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Produce World Sutton Bridge wins Team Special Award



The Produce World Sutton Bridge Quad Seal Team won the 'Team Special Recognition Award' at the Pride of Produce World Group awards for its work in procuring the very best machinery for the site.

The team implemented a rigorous machinery selection process leading to a positive impact on operations at Produce World Sutton Bridge. Under the new selection process, only the very best and most suitable machinery was selected for installation at the site.

The team of eight challenged companies to demonstrate that their equipment could meet the Produce World Group's high standards and requirements for its potato factory operations at Sutton Bridge.

Presenting the award, Jon Campbell, Group Procurement Director for the Produce World Group, said: "This team has won the award for striving to procure the very best and most suitable machinery at Sutton Bridge. Through the rigorous machinery selection process, the team has embodied the values of the Produce World Group in quality assurance and providing an exceptional service in production."

The Produce World Sutton Bridge Chute Handling Team collected the second runner-up prize for the 'Outstanding Innovation Award' after it provided a financial benefit to the company by eliminating the manual handling of chutes and ensuring that a two man task could be done by anyone. This meant that the changeover time was reduced by two hours a day.

Wayne Turner who works on the Sutton Bridge site also picked up the second runner-up prize in the 'Community Impact Award' having raised £2,500 by himself for charity 'Chloe's Dream' through organising a number of events including a community disco, raffles and competitions.

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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.

Produce World Group is the UK's only fresh produce company that regularly donates produce to Fareshare, which enables the charity to plan more effectively each year. In October 2014 the Produce World Group was recognised for its work with Fareshare and Feeding the 5000 for redistributing this produce to help tackle food poverty across the UK by winning the CRTG Best Food Waste Initiative of the Year award. The Waitrose Way Awards also recognised this work, with the Produce World Group being highly commended for its entry into the Treading Lightly – Waste award category. In addition, the Produce World Group was highly recommended in the Champion British award category for its work with the BBC primetime TV programme Harvest, which aimed to raise consumer awareness of how the nation's food gets from field to fork.

Produce World Group is leading the way in sustainability, research and innovation in the agriculture sector. In late 2013 the Produce World Group, in collaboration with other commercial organisations and academic

institutions, was awarded funding through Sainsbury's Organic Grant to look at innovative pest controls to improve the growth of organic brassicas. Through Agri-Tech Catalyst funding support, the group is working with Cranfield University to build on the success of the 'Soil-for-Life' project, which aims to inform on-farm decision making and drive innovation in soil management.

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