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## **Markon names new CEO**

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Andy Hamilton will serve as Markon Cooperative's next CEO effective immediately. Hamilton comes from a strong background steeped in foodservice, sales, partnership relations, and operations management, and will focus on continuing to drive growth for the cooperative through brand leadership, culinary innovation, and 5-Star Food Safety.



“I’m honored to have the opportunity to lead Markon and continue the legacy of excellence in the produce industry,” said Hamilton. “I’m excited to work with such an exceptional team of associates, as well as strong grower-shippers serving a thriving membership base of the largest independent foodservice distributors in the country.”

Most recently, Hamilton was a senior vice president at Get Fresh Companies, one of the largest distributors and fresh-cut partners in the Southwest. His previous roles include senior level sales positions with Chiquita Fresh North America and IFCO Systems North America. He was also CEO of Eco Farms International and brings more than two decades of diverse experience to Markon along with a deep understanding and passion for the produce industry.

Hamilton succeeds Tim York, who has been instrumental in growing the company over the last three decades.

“We cannot thank Tim enough for his many contributions and incredible leadership over the last 30 years,” said John Roussel, Markon chairman. “We are thrilled to have Andy join Markon. We are confident he will further our position as an innovator in the industry working closely with Markon members and the grower-shipper community to build the business.”

As CEO, Hamilton will oversee Markon’s brand and supply chain leadership and sustainable growth while furthering the produce cooperative in the industry through food safety and culinary innovation. Hamilton will also focus on providing strategic direction to the business as well as developing partnerships that drive increased produce sales.