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**GIUMARRA'S BERRY DIVISION GROWS WITH NEW HIRES**

Company grows with additions on both coasts

LOS ANGELES, CA - December 2, 2005 – Building on its reputation as a recognized leader and global provider of produce, Giumarra is proud to announce the addition of two new members to its berry division; Michael Caputo and Bruce Turner.

“We are experiencing phenomenal growth within our berry division and believe these appointments signal great things to come from Giumarra,” said Hillary Brick, vice president of marketing. “We continuously strive to make buying from Giumarra the best possible experience and know that customer support is vital to achieving our goal. We are confident that these new hires have the skills to not only capitalize on our current sales momentum, but to also leverage their experience and acumen for continued successes.”

Michael Caputo will assist East Coast berry sales as well as contributing to the operational efforts of the division. Michael comes to Giumarra with extensive experience in both logistics and customs, including interaction with federal authorities, such as US Customs and USDA. Most recently, Michael worked for Coast to Coast International Services, a provider of specialized services for ship owners, shippers and receivers of cargo.

Bruce Turner will be joining the berry division on the west coast in Seattle, where he will assist with operations. Bruce brings almost twenty years of extensive produce industry experience to the position. Before joining Giumarra, Bruce was employed with Associated Grocers as the Director of Business Development. In addition, he has prior experience with the Oppenheimer Company, where he served as a key account category manager for apples, pears and kiwifruit.

**About The Giumarra Companies**

The Giumarra Companies is a leading international network of fresh produce growers, distributors and marketers that encompass a world of freshness. Since its inception in 1922, the Giumarra group of companies has prided itself on a longstanding commitment and tradition of quality, reliability and innovation to feed the world in a healthy way. For more information: [www.giumarra.com](http://www.giumarra.com).

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