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### **JAKE JENSEN OF SANDSTONE NAMED 2008 MINNESOTA BEST BAGGER**

Jake Jensen, employee of Chris' Food Center in Sandstone, won the Minnesota Grocers Association 2008 Best Bagger Contest Saturday, August 16, 2008 at the Mall of America.

The Minnesota Grocers Association has held the Best Bagger contest for over 20 years. This contest is important to the MGA and its membership because it showcases the talents of one of our key employees. The bagger is the person responsible for the last experience customers have at our stores. They truly represent customer service.

Jensen competed against 9 other baggers from across Minnesota. He has worked at Chris' Food Center for 10 months.

The 10 contestants were judged on speed, style, attitude, proper bag building technique, number of bags used and weight distribution between the bags.

As the winner, Jensen will go on to represent the state of Minnesota and compete in the 2009 National Best Bagger contest at the National Grocers Association Convention, February 5, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was also awarded a trophy and \$500.

Second place in the competition was awarded to Adrien Vanderhoef-Oxley of Lunds in Navarre and in third place, Shane Segner of Mackenthun's Fine Foods in Waconia.

*The Minnesota Grocers Association is a state trade association representing the food retail industry since 1897. With over 200 retail members operating nearly 1,200 stores statewide, as well as 120 manufacturers and distributors, the MGA is truly the voice of the industry. Our member companies employ over 85,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. Focusing on the importance of the consumers, careers and communities, we actively advance the common interests of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

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