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Homegrown Organic Farms Expands Organic Citrus Operations with Facility in Kern County

Porterville, CA, (September 9, 2025) — Homegrown Organic Farms has taken the next step in the growth of its organic citrus program by partnering with Buena Vista Packing in Kern County, CA. This strategic alliance allows Homegrown to expand capacity and provide customers with increased convenience through an additional loading location in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

Through this new partnership, Homegrown Organic Farms will handle organic citrus from Buena Vista's farms, representing a 20% increase in program volume. The added supply also introduces an additional varietal into the program, the Daisy mandarin, further strengthening Homegrown's ability to provide consistent, reliable organic citrus offerings for retail and foodservice partners.

"This collaboration with Buena Vista Packing is about more than just growth, it's about creating alignment with like-minded partners who share our values and vision for organics," said Scott Mabs, CEO of Homegrown Organic Farms. "Together, we're able to expand our citrus program and continue delivering the highest quality organic fruit to our customers."

Craig Morris, Citrus & Grape Category Director at Homegrown Organic Farms, added: "The additional fruit from Buena Vista enhances our program in exciting ways. It gives us another varietal to offer, stronger continuity of supply, and the ability to better serve our retail and foodservice partners with consistency and reliability."

With this expansion, Homegrown strengthens its ability to provide a robust organic citrus program while maintaining supply year-round. Customers will also benefit from improved logistics, with Kern County offering an additional and convenient loading option alongside Homegrown's Kingsburg and Riverside facilities in California.

"We know this partnership will have a meaningful impact on our business, our growers, and our customers and we're excited about the opportunities it creates moving forward," added Mabs.

Alongside this new facility partnership in Bakersfield, Homegrown Organic Farms will continue operating from its Kingsburg cold storage and Riverside loading facilities, reinforcing its long-term commitment to growers and customers alike.

With citrus season quickly approaching, the team is ready to support customers with a full range of organic citrus, from core varieties like Navels and Lemons to specialty offerings like Minneolas and Pummelo. Contact the sales team at sales@hgofarms.com or (559) 306-1770 to learn more.

ABOUT HOMEGROWN ORGANIC FARMS — Homegrown Organic Farms has been a trusted name in fresh produce for over 25 years. As an employee-owned company, we are committed to stewardship farming that nourishes people, preserves the land, and strengthens communities. Representing family farms across California and Oregon, with over 100 growers and 10,000 acres of organic and conventional fresh produce, we grow with care—cultivating fresh, flavorful fruits, including citrus, stone fruit, berries, and more. Learn more at hgofarms.com.

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