



Blissfield's Uckele Health ranked on Inc. 5000

Blissfield, Michigan-based Uckele Health & Nutrition has ranked 2,864 on the Inc. 500 / 5000 list of the fastest growing private companies in America. Uckele has appeared on the list multiple times over the past several years.

According to *Inc.* magazine, the 2010 Inc. 5000 serves as a report card on the US economy. Despite the ongoing recession, aggregate revenue among the companies on the list increased to \$214 billion, up \$29 billion from last year, with a median three-year growth rate of 126%. The Inc. 5000 companies are responsible for creating more than one million jobs since their founding.

Jane Berentson, *Inc.* magazine editor, stated, "More than ever, this year's list is a testament to the creativity, resilience, and tenacity of America's top entrepreneurs."

Inc. 5000 project manager, Jim Melloan added, "Savvy trend spotters and those who invest in private companies know that the Inc. 5000 is the best place to find out about young companies that are achieving success through a wide variety of unprecedented business models, as well as older private companies that are still expanding at an impressive rate. That's why the list is so eagerly anticipated every year."

In addition to ranking on the 2009 and 2010 Inc. 5000 list, Uckele Health & Nutrition was awarded the 2009 Better Business Bureau (BBB) Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics (northwest Ohio) and the 2008 Business Excellence Award from the Entrepreneurial and Business Excellence (EBE) Hall of Fame.

For 50 years, Uckele Health & Nutrition has formulated, developed, and manufactured nutritional supplements. The Uckele team aims to provide private label and custom manufacturing from concept to shelf, formulating a range of high potency, balanced nutritional supplements to support optimal health and performance at the highest level.

Mike Uckele, CN, CEO, and president, has consulted in the areas of nutrition and nutritional biochemistry for over 18 years, developing hundreds of nutritional formulations and programs for people and their animals. A 1992 graduate of Michigan State University, he is a professional member of many health organizations, such as American College of Sports Medicine, American Oil Chemist Society, International Society of Sports Nutrition,

American College for Advancement in Medicine, the American Naturopathic Medical Association, and the Institute for Functional Medicine.

In 2008, the Uckele Health & Nutrition headquarters more than doubled in size with an 18,000 square foot expansion to its original 15,000 square foot facility. The facility includes manufacturing areas, a retail store, and offices in Blissfield. The expansion was built on the original site founded by William Uckele in the early 1960s.

As a consultant developing nutritional formulations and programs in equine, human, and livestock nutrition, Uckele explained his choice to expand his business in the same location. He stated, "I believe our success grows because we've stuck to our core values. We keep it simple; we provide high quality products at a reasonable price, we're responsive to our customer's needs, and treat them as we'd like to be treated – like the individuals we are."

Uckele offers customized nutrition for horses through hundreds of specially designed products, whether the horse is a retired pasture pet, a top equine athlete, a healthy maintenance horse, or one with special dietary needs like insulin resistance or arthritis.

A member of the National Animal Supplement Council (NASc), Uckele also provides private labeling and custom manufacturing for companies and organizations worldwide.

