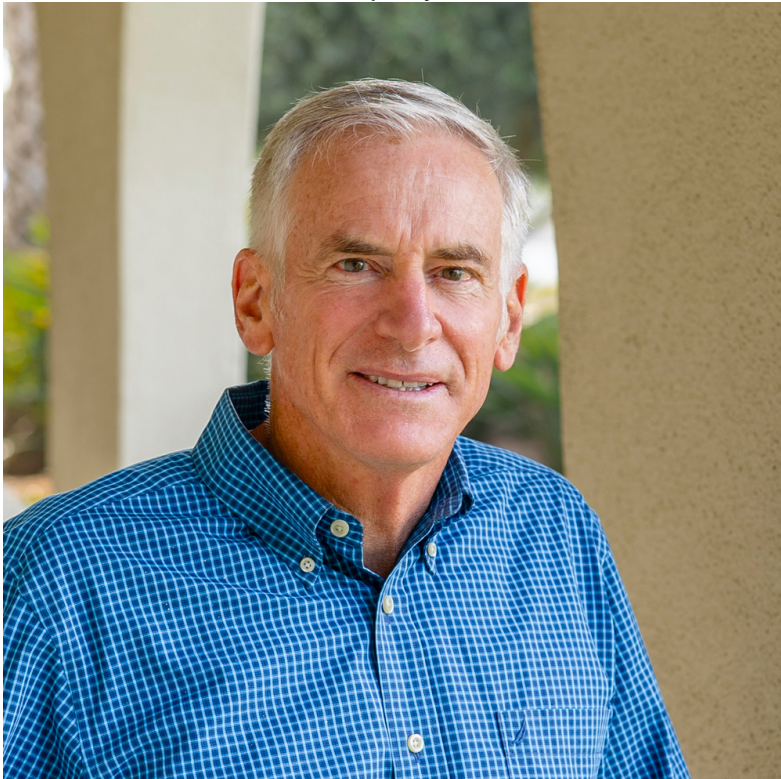

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Ocean Mist CEO Joe Pezzini stepping down

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[Ocean Mist Farms](#) CEO and President Joe Pezzini will step down from this role effective June 30. He has been a consistent face and voice of this nearly 100-year-old brand for 21 years, and his legacy will be evident as the company moves forward toward its centennial celebration.



“There is never a good time to make a change of this magnitude,” said Pezzini. “Ocean Mist Farms will celebrate its centennial in 2024. In that long and rich history, we have grown from very humble beginnings in 1924 to a full-service year-round supplier of the finest artichokes and fresh produce. I am proud to have been a part of that journey along with all the other Ocean Mist Farms team members over the years.”

An executive committee and senior management team is in place to continue the success of this well-known company during this transition, and the company has initiated an executive search for Pezzini’s successor.

“This is a very significant change for Ocean Mist Farms; however, I have no doubt that the service and supply expectations that the industry has come to expect from the Ocean Mist Farms brand will continue at the highest levels,” said Kirk Martin, chairman of the board. “On behalf of the board and the family owners of Ocean Mist Farms, we thank Joe for his steadfast service and leadership. We will miss his passion, professionalism and commitment to our collective success. In the meantime, we will move forward with confidence in our growers, people and leadership team to continue to serve the needs of our customers and stakeholders as a valued produce solutions provider.”

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