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INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Ingles Markets, Incorporated

P.O. Box 6676, Asheville, North Carolina 28816

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting

to Be Held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:

<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/imkta>

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Ingles Markets, Incorporated

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before January 27, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

TO REQUEST PAPER COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS:

(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)

By opting out to receive printed materials, your preference for future proxy mailings will be kept on our file.

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164 (outside of the U.S and Canada call 201-680-6688)**

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**

(you must reference your 11-digit control number in your email)

Internet: **<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/imkta>**

TO VOTE YOUR SHARES SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

This is not a proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares.

Dear Ingles Markets, Incorporated Stockholder

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (the Company) will be held at the Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina 28804, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) to elect nine directors to serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- (2) to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 25, 2010; and
- (3) to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.
Management recommends a vote FOR the election of nine directors.

Management recommends a vote FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP.

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The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on December 15, 2009, as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Directions to attend the annual meeting where you may vote in person can be found on our website, www.ingles-markets.com.

Meeting Location:

Grove Park Inn

290 Macon Avenue

Asheville, NC 28804

You can find directions to the Annual Meeting at: www.ingles-markets.com

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:

the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Proxy Card;

the Company's Annual Report for the year ended September 26, 2009 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

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HOW TO VOTE BY INTERNET

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