

CPMA 2008



Ron Metcalfe, produce sales and service specialist for Calgary, AB-based Associated Grocers, chatted with Andy Tudor, director of sales for apples and pears for L&M Cos. Inc. The firm was promoting its year-round availability of sweet potatoes from Louisiana, Michigan and North Carolina, as well as its 'Disney Garden' apples, cherries and pears.



Representing the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee at the CPMA convention and trade show in Calgary were Dan Symms, principal in Symms Fruit Ranch Inc., and Tim Gluch, salesman for Golden West Produce.



Andre Plante (center), general director of the Quebec Produce Growers Association, chatted with Tom Huculiak and Martin Cousineau of Les Jardins Paul Cousineau & Fils Inc. at the firm's booth at the Quebec pavilion at the CPMA trade show.



Stephan Schmekel, Connie Concon, Cecil Honsaker and Danny Dumas promoted the Del Monte Fresh line of products at the company's booth.



Michael Arrigo, vice president of Toronto-based F.G. Lister & Co. Ltd., stopped by the Mission Produce booth to gather information from David Austin and Tim Hallows. In addition to its avocados, the Oxnard, CA-based firm was promoting its line of green, white and purple asparagus grown in California, Mexico and Peru.



Judy Chong of Mississauga, ON-based ProduceSmart chatted with Samantha Winters of the Florida Tomato Committee about Florida current tomato deal. Ms. Winters said that Canada is the foremost export market and it was highlighting retail and food service programs.



Tim Hammond, international manager for Airdrie, Scotland-based Albert Bartlett & Sons (Airdrie) Ltd. — one of the United Kingdom's larger packers of root vegetables — stopped to explore business opportunities with Pete Schouten of BCfresh.



CeCe Krumrine and Stephanie Simek of the National Watermelon Promotion Board.



Miss Chiquita greeted Bill Brownfield of Walla Walla, WA-based Sweet Clover Produce at the 83rd annual Canadian Produce Marketing Association convention and trade show in Calgary.