

**TRANSFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS SEED AND TRANSPLANTS, INC.  
SEED PRODUCTION TO WALKER BROTHERS INC..**

This is to announce the transference of the production and marketing of seed of the proprietary varieties bred by Brian Benson and produced by **California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. (CAST)** to the **Walker Brothers, Inc..**

In the Fall of 2007, an agreement was reached between California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. and Walker Brothers, Inc. to release the CAST's proprietary parental plant materials to Walker Brothers, Inc. for tissue culturing parental plants for the establishment of new seed fields for the production of CAST's clonal hybrid asparagus seed.

CAST's proprietary, parental plant materials that were released to Walker Brothers Inc. were confirmed by DNA analysis to be the true parents of the CAST clonal hybrids, Grande, Atlas, Apollo and UC 157. Plant materials of the Purple Passion were also released to Walker Brothers Inc. for seed production.

California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. will continue to produce seed in 2009 and 2010 and market their seed until CAST's seed supplies are completely sold out.

Walker Brothers, Inc. intend to begin marketing CAST's varieties in 2009 and into the future. The first seed harvest by Walker Brothers, Inc. is expected to be in the Fall of 2011.

Brian and Betty Benson of California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. would like to thank all of the asparagus industries around the world for their past and continued support. It has been our pleasure to provide the best quality seed of our outstanding asparagus varieties to the world's asparagus industries.

California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. will continue to supply knowledge and expertise to the World's asparagus industries through the consulting activities of Brian Benson.

Information on seed can be retrieved at:

**Email:** [benson@californiaaspargusseed.com](mailto:benson@californiaaspargusseed.com) for **California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. seed**

**or**

**Web Site:** <http://www.walkerseed.com> for **Walker Brothers, Inc. seed**