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Good Food 100 Honors Colorado Purveyor and Producer of the Year

-Buckner Family Farm and Farm Runners leading the way in changing the food system for good-

DENVER—On October 30, 2018, <u>Good Food 100</u> honored **Clint** and **MaryKay Buckner** of the <u>Buckner Family Farm</u> and **Emma Stopher-Griffin** and **Matthew Kottenstette** of the <u>Farm Runners</u> distribution company as the **2018 Producer and Purveyor of the Year** at the inaugural Eat. Drink. Think. Colorado Industry Celebration. The event took place at the RiNo Yacht Club at The Source Hotel + Market Hall in Denver, where Colorado industry leaders including Kimbal Musk, Jeff Hermanson, Alex Seidel, Jen Jasinski and many more gathered to fête chefs, restaurants, farmers and producers committed to changing our food system for good.

The Producer and Purveyor of the Year awards serve to recognize individuals with an outstanding dedication to sustainability, transparency and advancing good food in the state of Colorado. Both the Producer and Purveyor of the Year were nominated and chosen by the 44 Colorado chefs that took part in the 2018 Good Food 100 Restaurants List.

"I am so proud of the 2018 Purveyor and Producer of the Year recipients. They deserve recognition for their hard work and commitment to sustainability, transparency and good food. Truly good food must honor and support every link in the food chain," said Sara Brito, co-founder and president of the Good Food 100.

Farm Runners, is a regional food distributor specializing in custom-harvested farm products. For six years, this purveyor has connected western Colorado with local farms ranchers and artisans to provide year-round foodservice from Aspen to Telluride to Durango to Grand Junction.

"We are beyond grateful that our customers value our commitment to the local food movement. The farmers we have the honor of working with are the backbone of our business and we couldn't do this without them. We are absolutely passionate about what we do and are proud to provide chefs with the connection to these amazing farmers," said Emma Stopher-Griffin and Matthew Kottenstette. "Receiving this award shows us that the hard work we do week in and week out is valuable to our community."

The Buckner Family Farm is a community-focused, farm-to-table producer committed to providing the best animal programs available including natural, stress-free environment and 100%grass fed diet leading to the finest, responsibly-raised meat.

For more information on Good Food100, please visit www.goodfood100restaurants.org.

About Good Food 100

The Good Food 100 Restaurants™ is an annual list of restaurants that educates eaters and celebrates restaurants for being transparent with their purchasing practices. Carefully curated based on the quantitative measurement of chefs' sourcing data, the Good Food 100 spotlights those that are building a better food system. The Good Food 100 is produced and published by the Good Food Media Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating eaters by cultivating a conversation and community around the people and businesses changing the food system for good. For more information, please visit www.goodfood100restaurants.org. Follow Good Food 100 Restaurants on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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