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## Master Nursery's Top Vendors

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Member-owned cooperative Master Nursery Garden Centers (MNGC) recognized their top vendors at their recent annual owners' meeting in Sacramento, California. As the nation's largest independent buying group, MNGC has 140 vendors providing products and services to nearly 500 retail garden centers.

"This co-op is not possible without our members, vendors and staff," said CEO Jeff Lafferty. "We see our vendors as our partners in profitability and in the marketplace. At the end of every year, we evaluate our numbers and recognize the vendors that excelled."

Who came out on top among those 140 vendors?

Monrovia Growers—Vendor of the Year

Willoway Nurseries—Largest Sales Increase

Griffin Greenhouse Supplies, Inc.—Distributor of the Year

Coast of Maine Organic Products—Private Label Vendor of the Year

Everde Growers—Most Improved Vendor

In addition, EB Stone & Son, Inc. was recognized for being MNGC's first vendor partner, celebrating more than 65 years of service. **GP**