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Raising the Food Safety Bar for Massachusetts Food Purveyors

Boston, May 2015; Consistent with their ongoing commitment to food safety, Costa Fruit and produce is pleased to announce that it has achieved Safe Quality Food (SQF) Level 2 certification.

SQF is recognized by retailers, foodservice providers and regulatory agencies around the world that require rigorous, credible food safety management programs and is the only Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized standard that provides a separate, unique approach that incorporates a Quality certification component.



SQF certification allows food safety and quality systems to be verified and validated throughout the food chain. Certification requires a facility pass rigorous safety, allergen, cleanliness and production inspections.

“Attaining this newest and highest level of food safety was a two year commitment on our part requiring a re-structuring of our warehouse and intense training on the part of everyone that works at Costa. It is our hope that by setting this new standard for the procurement, handling and delivery of safe quality foods, we will encourage others to do the same.” Manny Costa, CEO & President, Costa Fruit & Produce.

Costa continues to implement new logistic systems into their operations including several very extensive warehouse renovations. New logistics software for order selection and inventory management, an expanded refrigerated loading dock and a quality assurance production area for less than case products are just a few that will surely enhance service levels.

About Costa Fruit & Produce:

A privately owned company, Costa is a produce and specialty foods purveyor serving fine dining establishments throughout New England. In addition to offering a complete line of fresh products that include fresh fruits and produce, dairy and value added fresh cut produce; Costa works closely with local farmers and producers bringing a wide variety of local artisan items such as cheese, meats and hors d'oeuvres to their diverse customer base.

Costa is a sustainable business leader certified by the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts and has been a recipient of the Boston Green Business Award for their support of local agriculture and green initiatives. For more information about Costa Fruit & Produce go to freshideas.com or contact Costa at sales@freshideas.com.



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