

Center for Produce Safety Receives \$250,000 in Support from Sysco Corporation

WOODLAND, Calif. — The Center for Produce Safety (CPS) today announced that it has received a \$250,000 commitment over the next five years from Sysco Corporation, a leading global foodservice distributor. The pledge is part of the Campaign for Produce Safety that was publicly launched in September, in which CPS set a goal of raising \$20 million to fund critically needed, actionable produce safety research.

“At Sysco, we recognize that we play an important role in supplying safe foodservice items to our customers,” said Rich Dachman, Sysco’s vice president of produce. “Our alignment with and support for the Center for Produce Safety affirms our commitment to continuously understand and improve the delivery of safe produce that consumers throughout the world can enjoy. It also reinforces our vision to be our customers’ most valued and trusted business partner.”

“Sysco’s participation in the Campaign exemplifies the breadth of the impact of CPS,” said Stephen Patricio, CPS’s chairman who also heads the Campaign for Produce Safety. “Consumers must have faith in the safety of fruits, vegetables and tree nuts from field to fork. Sysco’s support of CPS has been a strength since our inception, allowing engagement with the finest research scientists and universities around the world. We thank Sysco for their leadership.”

Following is the list of all Campaign for Produce Safety contributors as of November 30, 2015. To become a contributor, contact Bonnie Fernandez-Fenaroli, Executive Director, Center for Produce Safety at (530) 554-9706 or bonnie@centerforproducesafety.org.

Contribution of \$1,000,000+

Produce Marketing Association *
Taylor Farms *

Contribution of \$500,000 - \$999,999

California Fresh Fruit Association
Dole

Contribution of \$250,000 - \$499,999

Agricola El Toro
California Melon Research Board * & California Cantaloupe Advisory Board *
Georgia Pacific *
Sysco Corporation
Tanimura & Antle *
The Wonderful Company

Contribution of \$100,000 - \$249,999

GreenGate Fresh
JV Smith Companies *
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Pacific International Marketing
Western Precooling Systems
Church Brothers / True Leaf Farms
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International Paper *
Castellini / Club Chef *
Driscoll’s *
Florida Tomato Committee *

Freshway Foods
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Contribution up to \$99,999

Loblaw Companies Limited
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Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Monsanto Company *
Pasquinelli Produce Company
Rice Fruit Company

Please note that companies and organizations distinguished by an asterisk have given not only to the CPS Campaign for Produce Safety, but also to past CPS fundraising efforts.

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About Sysco

Sysco is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other customers who prepare meals away from home. Its family of products also includes equipment and supplies for the foodservice and hospitality industries. The company operates 194 distribution facilities serving approximately 425,000 customers. For fiscal year 2015 that ended June 27, 2015, the company generated sales of more than \$48 billion. For more information, visit www.sysco.com or connect with Sysco on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SyscoCorporation or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Sysco>.

About CPS

The Center for Produce Safety (CPS) is focused exclusively on providing the produce industry and government with open access to the actionable information needed to continually enhance the safety of produce. Established by public and private partnership at the University of California, Davis, initial funding for CPS was provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the University of California, Produce Marketing Association and Taylor Farms. Ongoing administrative costs are covered by the Produce Marketing Association enabling industry and public funds to go exclusively to research.

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