

Mr. Antonio Orlich

Nearly 70 years ago, Mr. Antonio Orlich returned to Costa Rica from the United States with a Masters degree in Agronomy (Louisiana State University and University of Iowa) to start his own business in **coffee**. He worked in the coffee industry for over 60 years growing to become one of the largest independent growers, processors, and exporters in the country. Today coffee remains the 3rd Agricultural Export of Costa Rica.



In 1982 he purchased a farm in Sardinal de Carrillo, Guanacaste, known at this time for its rice production. By 1986, he founded EXPORPACK and pioneered transforming the farm to grow, pack and export **melons**.

Today Exporpack is the largest independent grower in the country exporting over 40,000 tons of melons per year. Melons are the 4th Agricultural Export of Costa Rica.

For more than 25 years now, three generations of the **Orlich** family have been managing the operation, keeping the tradition of growing, packing and exporting melons of the highest quality.

