



United Natural Foods, Inc. Subsidiary Announces Acquisition of Organic Produce/Perishables Company

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DAYVILLE, Conn., Nov. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- United Natural Foods, Inc. (Nasdaq: UNFI) today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Albert's Organics, Inc., has purchased the assets of privately held Boulder Fruit Express (BFX), effective immediately. Based in Louisville, Colorado, BFX provides high quality organic produce and perishables to a market area that includes Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"We're extremely pleased to have the opportunity to partner with this highly respected and well-established company," said Mr. Barclay Hope, Albert's Organics President. "BFX has tremendous people and systems, and an excellent record of customer service. Partnered with our rapidly growing Denver division this acquisition will enable us to provide an even greater breadth of services and value to our customers."

The Company noted that BFX's founder, Mr. Chris Webster, expects to remain with the organization for a limited time to assist in the transition. Albert Organic's expects to combine BFX and its' Denver operations within the next year and operate the merged organization as Boulder Fruit Express, a member of the Albert's Organics Family of Companies.

BFX has been in operation since 1977 and services a wide variety of natural foods customers including Whole Foods and Wild Oats as well as mass market customers including King Soopers, Safeway, and Albertsons. BFX currently serves approximately 165 customers, 70 of which will be new customers to Albert's Organics. BFX's annualized revenues are currently \$14 million, which are serviced from a 17,800 sq. ft. facility.

Albert's Organics is the nation's leading distributor of quality organically grown produce and perishables. Albert's Organics has warehouse centers in Los Angeles, California, Bridgeport, New Jersey, Winter Haven, Florida and Denver, Colorado.

About United Natural Foods

United Natural Foods, Inc. carries and distributes over 30,000 products to more than 7,000 customers nationwide. The Company serves a wide variety of retail formats including conventional supermarket chains, natural product superstores and independent retail operators

For more information on United Natural Foods, Inc., visit the Company's web-site at www.unfi.com .

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this press release regarding United Natural's business which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, including but not limited to general business conditions, the impact of competition and our dependence on principal customers, see "Risk Factors" in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on October 23, 2001, and its other filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Any forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and, as such, speak only as of the date made. United Natural is not undertaking to update any information in the foregoing reports until the effective date of its future reports required by applicable laws.

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