Independent retail supermarkets and the wholesalers that supply them play a vital role in the communities they serve and are a major contributor to the economy of the United States and Idaho. Defined as a privately held, or family-owned entrepreneurial business, independent supermarket operators run businesses of all formats and sizes, and are dedicated to their customers, associates and communities.

**STORES AND SALES**

In Idaho, the independent supermarket channel includes 117 stores and generates **$836.98 million** in annual sales.

**JOBS AND WAGES**

In Idaho, independent supermarket operators are responsible for creating **5,340** stable, reliable jobs and **$184.14 million** in wages paid.

**TAXES**

In Idaho, independent supermarkets and the wholesalers that serve them are a major source of tax revenue for federal, state and local governments. Together the independent channel and their employees generate about **$76.25 million** in state and local tax and **$65.09 million** in federal taxes. The combined total in the State of Idaho is **$141.34 million**.

**NATIONAL IMPACT**

The economic impact of the independent supermarket industry reaches all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally there are **21,000** independently owned supermarkets that generate **$131 billion** in annual sales, representing nearly **25%** of the total domestic market.