



Meet the Grower

Turano Baking Company Berwyn, IL

Mariano Turano came to America from Calabria, Italy, in pursuit of his dream to provide a better life for his family. In 1962 he founded Campagna Bakery in Chicago, Illinois. Only 1,000 square feet in size, this small bakery made a big impression with its authentic old world breads amongst its surrounding neighborhoods. Not long after it's opening, Mariano merged bakeries and talents with his brothers Carmen and Eugenio forming Campagna-Turano Bakery in Berwyn, Illinois. Due to their uniquely delectable breads such as Mariano's Old Fashioned Italian Round, the bakery's popularity grew and soon demand was on the rise. Thanks to a delivery route implemented by Mariano himself, that demand was met and soon Campagna-Turano Bakery was on its way to becoming one of the most popular Italian bakeries within the Chicagoland area.

In 1967, Campagna-Turano Bakery expanded their product line to include new items such as French and Vienna Breads, Kaiser Rolls, and Mamma Susi Pizzas. It was then that Campagna-Turano Bakery, now known only as Turano Baking Company, decided to take on the wholesale market, introducing Mamma Susi's Pizza to local Grocery stores. The pre-cooked, frozen panned pizza was a first for local grocers and proved to be a delicious success with an average of 12,000 pizzas being sold per week. It wasn't long after that more and more grocers and restaurant owners became aware of Turano's reputation for quality and reliability, and soon new Turano products found their way onto restaurant tabletops and grocery shelves throughout the Chicagoland area.

Cause for this rapid increase was primarily due to the persistence of Mariano's three sons, Renato, Umberto, and Giancarlo steadily tracking and producing more business for the Turano Baking Company. Having been in the business since the beginning, their experience and passion was second-to-none and their enthusiasm for improving on what their father had originally founded years before was the driving force behind the company's growth.

With all of these new products in demand it was inevitable that the company would go through major expansions leading to the purchase of a second bakery in Bolingbrook, Illinois, producing frozen, par- and fully-baked breads and rolls. In addition to delivering fresh bread daily throughout the Midwest, Turano also services the entire nation with frozen, par- and fully-baked bread products. Their product line now consists of over 400 quality breads and baked goods.

Though the first generation of founders has passed on, Turano is still a family-owned business. The tradition of quality and reliability continues with the leadership of Mariano's sons, Renato, Umberto and Giancarlo. With their leadership, the company has consistently progressed into a family owned success achieving major accomplishments in the baking industry and receiving numerous industry awards. As the company continues to grow with plants in Berwyn and Bolingbrook, Illinois, Villa Rica, Georgia, and Orlando, Florida, the next generation of the Turano family eagerly contributes to the company's success with the same passion, determination, and enthusiasm as their fathers while still maintaining the tradition of quality and artisanship their grandfather started almost half a century ago.



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