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## **Costa Farms, USA, wins AIPH International Grower of the Year 2016**

Costa Farms, USA, has been awarded the accolade of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) International Grower of the Year 2016.

Celebrating the world's best ornamentals growers, the AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016 - Gala Dinner took place on 28 January 2016, during IPM Essen, Germany.

Costa Farms was presented with the coveted Gold Rose, awarding them the global status of AIPH International Grower of the Year.

Costa Farms is one of North America's largest growers of ornamental plants regularly bringing new products to retailers on an international scale. It grows a wide range of plants, including houseplants, orchids, indoor and outdoor cacti and succulents, tropical shrubs, annual bedding plants, and perennial bedding plants.

Ornamental growers from Canada, China, Germany, Netherlands, Turkey, UK and USA were all finalists receiving the following awards:

### **Finished plants and trees**

- Gold - Costa Farms, USA
- Silver - Majestic Trees, UK
- Bronze - Dashun International Flower, China
- Bronze - Dutchmaster Nurseries, Canada

### **Cut flowers**

- Gold - Arcadia Chrysanten, Netherlands
- Silver - Flash Tarim Urunleri (Flash Flowers), Turkey

## Young plants

- Gold - Florensis, Germany/Netherlands
- Silver - Kunming Hongzhihua Gardening, China
- Bronze - Shanghai Yuanyi Seedling, China

AIPH President, Bernard Oosterom, said: "Tonight has been a wonderful celebration of the best of our industry. I would like to offer my congratulations to Costa Farms and all the winners of these awards."

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## Notes for Editors:

International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

Since 1948, AIPH has united horticultural producers in an international community that thrives to this day. Much has changed in that time. Technologies advanced, cities rose from the ground, and we have become more connected than ever. As a result, our essential bond with nature has been weakened. AIPH strives to reignite and uphold an appreciation of plants that we believe is a basic human instinct. We support the work of grower associations globally and together we champion a prosperous industry, growing plants that enhance lives, advance societies and sustain our planet, for this generation and the next.

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