

Paradise Foods Sells to Family-owned Nugget Markets of Yolo County

David Gilmour, CEO and owner of [Paradise Foods](#) of Marin County, announced at a management lunch on Wednesday, January 28th that he is selling Paradise Foods in Novato, Corte Madera and Tiburon to Nugget Markets. [Nugget Markets](#) is a family-owned and operated grocery chain headquartered in Yolo County since 1926, serving the greater Sacramento Valley region with 12 stores.

“I am thrilled to have found a strong retailer (Nugget Markets) that will continue to offer my employees a dynamic culture and a secure work environment, while maintaining a strong focus on quality perishables, local and organic groceries, and our community,” says Gilmour.

[Nugget Markets](#) was founded 88 years ago by the grandfather and great-grandfather of today’s CEO/President, Eric Stille. Nugget Markets offers a unique down-home yet progressive shopping experience that focuses on natural, organic and local products that are displayed alongside conventional and ethnic items, offering the best of all worlds. Nugget Markets is known regionally for its high quality perishables – produce, meat and seafood, bakery, specialty cheese and delicatessen offerings.

Eric Stille is ecstatic about the opportunity to acquire Paradise Foods. “We’ve been looking to expand into the Marin community for a number of years and when David approached us, I knew it was a perfect fit. Paradise Foods and Nugget Markets share similar goals and values, and we both have built our businesses on quality, selection and service,” says Stille.

Nugget Markets has occupied a place on FORTUNE Magazine’s list of “100 Best Companies to Work For” for nine consecutive years and Stille attributes the honor to Nugget’s dedicated associates, leaders and loyal guests. One step inside any Nugget Market, and you’ll immediately sense each associate’s up-beat energy, positive outlook, and dedication to world-class service.

“It’s been a pleasure to serve and support Marin County for the past 14 years,” says Gilmour. I thank my friends and the Marin community for supporting my business, Paradise Foods, and welcome Eric and the Nugget Markets family to Marin County.” With the sale of Paradise Foods, Gilmour will be turning his energy toward establishing the Marin office for Awareness Foundation America, whose purpose is helping young people in Syria and Lebanon guide their communities on the path to peace and reconciliation.

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