have so many rising stars from some of the leading companies within our industry" said Ron Lemaire, President, CPMA. "PFP provides mentoring and education in a fast-paced but fun setting where participants learn through targeted mentoring sessions and networking events. This program also gives participants the opportunity to increase their knowledge beyond the scope of their current role within the industry."

Over the three-day Convention and Trade Show, PFP candidates are partnered with industry mentors for interactive sessions, networking events, and more to learn all they can about the fresh produce industry in Canada. PFP participates gain knowledge through first-hand experiences, discussions, and networking that empowers them to return to work with an enriched understanding and renewed enthusiasm for the produce industry. Candidates develop lasting relationships with mentors, fellow candidates, and other industry leaders that will guide them through their careers.

CPMA is proud to announce the 2022 Passion for Produce participants:



Sarah Aouaz Metro Inc.



Nathan Couvillon Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers



Ezio Bondi Bondi Produce & Specialty Foods



Alexa Hambly Gwillimdale Farms



Myles Coueffin Oppy



Samantha Hawi Mucci Farms





Madison Hopper Equifruit Inc



Charlotte Mc Innes Metro Inc.



**Greg Palmer** Costco Wholesale Canada



Anthony Suppa Burnac Produce



Kate Isaacson Fresh Direct Produce



Katrina McMorrow Global Citrus Group



Lauren Pelletier Star Produce Ltd.



Jennifer Taylor Loblaw Companies Limited



Jessica Levac naturSource Inc



**Ty Nielsen** Driscoll's Inc.



Elena Pitsikoulis Canadawide



Mitchell Werry Star Produce Inc.

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## About the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA):

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada. CPMA is fortunate to represent a sector that is both a significant economic driver for communities and that also improves the health and productivity of Canadians.