



## INDIANA GROWN TO HAVE LARGE PRESENCE AT INAUGURAL FANTASTIC FOOD FEST

*State initiative teaming up with Circle City Expos to bring local exhibitors  
to the largest food and beverage event in Indiana*

**INDIANAPOLIS** (Jan. 7, 2016) — The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's [Indiana Grown Initiative](#) continues to expand its reach by partnering with [Fantastic Food Fest](#), an interactive food and beverage event. Taking place Jan. 16-17 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, nearly 50 Indiana Grown members will be exhibiting at the event, showcasing their products in front of thousands of Hoosier consumers.

"The main purpose of Indiana Grown is to help connect producers with consumers and retailers; therefore, by partnering with Indiana's largest food events, we have taken a major step toward that goal," said Ted McKinney, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director.

Running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, Fantastic Food Fest will feature a marketplace full of demonstrations, shopping, cooking classes, workshops and presentations from local chefs and celebrity chefs such as Ted Allen and Hugh Acheson. In addition, consumers will have the opportunity to purchase or sample a variety of products as well as interact with members of Indiana Grown, such as Fort Wayne-based [Best Boy & Co.](#)

"I can't wait for Indy's first Fantastic Food Fest to begin because I believe it will generate greater awareness of farm-fresh ingredients, food products made with these ingredients and how and where to purchase those food products," said Wayne Shive, founder of Best Boy & Co. "I am eager for the opportunity to spread the word about Best Boy & Co. including our company mission to donate 100 percent of our profits to charity."

The following list includes participating Indiana Grown [members](#):

12-05 Distillery – Indianapolis	Hotel Tango Whiskey – Indianapolis
240 Sweet – Columbus, Ind.	Indiana Pickle – Indianapolis
Amber Waves – Martinsville, Ind.	Jen's Country Kitchen BBQ – Lapel, Ind.
Batch No. 2 – Indianapolis	Joe's Jerky – Kokomo, Ind.
BeeFree – Noblesville, Ind.	JohnTom's BBQ – Muncie, Ind.
Best Boy & Co. – Roanoke, Ind.	Kim's Key Lime Cookies – Indianapolis
Big Brickhouse Bakery – Fort Wayne	Kroger – Indiana
Brick House Vinaigrettes – Greenwood, Ind.	JavAroma Roasters – Mitchell, Ind.
Broad Ripple Chip Co. – Indianapolis	Mallow Run Winery – Bargersville
Charlie's Premium – Greenwood, Ind.	Master's Hand BBQ – Fort Wayne
Chocolate for the Spirit – Carmel, Ind.	Monarch Beverage – Indianapolis
Cook's Bison Ranch – Wolcottville, Ind.	Needmore Coffee – Chesterton, Ind.
Cornerstone Bakery – Indianapolis	New Old-Standard Baking Co. – Bloomington, Ind.
Crazy Charlie's – Fishers, Ind.	Real Hemp – Indianapolis
Custom Quality Meats – Fort Wayne	Revival Food Co. – Indianapolis
Foods Alive – Waterloo, Ind.	Risin' Creek Creamery – Martinsville, Ind.
Fresco Spice Blends – Fort Wayne	Schnabaltier – Rochester, Ind.
Frittle – Indianapolis	Skinny & Co. – Indianapolis
Grandma's Oven – Clayton, Ind.	This Old Farm – Colfax, Ind.
Grandpa's Beef Jerky – Fishers, Ind.	Traders Point Creamery – Zionsville, Ind.
Green BEAN Delivery – Indianapolis	Triton Hydro Farm – Huntington, Ind.

Gutwein Popcorn – Francesville, Ind.  
Harvest Café and Tea – Indianapolis  
Heathy Hoosier Oil – Converse, Ind.  
Hoosier Momma – Brownsburg, Ind.

Urban Ladle – Greenfield, Ind.  
Vom Faas – Noblesville, Ind.  
Winzerwald Winery – Bristow, Ind.

For more information on Fantastic Food Fest events, demonstrations, exhibitors and online ticketing, visit [FantasticFoodFest.com](http://FantasticFoodFest.com). To stay up to date on the latest information about the show, follow Fantastic Food Fest's social channels on Facebook at [Fantastic Food Fest](https://www.facebook.com/FantasticFoodFest) and on Twitter at [@FanFoodFest](https://twitter.com/FanFoodFest).

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### **ABOUT INDIANA GROWN**

Developed and supported by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), the Indiana Grown Initiative educates consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products, helps Indiana farmers and producers sell more products and supports Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products. Indiana Grown members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers and restaurants. For more information about this free program, visit [www.IndianaGrown.org](http://www.IndianaGrown.org).

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