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**TOM BERGMAN OF DOROTHY LANE MARKETS CLAIMS OGA's 2010 BEST BAGGER TITLE**

COLUMBUS – The best grocery bagger in Ohio is no stranger to sacking the competition. Tom Bergman, a grocery bagger for Dorothy Lane Markets, located in Dayton, Ohio, recently beat out 30 other challengers to win the 2010 Ohio's Best Bagger Contest. At the state competition, hosted by the Kroger Marketplace in Lewis Center, Ohio, Bergman competed against baggers from all over the state representing both large and small companies.

For winning the title of Best Bagger in the buckeye state, Bergman claimed \$1,100 and a trip for two to Las Vegas where he will represent Ohio in the national bagging contest. The nation competition will be held during the National Grocers Association's Annual Convention on February 14, 2010.

Bergman was declared the winner after accumulating the most points for quickly and efficiently bagging roughly 25 individual grocery items. He scored an overall total of 26.13 out of 28 possible points. Bergman competed against 30 of Ohio's best baggers – many of which had previously competed in and won local and store competitions before advancing to OGA's state contest. Points were awarded for speed, proper bag building technique, weight distribution between bags, as well as style, attitude and appearance.

In addition to Bergman, the top five qualifiers who competed in the bagging finals were: Chris Glocker, Buehler's; Adam Andrews, Kroger; Cara Andres, Dorothy Lane; and Aaron Birney, Kroger.

This year's bagging contest took on an Ohio Proud theme which featured featuring balloon artists, face painting, a 6 foot Velvet Ice Cream sundae built by the Ohio Proud Team, food demonstrations by the Ohio Proud Mobile Kitchen, games, picnic themed activities and food for contestants and spectators.

"The Best Bagger contest is one of our industry's most exciting events," said OGA President and CEO, Tom Jackson. "This contest gives our industry a chance to showcase some of the finest associates the grocery industry has to offer and highlights the level of customer service our members and their organizations provide to consumers every day."

Tom Bergman, 18, is from Kettering, Ohio, has been bagging groceries for 2 years, recently graduated from high school and is a freshman in college who enjoys wake boarding, soccer and basketball.

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