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Caudill Sprouting develops varieties and cultivates crops specifically intended for the sprouting market. Caudill supplies both conventional and certified organic seeds to commercial sprouters across the globe. Caudill Seed Company, the parent company of Caudill Sprouting, has been in business since 1947. Caudill Sprouting has been supplying sprouters with top quality seed since the 1980's and strives to provide the safest possible product to the market place. Corey joined the ISGA board in 2018, was a member of the Sprout Safety Task Force and continues to engage with FDA on behalf of the US sprout industry through their company funded lobbying effort.

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Brian Cowan represents Intercontinental Grain Exports Pty Ltd. (IGE) Brian is a past president and founding member of the Australian Mung Bean Association. He was a pioneer of the planting of Mung beans in Australia back in the 1980's. Brian was also the founder of Bean Sprouts Australia one of the first Bean Sprout growing facilities in Sydney.

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The Mediterranea Sementi is one of the major international producers of seed selection, production and distribution, holding as owner, the ownership of numerous varieties of forage species. The same aims to produce, multiply and select seeds and grains with high production performance, genetically selected and with a high level of purity. Specialized in the production of over 60 varieties in a range of 21 different agricultural species, it currently produces and sells forage seeds (legumes and grasses).

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Paul Dowsett, Manager Primary Industries Food Safety, Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA). Paul is responsible for ensuring primary producers hold accreditation as required under legislation and comply with relevant food safety standards. In South Australia, there are three accredited seed sprout producers under the food safety regulations. They are required to comply with the national food safety standard for seed sprouts. Paul is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements. Paul has been involved in seed sprouts food safety for 17 years, which has included developing guidelines, research and regulatory oversight. He was involved in development of the national food safety standard in Australia.

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Peter Duncan is the General Manager of Parilla Fresh Australia. Parilla Fresh grows packs and distributes a wide range of sprouts and ready to eat salads on the East Coast of Australia from Townsville around to Adelaide. We supply to the major retail supermarket retailers in Coles and Woolworths as well as independent supermarkets through the Sydney and Melbourne Growers Markets. Parilla Fresh is a privately owned company operating since 1985 employing approximately 40 people and is committed to supplying quality, healthy sprouts to all Australian families.

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Elissa Greene is a native New Yorker who migrated to Savannah, Ga in 1991. She got her BSN from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1978 and her MSN from Georgia Southern University in 1994. Elissa has spent the majority of her career working with underserved populations. She has provided healthcare to the homeless, mentally ill, HIV infected as well as recent migrants. She lives with her husband Mark and their three spoiled Boxers.

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Jack and the Green Sprouts is a family owned and run business, and has been in business for over forty years. We have built our business on high quality safe sprouts and excellent service. We have always guaranteed our sprouts 100% and every batch is tested for pathogens before it is released to the Public. Jack and the Green Sprouts produces; alfalfa, clover, daikon, broccoli, alfalfa/onion, sunflower, pea shoots, bean mix sprouts and wheat grass. The sprouts are grown in an indoor hydroponic farm allowing for continuous fresh sprouts any season all year round! Along with green sprouts Jack and the Green Sprouts is also a green company, owning energy saving solar panels to reduce our energy footprint!

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Sunny Creek Farm Inc. is a diversified family owned, small, agricultural business located in the Western Carolina foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Sunny Creek produces the best and most carefully grown sprouts in the Southeast and distributes a select line of specialty produce to the wholesale market. The current customer base spans 11 states in the Southeastern United States.



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Mumm's Sprouting Seeds grows and supplies certified organic seed for home and commercial sprouting. The Mumm family has been farming organically since the 1970s, and selling high quality organic sprouting seed for over 35 years. Mumm's Sprouting Seeds is modeled on the core principles of organic agriculture: environmental stewardship and sustainability.

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Lloyd Nielsen was appointed as CEO of Bean Growers Australia in 2008 after commencing in the role of Marketing Manager in 2001. Lloyd has more than 20 years experience in the Grains and Pulse industries and currently is on the Board of Soy Australia, serves as the Chairman of the Australian Mungbean Association's Standards Committee and is a member of the Australian Mungbean Association's Management Committee. Having grown up on the land, Lloyd considers the growers to be the foundation that Bean Growers Australia is built upon and is proactive in the development of grower products and services. As manager of Export Sales, Lloyd is responsible for the development of the company's international trade and risk management strategies and is actively developing relationships with customers in key geographic locations around the globe. Lloyd attributes much of Bean Growers Australia's success to being the direct supply chain link between growers and our export and domestic customers. Lloyd is also a member of our Workplace Health and Safety Committee as well as our HACCP Team.



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Liz Reilley has been with Jonathan's Sprouts for the last 11 years of its 40+ year history. As niece of the owners, Liz has watched the company grow from its inception. She spent time in the summers during her high school and college years on the assembly line hand-packing sprouts. Liz went on to have a 15 year career in the fashion industry as National Sales Manager for Guess Inc. and Danskin, Inc. After a 7 year "retirement" to raise 3 baby boys through their toddler years, Liz returned to the sprout farm full time. She is passionate about sprouts and spends as much time promoting sprouts to consumers at vegetarian festivals as she does with buyers at industry trade shows.

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Having grown up on farms in the UK, Stuart gained a good knowledge and exposure to farming from a young age; based in the east of England, in the county of Suffolk. His family farmed mostly cereal crops and sugar beet, which was refined into sugar.

In March 2012 Stuart moved to Australia, with his wife Leigh, who is from Lismore, Northern NSW. As a passionate and motivated sales professional Stuart has 16 years' experience selling to the Wholesale, Grocery, Garden and Hardware Industries. With his proven track record of continually exceeding sales revenue and profitability targets, as well as assisting clients in achieving business growth objectives Stuart is a great asset to our team. Stuart has a BA (Hons) Business Degree, which he completed in England, and additionally he has taken on further professional qualifications such as; Key Account Management and professional presentation skills training.

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*Barbara began Jonathan's Sprouts in 1976 with her husband, Bob. She also founded New England Sprout Growers Assn. in 1983 to win Federal State Marketing Improvement Grants three years in a row to create a marketing presence for sprouts in New England. The company was a founding member of ISGA in 1989, originally to get a Federal Marketing Order for sprouts to promote the sale of sprouts in Canada and the USA. She has served many years as Treasurer and also as President. A member of the Sanitation Committee since 1992, she helped write the original ISGA Sanitary Guidelines, updated with Dr. Rob Wick in 1996. She has stayed with the committee as it has changed its name to Technical Review Board and now the Sprout Safety Task Force, a group established by IFSH (Institute for Food Safety and Health), a consortium of industry (including ISGA), Academia (including Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)) and government (including FDA & USDA). After nearly a decade of work, writing, re-writing and updating, the Task Force, co-chaired by Dr. TJ Fu and Barbara, completed, in February, 2019, a "final" version of the **Copyrighted US Sprout Industry Production Best Practices**. Most recently, the IFSH published the "Best Practices" on its web site and sent out a press release, broadly publicizing its availability to all interested parties. **The "Best Practices" is also available to all ISGA members on the ISGA web site.** Because it is sprout specific, it can help all sprout companies understand and follow best production practices. Non-US growers will not have to comply with US FSMA standards, written into this document, and will need to check with their own country, regional and state guidelines. The 40 page digital document is available at no cost to anyone interested in obtaining it.*

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Bob is President of Jonathan's Sprouts, which has been supplying fresh sprouts to New England and beyond since 1976. He is also Chair of the ISGA Research Committee, with a continuing interest in developing biological controls- using good bugs to control bad bugs- as a risk reduction strategy for sprouts. He has long felt that the unique properties of sprouts, and the ways in which they are grown, provide the need, and an important opportunity, to develop new approaches for assuring their safety.

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General Manager, CEO and Co-owner of Eatmore Sprouts & Greens Ltd. Carmen has been involved in growing food, food safety and organic production for over 25 years.

Carmen & her family have made a life choice to make a small difference in a big world. Eatmore Sprouts produces organic sprouts & greens year round for a happier, healthier planet. Carmen's long term goal is to educate her community as well as others about sustainable food production and the joy of growing, harvesting and eating foods grown close to home. Carmen is committed to finding simple, sustainable solutions to help support wholesome communities.

Carmen and Eatmore Sprouts have been involved in many groups and organizations over the years. Right now Carmen is the Vice President of Small Scale Food Processors Association, Vice President of the International Sprout Growers Association, and the chair of Sprouts Canada. Co-Chair of the Certified Organic Associations of British Columbia and Vice Chair of the Pacific Agricultural Certification Society, Co-chair of Vancouver Island Organic Collective Society



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