

Dole Food Co. kicks off 2009 NEPC meeting schedule

The New England Produce Council kicked off 2009 with its first dinner meeting of the year held Jan. 21 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Waltham, MA. It was sponsored by Dole Food Co., which offers more than 200 fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, packaged foods and value-added products in its line. More than 125 people attended, which the council said is a strong turnout for January.



Mike Giza of Big Y Foods Inc., who is first vice president of the council, with Bill Halstead of Davalan Co.



Rob Russo of Dole Food Co. with Ralph Krulder of Fresh Express Inc.



Representing Country Fresh Mushrooms at the Jan. 21 NEPC meeting were Mary Beth March and Bob Besix.



Gary Schroeder (center) of Dole Food Co., flanked by Wendell Hahn of Four Seasons Produce and Linda Cunningham of Alliance International.



Tom Murray of Roche Bros. and Tom Mara of Bozzuto's Inc.



Gary Girard of C&S Wholesale Grocers and Chris Marsh of Tourtellot.



Dan Henderson of the Produce Marketing Association, Anthony Sharrino of Eaton & Eustis and Peter Goulet of Pinnacle Sales.