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**GOLD MEDALS AWARDED TO
FIGUEROA FARMS EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL**

Santa Ynez, CA (May 26, 2005) Figueroa Farms, producer of California extra virgin olive oil based here in Santa Barbara County, has won three gold medals and two silver medals at this year's Olive Oils of the World competition sponsored by the Los Angeles County Fair. Figueroa Farms' Camino al Cielo, made from a blend of California olive varieties, as well as two single varietal oils, Ascolano and Frantoio, received coveted gold medals, while silver medals were awarded to Figueroa Farms' Italian Varietals blend as well as their Leccino single varietal oil.

"We are so honored to have our oils selected for these awards," states Antoinette Addison, co-owner of Figueroa Farms with her husband Shawn. "This is just our second year of production, and our Camino al Cielo has won a Gold Medal both years! We couldn't have accomplished this without the diligence of our whole team here at Figueroa Farms, including Nancy Ash who tastes and blends the oils with us."

In addition to selling its award-winning olive oils, Figueroa Farms offers orchard maintenance, olive oil milling, and bottling and labeling services to other olive growers. All of the olive oils that Figueroa Farms produced for its clients that were entered into this and last year's competitions also won medals. For more information about Figueroa Farms, visit its website at www.figueroafarms.com.

The Los Angeles County Fair, which sponsors the oldest county fair wine tasting in the U.S., added the Olive Oil competition in 2000, and it has grown to be the largest olive oil competition in the nation. Over 360 oils were entered this year, compared to 239 last year. For more information about the Los Angeles County Fair and its competitions, visit its website at www.fairplex.com.

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