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## Minnesota Grocers Association Presents 2017 MGA Best in Class Awards

St. Paul, MN. – April 20, 2017 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) presented the 2017 MGA Best in Class Awards on Wednesday, April 19 at the MGA Industry Connects Luncheon in Bloomington, MN.

The following winners were recognized:

- **Mike Oase – Kowalski’s Companies, Inc., Woodbury**  
*Best in Class - Retail*
- **Mark Brandt – Old Dutch Foods, Roseville**  
*Best in Class*

The MGA Best in Class Award acknowledges the best of the best in Minnesota’s food industry. Based on his/her performance in 2016, the winner has gone above and beyond in his/her leadership, brought results and positive growth to his/her companies through his/her direction at the store level.

Nominations for the award were submitted by the members of the MGA, and judged on positive sales growth through the development and execution of new programs, the ability to foster company engagement and provide opportunity for employee personal and professional development, and demonstrated community support and involvement.

MGA President Jamie Pfuhl and MGA Board Chair Mark Collier of Superfair Foods presented the awards on behalf of the Minnesota Grocers Association. The award winners received a commemorative plaque in an awards ceremony at the MGA Industry Connects Luncheon.

“The MGA is so proud to recognize the dedication and achievements of those whose day to day efforts are laying the foundation for a vibrant and thriving industry,” said Jamie Pfuhl, MGA President. “These winners demonstrate the hard work and commitment to excellence that makes our industry truly great.”

*The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,100 stores statewide, as well as approximately 100 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 125,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

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Photo 1: 2017 Best in Class: Mark Collier of Superfair Foods, MGA Board Chair presents Mike Oase of Kowalski’s Companies, Inc. with the 2017 Best in Class Award with Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association.

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