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## ERIC T. JANKE

After 15 years representing DiMare Fresh, Inc. as its Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Eric Janke, retired on January 31, 2018. Eric's career began over 40 years ago when as a young man he was sweeping floors and bagging groceries at Fleming Foods. Eric has had many positions in the produce industry from produce clerk to sales, procurement and operational positions. In the last four decades, Eric has worked for places such as Albertson's, Sysco, Tom Lange Corporate, Ready Pac Foods, Freshway Foods, Fresh America and Kraft Foodservice, where he led the number one produce division for two years. In the late 1970's he was a founding executive of Sun Harvest Farms, a large natural food store, and at one time created the world's largest pear display.

Eric has truly enjoyed this dynamic and everchanging industry. There are many people that have positively impacted his successes over the years, but two in particular that he would like to thank.

"In the late 70's and early 80's, the Catalani family taught me the intricacies of global produce sourcing and retail merchandising store initiatives, as well as how a terminal market operates. This solidified my foundation in the produce industry and I will forever be thankful."

"I also owe a great deal of appreciation to Paul DiMare and the DiMare family for making me a better businessman and teaching me to focus on attention to detail. I have learned so many things spending the bulk of my career with the DiMare team, from growing tomatoes to building new service/distribution centers. It truly has been my pleasure."

"Thank you does not express the appreciation I have for the loyalty and dedication that Eric has displayed during his time with DiMare Fresh. His passion for the produce industry will be greatly missed. On behalf of the DiMare family, we wish him all the best as he transitions into retirement." – Paul J. DiMare

In anticipation of Eric's retirement, his position with DiMare Fresh has been restructured. The company has promoted a new Vice President of Operations from within and has hired a new Vice President of Sales. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

With 90 years of expertise in the produce industry, DiMare continues to stay committed to the principles that were established in 1928: quality product, customer service, innovation and loyalty. DiMare remains one of the largest vertically integrated companies providing high quality produce and services to customers nationwide.

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