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USCS Laredo, TX Growing for Produce; Investing in Technology

Although it's true that fruit and vegetables have their distinct growing seasons, fresh produce will never be "out of season" at United States Cold Storage (USCS) in Laredo, TX.

This year saw USCS build a 1.6 million-cubic-foot addition with 6,000 more pallet positions to dramatically increase the operation's produce handling capacity and capabilities. The expansion has three separate rooms with varying temperature and humidity controls; and each area has a separate dock. USCS' experienced personnel can regulate these temperature and humidity levels according to customer product needs—anywhere from +28°F to 55°F.

The new 59,176-square-foot structure has additional freezer capacity. In conjunction, USCS also has upgraded its existing warehouse refrigeration systems to more accurately control temperatures and protect produce quality on shipping and receiving docks.

For the record, Laredo's two facilities already handle refrigerated and frozen exports to Mexico and beyond—as well as Mexican and Central American imports to the United States and Canada. In this instance, officials literally have been gearing up for more fresh produce traveling north of the border.

“This is a fascinating time of growth for us in Laredo with much excitement ahead,” says USCS Laredo General Manager Gerardo Palencia. “Our staff is ready and eager to rise and meet the occasion. USCS Laredo now boasts 10.7 million cubic feet of uniquely designed space that can be regulated to meet each customer's specific needs. Our hours of operation and services are expanding for the opportunities with fresh produce exported out of Mexico. This also will allow us to continue building on USCS' standard of 'Best-in-Class' service.”

To Palencia's point, USCS Laredo has added both more days and hours of operations—now to include nights and weekends.

USCS Laredo is at the border of the United States and Mexico and within minutes of Interstate 35 which leads to San Antonio, TX, and markets beyond. It offers Union Pacific railroad service. USCS is an authorized Mexican S.A.G.A.R. inspection facility, it has certified Class A USDA inspection rooms and it bonded by U. S. Customs.

About United States Cold Storage

United States Cold Storage, Inc. (USCS), Voorhees, N.J., is a premier provider of public refrigerated warehousing (PRW) and related logistics services throughout North America. With roots dating back to 1891, USCS has long served a diverse customer base with requirements ranging from primary storage to fully integrated third-party logistics.

The company offers 210 million cubic feet of temperature-controlled warehouse and distribution space in 35 facilities located in 12 states including California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. USCS is the third largest PRW Logistics provider in North America.

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