

## **Local farmer to be honored today-leading exporter to Canada**

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San Jacinto, CA. Agri –Empire will be honored today by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and will receive the 2010 Excellence in Exports Award. The award will be presented by Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone, at 4:00 PM at Agri- Empire offices on 630 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jacinto, California.

Agri- Empire is a producer of a variety of agricultural products including potatoes. Fully 17 percent of Agri-Empires potatoes crop is exported to Canada and it provinces. Agri-Empire is a premier grower, packer, shipper, and exporter of high quality white and red potatoes.

Agri-Empire has been a family owned and operated farm for three generations and over 50 years in Riverside County. Agri-Empire CEO Larry Minor says that the firms close proximity to ports in our region makes exports easier for clients in the Pacific Rim.

Their premier brand is marketed under the name “Jims Dandy” named after founder James Minor and is recognized worldwide as a top quality potato. Minor’s farming operations are located throughout the Southern California.

The Excellence in Exports Award was recently created by the Board of Supervisors to recognize manufactures, farmers, and businesses who are exporting to nations around the globe and in doing so creating jobs for Riverside County residents.

Previous 2010 Excellence in Exports award recipients are K&N of Riverside, Paulson Manufacturing of Temecula, and Flexsteel of Riverside. Joining Supervisor Stone in the award presentation are his Chief of Staff Verne Lauritzen, Assistant County Executive Officer-EDA Robert Field, and County Foreign Trade Commissioner Tom Freeman.

Following the presentation the group will have the chance to observe Agri-Empires state of the art processing, packing, and shipping operations.

Tom Freeman, Commissioner-Office of Foreign Trade-EDA  
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