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Andrew Burgess receives award for services to agriculture

Andrew Burgess of Produce World has received the prestigious award of Associate of the Royal Agricultural Society for his outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry.

Andrew Burgess is Director of Agriculture of the Produce World Group, which has its headquarters in Peterborough and other sites in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire. The company is the biggest grower and supplier of high quality vegetables in the UK. It focuses mainly on field scale veg production including potatoes, root vegetables, onions and brassicas.

Produce World farms over 5,000 acres with an additional 5,000 in joint ventures up and down the east of the UK.

Andrew, or Farmer Andrew as he has become known following his appearance on BBC Harvest last autumn, was presented with the award on 11th February during a ceremony at the House of Lords.

He said: "I am honoured to be receiving this award. I have worked in the agricultural industry for my entire working career and have done just about every job in farming."

The selection was made by the Council for Awards of Royal Agricultural Societies, which recognises outstanding efforts in all aspects of practical farming, including research, economics, commercial and administration every year.

Andrew sits on the LEAF Board of Trustees as well as various Soil Association committees. He is heavily involved in championing and helping to steer the future of environmentally sustainable and organic farming. Andrew has also previously been a member of the British Carrot Growers Association and the Horticulture Development Company.



Andrew Burgess receives award from Baroness Byford

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About Produce World Group

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:fresh 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.