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Blue Diamond Growers' Turlock Site Recertified through Green Business Network

*This Recertification is Part of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce's
California Green Business Network, Stanislaus*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Blue Diamond Growers' plant in Turlock, Calif., has received its recertification as a Green Business by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce's California Green Business Network, Stanislaus County program. Not only was the Turlock plant the first business in Stanislaus County to achieve this esteemed certification through the Green Business Network (in 2021), but they were also the first to earn recertification.

In 2021, both the Blue Diamond Growers' Turlock and Salida facilities received Green Business Certification. The honor of a Green Business Certification goes to companies that achieve a rigorous and verified set of standards focused on reducing water use, conserving energy, preventing pollution, increasing recycling, avoiding waste, encouraging alternative transportation, and partnering with other local vendors.

"Blue Diamond Growers has an ongoing commitment to Grow with Care in our almond orchards and our facilities," said Dr. Dan Sonke, Head of Sustainability for Blue Diamond Growers. "We are proud of the Turlock team's efforts and the recognition through this recertification. Their commitment to good stewardship reflects that commitment to our land and our neighbors."

The Green Business Certified recognition was awarded at a ceremony on June 30, organized by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce at the Turlock facility. The ceremony was attended by Blue Diamond leadership, as well as Ethan Hunt, who attended on behalf of congressman Tom McClintock - 5th Congressional District of California, Joey Chavez, who attended on behalf of State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil – California's 4th State Senate District, and Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors: Vito Chiesa, District 2, field representative Noelia Lopez - on behalf of Chance Condit, District 5. Turlock mayor, Amy Bublak, also was present to offer congratulations.

"We appreciate the support and recognition from our community partners as we strive for continuous improvement in our operations. From partnerships with the growers in the field through best practices at our manufacturing sites, we strive to be good stewards of the earth and of the almonds we deliver to the world," said Jeff Hatfield, SVP Manufacturing for Blue Diamond Growers.

The 250,000-square-foot plant located at 1300 N. Washington Road in Turlock celebrated its 12th anniversary this month and is currently under the leadership of site director, Travis Hill. The state-of-the-art Turlock plant specializes in processing almonds (blanching, roasting, slicing, dicing, slivering, etc.) to be used by major global food customers in cereals, snack bars, yogurt toppings, baked goods and candies. The Turlock location also prepares the beverage base for Blue Diamond Growers' Almond Breeze® Almondmilk and produces Blue Diamond Growers' Almond Flour and other value-added almond products.

In addition to the stewardship efforts at the Blue Diamond Growers' manufacturing facilities, the co-op emphasizes on-farm stewardship practices, including pollinator protection, soil health, biodiversity, and water conservation. Blue Diamond Growers actively participates in the California Almond Sustainability Program (CASP), led by the Almond Board of California, to collect grower-submitted production practice information. CASP helps growers find ways to improve the stewardship of their farming operations.

For more information about Blue Diamond Growers' stewardship programs, please [click here](#).

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About Blue Diamond

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 nearly 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](#), and [LinkedIn](#).