



## Planting Hope to Expand RightRice® Products to More Than 1,100 Publix Stores Across the Southeastern United States

CHICAGO, IL and VANCOUVER, BC / ACCESSWIRE / May 3, 2022 – The Planting Hope Company Inc. (TSXV: MYLK) (FRA: J94) (“Planting Hope” or the “Company”), a plant-based food and beverage company focused on producing the world's most nutritious and planet-friendly products, is pleased to announce that it will be supplying Publix with four RightRice® stock keeping units (“SKUs”) to more than 1,100 of its stores across the Southeastern United States, increasing RightRice® Total Distribution Points (“TDP”) by more than 4,400.

“Publix’s addition of four RightRice® SKUs increases RightRice® TDP by approximately 10%, marking a major milestone for the brand,” said Julia Stamberger, Planting Hope CEO and Co-founder. “RightRice® is an established and innovative plant-based brand positioned in premium rice category with growing sales outpacing commodity rice. We expect this new distribution channel will not only raise consumer awareness, but also further accelerate our growth for this year.”

The four RightRice SKUs being added to Publix stores are the Original, Garlic Herb, Spanish, and Cilantro Lime flavors. The flavors will be added to store shelves beginning the week of May 20, 2022, bringing the RightRice® brand up to more than 46,000 TDP across the United States.

The TDP is calculated as the number of retail doors multiplied by the number of SKUs.

### About RightRice®

[RightRice®](#) redefines a household staple with a delicious vegetable-based rice grain that’s packed with the power of vegetables and complete plant-based protein. RightRice® is the first-of-its-kind: a shelf-stable vegetable grain that’s a blend of over 90 percent vegetables, including lentils, chickpeas, green peas, and rice, and delivers on both taste and nutrition. With 10g of complete protein and 5g of fiber per serving, RightRice® delivers more than double the protein, five times the fiber and around 40 percent fewer net carbohydrates than traditional white rice, plus it can be prepared in 10 minutes. RightRice® is now available in a range of pre-seasoned flavors, plus multiple flavors of RightRice® Medley and RightRice® Risotto. RightRice® products are currently sold in more than 8,000 doors in leading retailers across North America, including Whole Foods Market, Wegman’s, Kroger, Sprouts, Albertsons/Safeway, HEB, Ahold, Meijer, and Publix, as well as online through Amazon, Thrive Market, Hive and RightRice.com. All RightRice products are made using real herbs and spices, and are plant-based, non-GMO verified, gluten-free certified, and kosher certified. RightRice® Risotto was awarded Best Sauce/Store Cupboard Product in FoodBev’s 2021 World Plant-Based Taste Awards and received the 2021 Eco Excellence Award for Best Gluten Free Product, in addition to being chosen as a 2021 Editors’ Pick for Best New Product by Progressive Grocer. For more information visit: [www.rightrice.com](http://www.rightrice.com).

### About The Planting Hope Company Inc.

Planting Hope develops, launches, and scales uniquely innovative plant-based and planet-friendly food and beverage brands. Planting Hope's award-winning and cutting-edge products fill key unmet needs in the skyrocketing plant-based food and beverage space. The Planting Hope brand family includes Hope and Sesame® Sesamemilk and Sesamilk™ creamers, RightRice® Veggie Rice, Mozaics™ Real Veggie Chips, and Veggicopia® Veggie Snacks. Founded by experienced food industry entrepreneurs, Planting Hope is a women-managed and woman-led company focused on nutrition, sustainability, and diversity. For more information visit: [www.plantinghopecompany.com](http://www.plantinghopecompany.com).

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