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NEWS RELEASE

Vidalia Forklift Rodeo Winners Headed to Grand Nationals

VIDALIA, Ga. – Three order selectors from Dot Foods' Vidalia 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 Vidalia qualifying finals. On May 27, 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 first place winner on each piece of equipment received a \$50 gift card and is eligible to compete in the Grand Nationals, where the prizes include six possible vacation packages, such as a trip to the Bahamas. Second place winners received a \$25 gift card and a trophy, and third place winners received a trophy.



The first place finalists (from left to right: Lewis, Turnquest and Patterson) pose with their trophies.



Warehouse supervisor Fred Scott's shift had 100 percent participation in the rodeo.

The Vidalia winners for the traditional forklift are Paul Turnquest of Collins in first place, Kenneth Collins of Vidalia in second, and Juan Garcia of Vidalia in third place. The winners of the narrow aisle competition are Carlos Patterson of Vidalia in first place, Ray Phillips of Lyons in second, and Dewayne Curl of Vidalia in third. Josh Lewis of Vidalia placed first in the mule category, while John Rushing and Robert Poole, both of Lyons, took second and third, respectively. Warehouse supervisors Fred Scott and Joe Donahue had 100 percent of their shifts participate in the competition.

“Safety, damage prevention and equipment skills are the focus of the Forklift Rodeo, which promotes safe and efficient equipment operation among all employees,” said Greg Parrish, assistant warehouse manager. “Each of our winners demonstrated precision, speed and knowledge of the equipment, all of which are qualities necessary to compete in the national event.”

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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