

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Event summary for 2022 CPMA Convention and Trade Show**

April 11, 2022 (Ottawa, ON) – The 2022 Canadian Produce Marketing Association Convention and Trade Show (CPMA 2022) was a resounding success with over **3600** registrants representing the entire produce supply chain.

Exhibitors from over **270** companies accounted for 53,500 square feet of booth space on the Trade Show floor. Among those were **131** international exhibitors, **144** Canadian exhibitors (including **44** exhibitors from Quebec), and **77** first-time exhibitors. The 2022 New Product Showcase included **69** products from **49** different companies.

CPMA would particularly like to congratulate the winners of this year's awards. The following individuals and companies earned honours at this year's event:

- Fresh Health Award –Gwillimdale Farms
- Young professional Award Stewart Lapage, The Oppenheimer Group
- Lifetime Achievement Award Alain Routhier, Courchesne Larose Ltd.
- The Packer's Produce Person of the Year Award Mimmo Franzone, Longo Brothers Fruit Markets Inc.

#### **Best Booth Awards**

- Best Island Booth Award –Mucci Farms (booth 1615)
- Best Inline Booth Award Ponderosa Mushrooms (booth 701)
- Best First-Time Exhibitor Booth Award
  – ALLWays Local produce (booth 1821)

### **New Product Showcase Awards**

- Best New Product Award Simple Sides by Highline Mushrooms
- Best Snackable Product Award Salted Hot Cocoa Nut Mix by Natursource Inc.
- Packaging Innovation Award ReadyCycle® sustainable packaging by Sambrailo Packaging
- New Technology Award
  — Open Plastics Project by The Star Group
- Organics Award Natural Organics Grape Tomatoes by Mucci Farms

To view photos of all award winners, click here.

CPMA thanks all sponsors, volunteers, exhibitors and attendees for making this event possible and looks forward to welcoming everyone in Toronto, Ontario, **April 25-27, 2023**.

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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.