



JOHN SHUMAN AWARDED THE 2020 VIDALIA® ONION GROWER OF THE YEAR

Shuman Farms team overcame challenging year to deliver Vidalia onions across the country

Reidsville, GA (March 15, 2021) – John Shuman, President and CEO of Shuman Farms, has been recognized as the 2020 Vidalia® Onion Grower of the Year by the Vidalia Onion Committee. The Grower of the Year Award is designed to recognize a grower and growing operation’s overall achievements and success as a producer of Vidalia onions. The award emphasizes quality, production, and the ability to work within the confines of the Vidalia onion marketing order. Despite an unprecedented year of challenges, Shuman Farms was able to grow the highest per-acre marketing order assessment of Vidalia onions.

“I am honored and humbled to be recognized by the Vidalia onion industry to receive one of our highest awards,” said John Shuman. “I have been fortunate to have had the support of my wife, Lana, as well as the advice and counsel from some of the most respected Vidalia onion growers in the state. It takes a village to do what we do, so this award goes to everyone at Shuman Farms. I also would like to especially thank my brother Mark, our Director of Operations, for his dedication and leadership.”

Shuman Farms is a second-generation grower/packer/shipper of sweet onions with 600 acres of Vidalia onions in the ground this year. Along with its grower partners, Shuman Farms markets and sells Vidalia onions under the RealSweet® brand, the most trusted and well-known brand in the sweet onion category. For more than 35 years, Shuman Farms has operated with four organizational pillars at the forefront of everything they do: superior quality, excellent customer service, innovative marketing, and giving back to those in need.

“2020 provided many challenges to the Vidalia onion season,” Shuman continued. “My dedicated team and I were able to overcome the obstacles and deliver consistent, premium-quality product to the market. I am thankful and blessed to work with such a passionate and hard working team each and every day.”

John and his team’s commitment to providing premium quality products and maintaining strong business relationships has helped position Shuman Farms as the leading grower and shipper of Vidalia onions, as well as the largest grower and importer of Peruvian sweet onions.

Shuman Farms will start shipping RealSweet® brand Vidalia onions at the end on April and plans to have good availability of quality Vidalia onions throughout the summer months.

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About Shuman Farms, Inc.

Headquartered in the center of the Vidalia® growing region in southeast Georgia, family-owned Shuman Farms has been in the sweet onion industry for more than 35 years. Today, Shuman Farms is an industry-leading, year-round grower and shipper of sweet onions. For more information, visit shumanfarmsga.com