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 Minnesota. 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 Minnesota, the independent supermarket channel includes 368 stores and generates $2.20 billion in annual sales.

**JOBS AND WAGES**

In Minnesota, independent supermarket operators are responsible for creating 18,480 stable, reliable jobs and $599.36 million in wages paid.

**TAXES**

In Minnesota, 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 $278.81 million in state and local tax and $277.41 million in federal taxes. The combined total in the State of Minnesota is $556.22 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.

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