

News Release

SYSCO Honors McCain Snack Foods as '2004 Supplier of the Year'

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National Dairy Brands Wins Top Horizon Award Honor Carla's Pasta Leads Inaugural Heritage Award Recipients Five 2004 Premier Carriers Recognized

SYSCO Corporation (NYSE:SYY), North America's largest foodservice marketer and distributor, today announced McCain Snack Foods (Oak Brook, IL) has been named as the company's 2004 Supplier of the Year. The honor was presented at SYSCO's 10th Annual Supplier Recognition Awards Ceremony in Houston. This is the first year McCain Snack Foods has won the Supplier of the Year honor and its 10th consecutive year as a member of SYSCO's Top 100 Suppliers. In addition to McCain Snack Foods, the 2004 Gold Partner suppliers, in order, included Advanced Food Company, Prairie Packaging Inc., Ventura Foods LLC, Heritage, McCormick and Company, Appetizers And Inc., Campbell's Soup Company, Dixie Foodservice and Pactiv Corporation. The fiscal 2004 Supplier Recognition Awards Ceremony recipients were selected from a group of approximately 3,000 eligible suppliers located across the world. All finalists were selected based on input from SYSCO's broadline distribution companies in the United States and Canada and the company's corporate merchandising services and supply chain services departments.

The Gold Medal 2004 Horizon Award, an honor recognizing a supplier and a SYSCO business center for superior performance in bringing an innovative new product to market, was presented to National Dairy Brands (Wellington, FL) and SYSCO's Dairy department for their efforts in the successful launch of Wholesome Farms Supreme Liquid Gold Clarified Butter, an instant use, 100 percent Grade AA unsalted butter developed and offered exclusively by SYSCO. Cargill Meat Solutions and SYSCO's Pork department were Silver Medalists in the Horizon Award competition for their White Marble Farms Supreme Fresh Premium Pork and the Bronze honor was presented to Schwan's Foodservice and SYSCO's Convenience department for their efforts in bringing the Arrezzo Take & Bake Pizza to market.

In addition, three companies received SYSCO's First Annual Heritage Award, which recognizes the top Women and Minority Owned Businesses that supply SYSCO Brand products. This year's recipients included Gold Medalist Carla's Pasta (South Windsor, CT), Silver Medalist Renaissance Man Foodservice (Savannah, GA) and Bronze Medalist All Round Foods (Plainview, NY).

During the ceremony SYSCO also presented five 2004 Supply Chain Premier Carrier awards from a group of approximately 800 eligible carriers across the United States and Canada. Recipients included Schulz Transportation Services, Inc. (Lincoln, NE/Southwest Region), Sundown Express, Inc. (Roanoke, VA/Northeast Region), Lessors, Inc. (Prior Lake, MN/Southeast Region), Veteran's Truck Line (Burlington, WI/Midwest Region) and Miller Brothers Company, Inc. (Hyrum, UT/Western Region).

SYSCO is the largest foodservice marketing and distribution organization in North America. For the fiscal year ended July 3, 2004 the company reported sales of \$29.3 billion. SYSCO provides food and related products and services to approximately 400,000 restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other foodservice customers throughout the United States and Canada. For more information about SYSCO visit the company's Internet home page at www.sysco.com.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

1. McCain Snack Foods (Appleton, WI)
2. Advance Food Company (Oklahoma City, OK)
3. Prairie Packaging Inc. (Bedford Park, IL)
4. Ventura Foods, LLC (City of Industry, CA)
5. Heritage (Carrollton, TX)
6. McCormick & Company (Sparks, MD)
7. Appetizers And Inc. (Chicago, IL)
8. Campbell's Soup Company (Camden, NJ)
9. Dixie Foodservice (Atlanta, GA)
10. Pactiv Corporation (Lake Forest, IL)

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

11. Starbucks Coffee Company (Seattle, WA)
12. American Italian Pasta Company (Excelsior, MO)
13. Ore-Cal Corporation (Los Angeles, CA)
14. Ecolab (St. Paul, MN)
15. Tyson Prepared Foods (Springdale, AR)
16. Kraft Foods, Inc. - Foodservice (Glenview, IL)
17. Continental Mills (Seattle, WA)
18. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (Pittsburg, TX)
19. Carla's Pasta Inc. (South Windsor, CT)
20. Sugar Foods Corporation (Sun Valley, CA)
21. Rich Products Corporation (Buffalo, NY)
22. Avomex Inc. (Keller, TX)
23. Perdue Farms Incorporated (Brentwood, TN)
24. Sturm Foods Inc. (Dallas, TX)
25. Alden Merrell/Diane's Division of H.J. Heinz Co.(Pittsburgh, PA)
26. Alpha Baking Company (Indianapolis, IN)
27. ConAgra Culinary Foodservice Company (Omaha, NE)
28. Solo Cup Company (Highland Park, IL)
29. Tyson Poultry (Springdale, AR)
30. Heinz North America (Pittsburgh, PA)
31. Pierre Foods (Cincinnati, OH)
32. Libbey Inc. (Toledo, OH)
33. PanaPesca USA Corporation (Pembroke, MA)
34. Orca Bay Seafoods, Inc. (Seattle, WA)
35. Sugardale Foods (Massillon, OH)
36. Cargill Dressings, Sauces and Oils (Minneapolis, MN)
37. The Sterno Group - Division of Candle Corporation of America (Des Plaines, IL)
38. Cottage Bakery, Inc. (Lodi, CA)
39. Kellogg's Food Away From Home (Elmhurst, IL)
40. Dean Foods (Dallas, TX)

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

- A. Duda & Sons, Inc. (Salinas, CA)
- Alpha Chemical Services Inc. (Stoughton, MA)
- American Pride Seafoods (New Bedford, MA)
- Anco Fine Cheese (Fairfield, NJ)
- Arthur Schuman Inc. (Fairfield, NJ)
- Atlantic Mills Inc. (Lakewood, NJ)
- Azar Nut Company (El Paso, TX)
- Barber Foods (Westbrook, ME)
- Blount Seafood Corp. (Warren, RI)
- Border Foods, Inc. (Deming, NM)

Bright Harvest Sweet Potato Co./Kerr Industries (Clarksville, AR)
Brooklace (Westhaven, CT)
Burger Maker Inc. (Carlstadt, NJ)
Cargill Meat Solutions (Wayzata, MN)
Cargill Meat Solutions - Fresh (Wichita, KS)
C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc. (San Antonio, TX)
Continental Commercial Products LLC
Custom Food Products (Oswego, IL)
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (Kansas City, MO)
Eagle Family Foods (West Hills, CA)
Ember Farms (Arnold, PA)
Fattorie Giacobazzi (Nonantola (Modena), Italy)
Fimcor International Inc./IQF del Peru (Tracy, CA)
Fiorucci Foods Inc. (Colonial Heights, VT)
Foremost Farms, USA (Baraboo, WI)
Gold Kist Inc. (Atlanta, GA)
Hillandale Farms of Iowa (New Hampton, IA)
Holten Meat Inc. (Sauget, IL)
HP Hood LLC (Braintree, MA)
International Pacific Seafoods, Inc. (South El Monte, CA)
Italian Rose, Inc. (Riviera Beach, FL)
Julian Freirich Company, Inc. (Long Island City, NY)
Kickapoo Valley Cheese (Sherry, WI)
Klement's Sausage Company (Milwaukee, WI)
Lawrence Foods (Elk Grove Village, IL)
Lower Foods Inc. (Richmond, UT)
Lyons Magnus (Fresno, CA)
Mitsui Foods, Inc. (Norwood, NJ)
National Dairy Brands, LLC (Wellington, FL)
New Zealand Lamb Cooperative Inc. (Wilton, CT)
Norseland, Incorporated (Lake Kiowa, TX)
Northwest Packing Co. (Hollister, CA)
Peco Foods, Inc. (Tuscaloosa, AL)
Portion Pac L.P., Division of H. J. Heinz Co. (Mason, OH)
Producers Rice Mill, Inc. (Stuttgart/AR)
Renaissance Man Foodservice (Savannah, GA)
Roland Marketing Inc. (Fridley, MN)
Rose Packing Company (Barrington, IL)
Roth Kase USA Ltd. (Monroe, WI)
Sun Orchard Inc. (Tempe, AZ)
Sun Rich Fresh Foods Inc. (Richmond, BC Canada)
Swift & Company (Greeley, CO)
Tanimura & Antle, Inc. (Salinas, CA)
The Dannon Company (Tarrytown, NY)
Townsend, Inc. (Georgetown, DE)
Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. (Dakota Dunes, SD)
Unilever Foodsolutions (Lisle, IL)
Wells' Dairy, Inc. (Le Mars, IA)
WNA (Covington, KY)
WW Johnson Meat Co. (Minneapolis, MN)

HORIZON AWARD WINNERS

Gold

National Dairy Brands (Wellington, FL) and SYSCO's Dairy department

Silver

Cargill Meat Solutions-Fresh (Wichita, KS) and SYSCO's Pork Department

Bronze

Schwan's Foodservice and SYSCO's Convenience Department

HERITAGE AWARD WINNERS

Gold

Carla's Pasta (South Windsor, CT)

Silver

Renaissance Man Foodservice (Savannah, GA)

Bronze

All Round Foods (Plainview, NY)

SUPPLY CHAIN PREMIER CARRIER AWARDS

Midwest Region

Veteran's Truck Line, Inc. (Burlington, WI)

Northeast Region

Sundown Express, Inc. (Roanoke, VA)

Southeast Region

Lessors, Inc. (Prior Lake, MN)

Southwest Region

Schulz Transportation Services, Inc. (Lincoln, NE)

Western Region

Miller Brothers Company, Inc. (Hyrum, UT)

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