National magazine touts county for food processing

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VINELAND -- A national publication is telling food-processing firms to sample what Cumberland County has to offer when it comes time to put down roots.

Expansion Solutions Magazine this month named the county as one of five recipients of its 2008 Excellence Award in Food Processing.

The county Economic Development Board announced the award Tuesday at its monthly meeting in Vineland, which is home to a good slice of the county’s food processing industry with firms such as General Mills/Progresso, Omni Baking and Vineland Kosher Poultry.

"The award is based on the county's success, as well as potential in expansion/relocation activity related to food processing," magazine publisher Bruce Newman said.

The county's work force, resources, locations and facilities also are factors in the picks.

Other key processing firms in the county are Seabrook Brothers and Clement Pappas Co. Inc.

"More recent additions include White Wave Foods and the Rutgers Food Innovation Center, a new 23,000-square-foot food business incubator which we believe will be a true catalyst for additional growth in the county and throughout the region," county Freeholder Director Louis Magazzu said.

Kim Wood, county planning and development director, added, "In addition to agriculture, Cumberland County also has one of the most progressive nursery and floriculture industries in the United States and ranks number one in greenhouse, nursery, floriculture and sod production in New Jersey."

Expansion Solutions is a bi-monthly publication for site selection consultants and corporate real estate brokers.