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**AGROFRESH'S NEW DAVIS FACILITY TO FOCUS ON RESEARCH
Lab Supports Company's Expertise in Quality Management Systems, Will Provide
Ethylene Management Research for Horticulture and Agronomic Industries**

Spring House, Pa. – AgroFresh Inc., has unveiled its new research laboratory in Davis, Calif., holding an open house at its new facility just minutes from the University of California campus there.

According to AgroFresh, the new laboratory was established to support core research and development needs of the company, which specializes in quality management systems through its expertise and understanding of ethylene management for the horticultural and agronomic crop industries. AgroFresh's new facility is located within driving distance of the major fruit, vegetable, nut and ornamental growing areas in the state, which is the country's largest agricultural producer. UC-Davis also houses the nation's largest agricultural research program, with cutting edge researchers, a world-class agricultural library and a supply of trained student and graduate personnel, offering synergies for AgroFresh.

"AgroFresh is committed to being a global leader in quality management systems, such as our SmartFreshSM Quality System that maintains quality by protecting apples and other fruits from the negative effects of ethylene, and our new InvinsaTM technology, which protects the yield for agronomic crops from ethylene-induced stress during periods of high heat and drought," said John Buckley, AgroFresh president. "This new facility in Davis is vital to the ongoing research and development we need to maintain and advance our leadership position."

"We are very pleased to establish a West Coast base, to be near our customers and to work to meet our future research needs," Buckley continued. He also noted that while located in Davis, the lab is intended to be a resource for the entire company on a global scale.

The facility is equipped with produce quality measurement and analytical instrumentation, three cold rooms, a conference room and office space. The facility is directed by Deirdre Holcroft, Ph.D., and managed by Francine Dickie. The lab also houses Technician Gisselle Argueta Baires and Horticultural Marketing Manager Sri Pfuntner.

The laboratory's creation resulted from the efforts of two AgroFresh employees in particular: Market Development Manager for Invinsa technology, Rodrigo Cifuentes, and Dickie.

Recognizing the need for a California presence, Cifuentes first suggested the laboratory to AgroFresh management, and garnered the necessary management approvals. Francine Dickie earned an AgroFresh Business Impact Award for her efforts to establish the laboratory in record time.

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AgroFresh Photo Captions: Davis Labs Release

- (1) AgroFresh President John Buckley (left) and Sri Pfuntner, marketing manager, greet The Dawson Company's Art Dawson (center).
- (2) The director of AgroFresh's new Davis facility, Dr. Deirdre Holcroft, welcomes Dr. Jim Gorny, United Fresh Produce Association's vice president of quality assurance & technology.
- (3) Dr. Adel Kader, UC-Davis professor of postharvest physiology (left) chats with Dawson (right).
- (4) Also attending AgroFresh's open house were (left to right): Dr. Devon Zagory, senior vice president for food safety and quality programs at Davis Fresh Technologies LLC; Betty Hess-Pierce, UC Davis research associate; United Fresh's Dr. Jim Gorny; and AgroFresh's Gisselle Argueta Baires.
- (5) AgroFresh's Rodrigo Cifuentes (left) and his wife Magdalena Sosa (right) with lab manager Francine Dickie (center).