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2016 Fall Commodity Show and Food & Equipment Expo



Thank you to all of the attendees and exhibitors that joined us for the first Fall Commodity Show and Food & Equipment Expo in Orlando. It was a tremendous success due to the support of everyone who committed to attending the rescheduled event. The rescheduled event took place December 9-10, 2016 after Hurricane Matthew canceled the originally planned event to take place October 7-8, 2016. We hope all of our coastal members that were affected by the hurricane are doing well with recovery.

Another first-time event was held on Friday night - Bingo and Dueling Pianos to support the Foundation. The fundraiser was a fun night that helped to raise over \$2,500 for the Florida School Food Service Foundation!

In addition to the multiple products, services, programs, and equipment that exhibitors showcased in the exhibit hall, we also featured something new - a food truck! That's right, Orange County Public Schools displayed a bus which was transformed into a vehicle which supports their Summer Food Service Program - how cool! As always, after the close of the Expo, Second Harvest Food Bank collected leftover food from exhibitors. We are delighted to report that 4,795 pounds were collected from the show, which will support families in Central Florida for the remainder of the year!

Separating the Expo from the Annual Conference and hosting the Expo in the Fall has been a challenging endeavor. FSNA is committed to providing the highest quality tradeshow experience for our vendors and our attendees, which is one of the reasons we surveyed our attendees. Our survey shows that the length of the show was good and people had fun! We'll also use the survey to look for ways to improve!

This year's Expo was also such a success thanks to the support, understanding and sponsorship of many industry partner companies. Please see the list of participating sponsors that made it possible. We look forward to seeing you October 6-7 in Daytona Beach for the second annual Fall Commodity Show and Food & Equipment Expo!

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