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agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries and the minister responsible for Opportunities NB, said in a media release announcing the winners.

"These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the success of these companies, whose leadership teams and employees make all of us proud."

Emerging exporter of the year was Leading Edge Geomatics, a Lincoln-based company that provides aerial surveys and geomatics (the process of gathering and processing geographical information) services throughout North America with its fleet of four aircraft and seven digital sensors. Started in 2014 with three founders, it now has more than 50 employees.

Receiving the global diversification award was Approach Navigation Systems of Moncton, which supplies, installs and maintains navigation, weather and communication systems for the aviation, marine and highway industries. The company recently designed and built a modular control tower for Chevron Nigeria and for Suncor Energy. It was selected "for the successful opening of non-traditional markets and continuous growth in employment and export sales," the release said.

Corey Nutrition Co. Was named innovative exporter of the year for its innovations in creating better pet food. The Fredericton-based company has been feeding pets for more than 30 years and "is proud to be the first pet food company in the world with food safety protocols rigorous enough for human-grade food," the release said.

Systemair, headquartered in Sweden, was named the foreign-owned exporter of the year. The company is a global leader in ventilation, ensuring better indoor air quality. It has operations in 44 countries and its largest Canadian facility is in Bouctouche, a manufacturing centre that produces energy and heat recovery ventilators, according to the release. "The company's innovative product development in the New Brunswick plant continues to have a positive impact on the local community, both in employment and export sales," the release said.

The Export Awards are hosted by Opportunities New Brunswick, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters – New Brunswick.

