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The Produce Box Named to Inc. 5000 For Second Consecutive Year

RALEIGH, N.C. – September 6, 2016 – The Produce Box, a North Carolina-based company that delivers fresh and local produce to 8,800 families' doorsteps weekly, was named to the 2016 Inc. 5000 list for the second consecutive year. The Inc. 5000 list recognizes the fastest-growing private companies in America, ranking them by overall revenue growth over a three-year period.

The Produce Box, ranked no. 3129, grew an impressive 108% with \$7.1 million dollars in revenue at the close of 2015. The company was one of 18 Raleigh companies recognized in the country and one of 130 companies from North Carolina to make the Inc. 5000 list.

"We are honored to be included on the Inc. 5000 list for the second consecutive year," said The Produce Box founder and co-owner Courtney Tellefsen. "The Produce Box has come a long way since we launched in 2008 and I'm very proud of the growth and success we've achieved over the past eight years. We would not be able to reach this level of success if it wasn't for the dedication and commitment of The Produce Box team, members, partners and our hard-working farmers."

Founded in 2008 by stay-at-home mom turned entrepreneur, Courtney Tellefsen, The Produce Box works with more than 50 North Carolina farmers and 90 local artisans to purchase more than 2 million pounds of local produce each year. Of the produce purchased, The Produce Box donates 700 pounds each week to community organizations across the state.

"The Inc. 5000 list stands out where it really counts," says Inc. President and Editor-In-Chief Eric Schurenberg. "It honors real achievement by a founder or a team of them. No one makes the Inc. 5000 without building something great – usually from scratch. That's one of the hardest things to do in business, as every company founder knows. But without it, free enterprise fails."

The 2016 Inc. 500/5000 is the most competitive crop in the list's history. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at www.inc.com/inc5000.

About The Produce Box

Founded in 2008, The Produce Box delivers farm-grown fresh fruit and vegetables as well as local meats and NC-produced specialty items to families, companies and community organizations across the state. The company has no contracts or long-term commitments and offers a wide variety of options for members to choose for weekly deliveries. Stay-at-home moms and dads act as coordinators in the neighborhoods they live in. TPB is proud to pay its 50 farm partners a sustainable price upon delivery (rather than 30-60 days out) to provide stability and support for these hard-working NC farmers. The Produce Box also partners with local schools and organizations like Backpack Buddies and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle to give back to the communities it serves.

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