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## **PENNSYLVANIA'S 21<sup>st</sup> BEST BAGGER CONTEST SET FOR JUNE 4 AT HARRISBURG HILTON**

HARRISBURG, PA — Pennsylvania's Best Bagger Contest will celebrate its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 4 at the Harrisburg Hilton.

The 2008 Pennsylvania champion will compete at the National Grocers Association Convention in Las Vegas next February for both the national and international championships.

This year's Pennsylvania event, part of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association Annual Food Industry Conference, will be emceed by Harrisburg news anchor Alicia Richards of WHTM-TV ABC 27, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The new state champion is expected to be crowned around 3 p.m.

PFMA's top baggers will compete in a plastic bag round, and a paper bag event.

In a special segment, an industry celebrity event will feature re-usable grocery bags, provided by Rocco D'Antonio of Penn Jersey Paper Company.

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Penn Jersey is also the official paper bag for this year's competition, while Hilex Poly serves as the official plastic bag of the event.

The groceries are provided by Ellwood City Save-a-Lot; shopping carts are on loan from Karn's Quality Foods, Ltd.; and scales are courtesy of Giant Food Stores.

Family, friends and members of the food industry will cheer on their favorite baggers at this unique event, creating an energetic atmosphere.

Competitors from across the state are qualifying in their store or regional contests throughout April and May.

The baggers will represent Acme, Genuardi's, Giant Eagle, Giant Food Stores, Henning's Market, Pathmark, Redner's and Weis Markets.

There's still time for PFMA companies to enter contestants by contacting the event coordinator, Ed Conley at [edward.conley@verizon.net](mailto:edward.conley@verizon.net).

Consumer advocate Mary Bach, again serves as head judge at this year's Pennsylvania's Best Bagger Contest.

The new Pennsylvania champion will receive the trip to Las Vegas to compete in next year's national finals, \$500 and a unique championship trophy.

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