

Grocers react as Amazon enters the market

Stock prices for other publicly-traded chains crashed after Amazon announced plans to buy organic grocer Whole Foods.

GROCER	STOCK PRICE CHANGE, THURSDAY TO FRIDAY	MARKET CAPITALIZATION	U.S. STORES
Whole Foods	27% ↑	\$13 B	465
Amazon	3.1% ↑	\$476 B	-
Ahold* (Giant)	-5.4% ↓	\$26 B	2,260
Walmart and Sam's Club	-6.5% ↓	\$225 B	4,692
Costco	-6.9% ↓	\$74 B	510
Target	-8.4% ↓	\$28 B	1,807
Sprouts Farmers Market	-12.9% ↓	\$3 B	272
Kroger* (Harris Teeter)	-14.6% ↓	\$20 B	2,792

*Dutch company Ahold Delhaize owns U.S. grocery chains including Food Lion and delivery service Peapod. Kroger owns chains Dillons and King Soopers. Costco locations are in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Note: Jeffrey P. Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon.com, owns The Washington Post.

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