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### **Carmela Foods Acquires J. Prescott Company, Expanding into Kentucky and Strengthening Specialty Food Portfolio**

**Fraser, MI, May 8, 2026** - Carmela Foods, a family-owned specialty food distributor serving the Midwest, has acquired J. Prescott Company, a respected business built on more than 40 years of trusted customer relationships. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, J. Prescott Company has served customers throughout the region with a reputation for quality, consistency, and personalized service. This acquisition marks Carmela's expansion into the Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky markets, opening a new territory for continued growth.

Founded by John Prescott, J. Prescott Company has long been known for its commitment to quality products and personalized service. As Prescott steps back from daily operations, the transition ensures customer continuity while positioning the business for future growth.

Anthony Tocco founded Carmela Foods in 1992 with one brand and one customer, a philosophy that continues to define the company today.

"Anthony and I built our companies the same way, from the ground up, one customer at a time," said John Prescott. "That shared belief in relationships and service made Carmela the right home for our customers."

Through this acquisition, Carmela will deliver expanded resources, broader product offerings, and operational support, while maintaining the personalized service customers expect. The addition of Kentucky strengthens Carmela's footprint and creates new opportunities across retail and foodservice.

Carmela will continue to lean on its partnership with Chef Source and owner Roger Kreager for expertise in key categories, including chocolate, desserts, and specialty items.

"We are honored to carry forward John's legacy," said Anthony Tocco. "Our commitment is simple, to take great care of our customers and earn their business every day."

Carmela Foods remains a family-owned and operated company focused on long-term growth, strong partnerships, and the delivery of premium products with exceptional service.

**Bringing our best to the Midwest.**

