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The Produce Box Ranks on Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Private Companies

RALEIGH, N.C. – August 26, 2015 – [The Produce Box](http://theproducebox.com), a North Carolina-based company that delivers fresh and local produce to members' doorsteps weekly, was named to the 2015 Inc. 5000 list. 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 grew an impressive 159% with \$6 million dollars in revenue at the close of 2014. The company made the top 47 percent of the Inc. 5000 list.

"What an honor it is to have made the Inc. 5000 listing," said Courtney Tellefsen, founder and co-owner of The Produce Box. "It's amazing to look back at where we started – me, a stay-at-home mom with two kids under the age of five, looking for a more convenient way to eat healthy and while supporting local farmers.

"We've changed and grown so much over the past eight years," continued Tellefsen. "I give thanks to our volunteers, partners, farmers, and members as this achievement would not be possible without their support and commitment."

The Produce Box is one of 48 fast-growing Triangle companies recognized in the country and one of [145 companies from North Carolina](#) to make Inc. 5000. Working with more than 50 North Carolina farmers and 90 local artisans, the company purchases 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 story of this year's Inc. 5000 is the story of great leadership. In an incredibly competitive business landscape, it takes something extraordinary to take your company to the top," says Inc. President and Editor-In-Chief Eric Schurenberg. "You have to remember that the average company on the Inc. 5000 grew nearly six-fold since 2012. Business owners don't achieve that kind of success by accident."

The 2015 Inc. 500/5000, featured in the September issue of *Inc.*, 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 2007, 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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