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**Uncool cucumber smuggler busted with \$3.7M of cocaine in produce shipment**

**July 9, 2026**



U.S. Customs & Border Protection officers at Pharr International Bridge seized cocaine valued at \$3.7 million in a single enforcement action.

Officers referred a commercial tractor trailer hauling a shipment manifested as “cucumbers” for a secondary inspection. A canine inspection resulted in an alert, and a nonintrusive imaging system scan revealed anomalies in the trailer. Upon physical inspection, CBP officers discovered 112 packages containing a total of 126.5 kilograms (278.88 pounds) of suspected cocaine hidden within the trailer.

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## **USApple's Lynsee Gibbons promoted to VP of communications**

**July 8, 2026**



The U.S. Apple Association announced the promotion of Lynsee Gibbons to vice president, communications. The move recognizes Gibbons' leadership in elevating USApple's communications, strengthening the association's advocacy efforts and expanding its visibility among policymakers, media and the broader apple industry.

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**SunFed expands foodservice footprint with year-round supply and nutrition-focused solutions**

**By**

**John Groh**

**July 8, 2026**



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Long recognized as a leader in retail produce, SunFed is increasingly leveraging its expertise in sourcing, merchandising and product quality to expand its presence throughout the foodservice sector.

The Rio Rico, AZ-based company has spent the past several years strengthening relationships with foodservice operators, distributors and institutional buyers, while applying many of the same principles that have driven its success at retail.

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**Pacific Trellis strengthens fruit division with two new sales executives**

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July 8, 2026



Pacific Trellis Fruit added two industry professionals to its fruit division sales team: Adam Erceg as sales executive, based in the company's Philadelphia office, and Ty Bamford as sales executive and operations lead, based in the Fresno, CA, office.

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**CalFlowers honors floral industry legend Red Kennicott with 2026 Distinguished Service Award**

**July 8, 2026**



As CalFlowers marks its 85th anniversary, the association announced that Harrison "Red" Kennicott III, chairman of Kennicott Brothers Co., has been selected for the 2026 CalFlowers Distinguished Service Award, recognizing a lifetime of leadership, innovation and service to the floral industry.

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**Industry Viewpoint: A third-generation packer's outlook on organic citrus for 2026–27**

**By**

**Vince Mazzetti, vice president of Goody | Blue Banner Co.**

**July 8, 2026**



I didn't choose the citrus business. The citrus business chose me — and I mean that as the highest compliment I know how to pay.

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