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## Suppliers sign up for Wal-Mart's wood-grain RPC program

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Three more companies are shipping produce to Wal-Mart in wood-grain reusable plastic containers.

Agroexport LLC/Villita Avocados, Moonlight Cos. and Wawona Packing Co. join Grimmway Farms, Calavo Growers, Pure Hothouse Foods, Gerawan Farming, Bee Sweet Citrus and other companies in shipping product in Polymer Logistics' wood-grain RPCs to Wal-Mart as part of the retailer's new produce merchandising program, according to a news release.

The retailer is converting many of its produce departments to look like traditional country farmers markets by November 2016, according to the release. The use of wood-grain RPCs is providing a uniform merchandising look in stores and has been a focus for Polymer since trials were conducted in Walmart Supercenters in early 2015, according to the release.

Other wood-grain RPC suppliers also have struck deals to supply grower-shippers with the containers.

In October, IFCO and Wal-Mart announced IFCO would also supply wood-grain RPCs to Wal-Mart suppliers for wet and dry produce, initially including apples, potatoes, onions and citrus items.