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Blue Diamond Growers Celebrated 10 Years of Operations at Turlock Facility

California's largest almond cooperative reflects on its accomplishments

Sacramento, Calif., June 12, 2023 – This June, Blue Diamond Growers' Turlock facility celebrated its 10-year anniversary. To commemorate the past decade, an anniversary celebration took place with local community leaders on June 16 at the Blue Diamond Turlock site to honor the growth of the co-op and the hard work of Blue Diamond employees.

Upon opening in 2013, Blue Diamond Turlock had only 35 employees. Now, the plant has more than quintupled its workforce to 162 employees who have been instrumental in the plant's success. Just one year after opening, Blue Diamond Turlock was named the 2014 "Plant of the Year" by Food Engineering Magazine. The following year in 2015, the plant expanded its almond flour line, and its Integrated Beverage Base Line – the line responsible for producing Almond Breeze® – also became fully operational.

In June 2021, Blue Diamond Growers' Turlock plant <u>became Green Business Certified</u> by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce's California Green Business Network, shortly after the Blue Diamond Growers Salida site received the same certification two months prior. Blue Diamond became the first business in Stanislaus County to receive this recognition for demonstrating sustainability as a top business priority.

Blue Diamond Turlock has also received near perfect scores of 99% in food safety and quality audits by the Safe Quality Foods Institute (SQF) in both 2022 and 2023. SQF's codes are tailored to meet industry, customer, and regulatory requirements across all facets of the food supply chain.

"We are incredibly proud of our achievements in the last 10 years," said Travis Hill, Site Director, Blue Diamond Growers – Turlock. "We are thankful to our hardworking employees who have made this happen and we look forward to what the next 10 years hold for the growth of our co-op."

Blue Diamond's Turlock and Salida teams take great pride in serving the communities where they work. Each year, dozens of employee volunteers gather to serve at the Love Stanislaus County and Love Our Cities events. Blue Diamond employees help remove trash, repair fences and buildings, and serve alongside thousands of fellow volunteers, residents, and businesses, all working together to serve the residents of Modesto communities.

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About Blue Diamond Growers®

Blue Diamond Growers, a grower-owned cooperative representing approximately 3,000 of California's almond growers, is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. Established in 1910, it created the California almond industry and opened world markets for almonds. Blue Diamond is dedicated to delivering the benefits of almonds around the world and does so by providing high-quality almonds, almond ingredients and branded products. Headquartered in Sacramento, the company employs more than 1,800 people throughout its processing plants, receiving stations and gift shops. To learn more about Blue Diamond Growers, visit www.bluediamond.com and follow the company on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.