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## Hollywood hires 200 Farmer Jack workers

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Hollywood Market has hired more than 200 former Farmer Jack employees as it has expanded in the wake of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.'s decision to pull out of the Detroit market. A&P closed Farmer Jack stores in Southeastern Michigan earlier this month.

Thom Welch, vice president of the Troy-based chain, said Friday the family-owned chain has hired more than 200 former Farmer Jack employees as it staffed three new locations in Oakland County under the Hollywood name. The hiring of the former Farmer Jack employees helped expedite the reopening of the stores, he said.

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The stores are at 29200 N. Campbell Road in Madison Heights; 1495 N. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills; and 1101 Lapeer Road in Lake Orion, he said. All three sites had belonged to Farmer Jack.

The acquisition of the three Farmer Jacks represented a major expansion for the Hollywood chain. Before the expansion, Hollywood had operated four stores - in Troy, Royal Oak, Bloomfield Township and Utica.

Welch said Hollywood elected to restock and reopen the stores even though it doesn't have beer and wine sales licenses yet and the new meat counters haven't arrived, Welch said.

Hollywood's expansion plan calls for all three stores to have meat counters with complete butcher services. When the stores operated under the Farmer Jack name, the three stores had only self-serve meat sections, Welch said. "The new meat counters should be here in



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September," he added.

The transfer of the beer and wine sales' licenses, however, will depend on completion of the paperwork with the state of Michigan and with each local community, Welch said. "We're not sure how long that will take," he said.

Mike Bernacchi, a University of Detroit-Mercy marketing expert, said the grocery business in the Detroit metropolitan area will have more of a local flavor in the future.

Farmer Jack had operated 20 stores in Oakland County, before A&P's recent decision to withdraw from the market. As the Farmer Jack chain closed, Kroger Co. bought 20 Farmer Jack stores across metro Detroit, including six in Oakland County.

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