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Grocers Recognize Hall of Fame Inductee Janel Haugarth

St. Paul, MN – August 8, 2016 – Janel Haugarth was inducted into the Minnesota Grocers Association's (MGA) Hall of Fame in recognition of her outstanding service and exemplary contributions to Minnesota's food industry. The award was presented by MGA Board Chairman, Patrick Miner and MGA President, Jamie Pfuhl at the association's Annual Conference on July 31, 2016 which was attended by more than 300 members of the Minnesota food industry.

Haugarth began her distinguished 39 plus year career at SUPERVALU while earning a degree in accounting and business administration from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. After numerous leadership roles with SUPERVALU, she rose to President of Independent Business and Supply Chain Services before her recent retirement. In that role, she oversaw the company's relationships with approximately 1,900 independents, as well as SUPERVALU's logistics, procurement, and transportation operations. Her leadership led to the company being named the 2015 Wholesaler of the Year by *Progressive Grocer* magazine.

Haugarth has served on the board of directors for the Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA), Food Marketing Institute (FMI), National Grocers Association (NGA), and IGA-USA. She received the prestigious *Progressive Grocer*/Network of Executive Women Trailblazer Award in 2014, which recognizes a single executive whose leadership, vision, and influence have helped break new ground for women in the retail food industry. She currently sits on Valspar's board and she was honored last year with a Twin Cities Business Outstanding Director Award.

Haugarth and her husband Ray were married in 1977 and live in Eden Prairie. They have three grown boys, and three grandchildren.

Haugarth's dedication has earned her the respect and admiration of her peers. Her outstanding commitment, vision, and leadership have made a lasting impression on the food industry; this induction to the MGA Hall of Fame is a well-deserved acknowledgement of her outstanding career.

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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