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Teamwork takes centre stage at Produce World Awards



Teamwork was at the heart of recently-held Pride of Produce World Group Awards. The highest individual award winner went to Przemyslaw Kilianek for Colleague of the Year from Produce World Yaxley. He acknowledged that it was working with his team, helping to develop their skills and motivating their performance, which won him the award.

Other outstanding team performances came from the Three Peaks Challenge Team which won the Community Impact Award, the Butterwick Cross Site Go Live Team which received the Special Team Recognition Award, and the Yaxley Factory 2 Team, which won Team of the Year.

Other individual awards went to Micael Rodrigues from Produce World Isleham, who won Outstanding Innovation for his Crop Reporting System, and Lucy Martin from Produce World Chatteris, awarded the Special Individual Recognition Award.

Group HR Director David Frost said: “We have seen this event grow in importance over the past few years, and the 2013 awards ceremony saw a very high standard of entries. The awards are a true reflection of the values of the Produce World Group with categories covering Innovation, and Community Impact, as well as outstanding team and individual contributions to the company. There was a great atmosphere at the ceremony and it was a real celebration of everyone’s achievements.”



Introducing the award to Przemyslaw Kilianek, Produce World Group Chairman Neil Fraser described how he completely represented Produce World’s values. “Prem generates and drives continuous performance improvements, and doesn’t work for his own individual success but instead for his team and colleagues,” said Neil, “With a mantra of ‘always could do better’ he has led 10 projects during the last year and contributed to savings of around £100,000.”

The Butterwick Cross Site Go Live Team was unique in that it involved members from across the Produce World Group. The Butterwick team charged with implementing the new IT management system was helped by people from across the group who were already familiar with the use of the system on their own sites.

David Frost said: "There are many instances which show the benefits of cross-group initiatives, but this is a really good example of colleagues from different sites coming together, sharing knowledge and successfully overcoming challenges to implement a new system."

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Produce World Group is one of the largest expert growers and suppliers of high quality fresh vegetables in Europe. It is a privately owned business, founded by the Burgess family in 1898, and the family ethos and values remain in place. The Produce World Group business is customer and category focused and it is an industry leader in sustainable and responsible agronomy, growing and lean supply chain management.

Its sourcing is a combination of produce from its own farming division Burgess Farms, joint-ventures, and collaborative working with dedicated grower groups, supplying a variety of root vegetables, potatoes, brassicas, alliums, and organic produce to leading retailers, food service and manufacturing customers.

In September 2013 Produce World Group featured in primetime TV programme Harvest in a bid to raise consumer awareness of how the nation's food gets from field to fork. The Produce World Group also secured three finalist slots at the 2013 Re:refresh awards for its CSR work, employee engagement and team management. Other successes include winning the Treading Lightly Waitrose Way Award, acknowledging the work Produce World Group does with innovative irrigation techniques.

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