



Jeff Huckaby is the President of Grimmway Farms and Cal Organic Farms headquartered in Bakersfield, CA.

Jeff is a fourth-generation farmer born and raised in California's San Joaquin Valley. He learned to grow carrots and potatoes working for his grandfather at an early age. Shortly after graduating from CSUB in 1989, Jeff went to work for Wm Bolthouse Farms in Bakersfield as a production manager. He also held positions as a grower rep and eventually farm manager before moving to Grimmway Farms in 1998 as a ranch manager. Jeff was responsible for the organic farming program at Grimmway and in 2001 became General Manager of the organic division when Grimmway purchased Cal-Organic Farms. In 2006 Jeff was promoted to Executive Vice President and in 2016 became President.

During Jeff's tenure at Grimmway, the organic program has grown from several hundred acres to over 45,000 acres of certified organic ground. Today, Cal-Organic Farms is one of the largest single growers of organic produce in the nation and grows approximately 65 different organic fruits and vegetables throughout California, Washington, and Florida while Grimmway Farms grows and processes over 42,000 acres of carrots in 7 states. Combined Grimmway/Cal-Organic operates 19 facilities and employs over 7,500 people.

Jeff has served on numerous boards and committees over the past 25 years and presently serves on the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Deans Ag Advisory Council for the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, the United Fresh Produce Association Board of Directors, USDA Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, and serves on the California State Board of Food and Agriculture. In June, Huckaby was named "2019 Produce Man of the Year" by The Packer magazine.

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