

Wakefern Food Corp.

NJBIZ Ranks Wakefern One of Top Ten Places to Work in New Jersey

Keasbey, NJ — May 12, 2011 — Wakefern Food Corp. announced today that it has been ranked in the top ten of NJBIZ magazine's *2011 Best Places to Work in New Jersey*. This prestigious award, given annually, recognizes and honors top places of employment in New Jersey that benefit the state's economy, workforce and businesses.

Wakefern came in at number nine this year on the *NJBIZ* list. The *Best Places to Work in New Jersey awards* honors more than seventy companies from across the state. The winners were determined by an evaluation of each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. An additional component of the evaluation included an employee survey to measure the employee experience.

The award program, created in 2005 and produced by NJBIZ, honored this year's *Best Places to Work* at an awards dinner and ceremony on Tuesday, April 26th at the Hilton East Brunswick.

"We are proud to stand beside these esteemed members of the New Jersey business community to accept this prestigious award," said Dean Janeway, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wakefern Food Corp. "Wakefern has a deep-rooted and personal investment in its associates and we are delighted to be recognized by them – and *NJBIZ* -- as a 'Best Place to Work.' This is truly an honor."

The Best Places to Work in New Jersey program sponsors are Gibbons, P.C. and Novo Nordisk. The program is in partnership with Garden State Council SHRM, The New Jersey State Chamber, Employers Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

About Wakefern Food Corp.

From a small, struggling cooperative with eight members – all owners of their own grocery stores – Wakefern Food Corp. has grown into the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1946, the cooperative is comprised of 47 members who today individually own and operate more than 230 supermarkets under the ShopRite banner in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. In 1996, Wakefern introduced PriceRite stores, extending the company's reach into Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Today, there are 45 PriceRite stores in five states. As the merchandising and distribution arm of both ShopRite and PriceRite, Wakefern, together with its member companies, employ more than 50,000 people; making it one of the largest employers in New Jersey. In addition, Wakefern also distributes products to other supermarkets throughout the northeastern United States and Bermuda. For more information, please visit www.Wakefern.com.