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Ardmore Forklift Rodeo Winners Headed to Grand Nationals

BURLEY, Idaho – Three order selectors from Dot Foods' Ardmore distribution center are headed to the company's Grand National Forklift Rodeo Finals in Mt. Sterling, Ill., June 24 after winning first place in the Ardmore qualifying finals. On Wednesday, Dot crowned winners on three pieces of equipment – a sit-down forklift, mule (pallet jack) and narrow-aisle reach truck.

Maneuvering through an obstacle course with their choice of material handling equipment, competitors carried a trash can with a basketball balanced on it through a timed obstacle course, with penalties for safety infractions or contact with the course boundaries. The winner on each piece of equipment is eligible to compete in the Grand Nationals, where the prizes include six possible vacation packages, such as a trip to the Bahamas.

"Each of our winners demonstrated precision, speed and knowledge of the equipment, all of which are qualities necessary to compete in the national event," said Penni Wilson, warehouse manager. "The Forklift Rodeo is a great event because it promotes safe and efficient equipment operation among the employees."



The Ardmore winners (from left to right) are Michael Rose on the traditional forklift, Nick Davis on the narrow aisle and Mickey Stewart on the mule.

Dot Foods Inc. carries 92,000 products from 500 food industry manufacturers and is the largest food redistributor in the United States. Dot Foods and Dot Transportation sell and deliver foodservice, convenience, retail, vending, equipment and supplies to leading distributors in all 50 states. Dot Foods operates eight distribution centers in: Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Cambridge City, Ind.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; and Ardmore, Okla. For information, visit www.dotfoods.com.

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