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Lowes Foods expanding in North and South Carolina

New Stores and remodels announced in the Triangle and Low Country

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (May 23, 2025)—Lowes Foods, a Carolinas based grocer headquartered in Winston-Salem, is expanding in the Triangle and Low Country.

Lowes Foods will introduce two new locations in the growing Triangle region of North Carolina:

- **Wendell, NC** at Wendell Falls Parkway and Eagle Rock Rd.
- **Fuquay-Varina, NC** at the Southeast corner of Old Honeycutt Rd and Purfoy Rd.

Additionally, the company will convert an existing KJ's Market in **John's Island, South Carolina** into a full-service Lowes Foods store. This conversion marks a step in Lowes Foods' strategic integration of parent company Alex Lee's grocery banners.

"This update reflects our commitment to delivering the right experience for every community we serve. KJ's Market is an important part of our portfolio, and we're confident Lowes Foods will offer an experience more tailored to this area's unique demographic," said Tim Lowe, President of Lowes Foods.

Store Remodels in the Triangle

In addition to new store development, Lowes Foods is investing in upgrades at three existing locations in the Triangle area of North Carolina. The store at 8440 Louisburg Road and 7281 Veterans Parkway (Hwy 42) have recently celebrated grand re-openings. The store in Holly Springs at 112 Bass Lake Road will have a re-grand opening on June 26.

These remodels will include refreshed interiors and enhancements to signature Lowes Foods concepts, such as Boxcar Coffee, Sammy's, and an expanded Cheese Shoppe and Smokehouse. Each location will also highlight locally sourced products and community-inspired design features.

"Our remodeling efforts are focused on enriching the everyday shopping experience," said Lowe. "We want guests to feel at home in our stores and to discover something new each time they visit. Whether it's through new store openings or reimagined spaces, we are committed to offering an engaging grocery destination that reflects the spirit of each community"

About Lowes Foods, LLC

Founded in 1954, Lowes Foods employs nearly 9,000 people and operates more than 80 full-service supermarkets in the Carolinas. Locally owned and operated, Lowes Foods is truly a homegrown

company committed to bringing community back to the table, by providing customers with the freshest and most innovative local products from local suppliers. The company maintains a strong focus on exceptional attention to our guests, with services like Lowes Foods-To-Go personal shopping and gas rewards discounts. To learn more, visit lowesfoods.com or follow Lowes Foods on Facebook or Twitter. Lowes Foods, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alex Lee, Inc.

About Alex Lee, Inc.

Founded in 1931, Alex Lee is a family-owned and operated company that employs approximately 15,000 people. It serves as the parent company of Merchants Distributors, LLC, which provides full-service, wholesale distribution to supermarkets, Souto Foods, a distributor of authentic Hispanic foods, and Import Mex, a distributor of Mexican and Central American products. Alex Lee is also the parent company of Lowes Foods, which includes nearly 85 full-service grocery stores in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In addition, Alex Lee, Inc. is the parent company of W. Lee Flowers & Company, which operates approximately 60 IGA and KJ's Market grocery stores and provides wholesale distribution to supermarkets. Alex Lee, Inc. is based in Hickory, NC. For more information, please visit alexlee.com.

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