



## **Wakefern Named in Top Five of 2012 Best Places to Work in New Jersey**

### ***Annual NJBIZ Award Given to 100 New Jersey Companies***

**Keasbey, NJ — April 27, 2012** — Wakefern Food Corp. announced today that it has been ranked fifth out of 100 of *NJBIZ Magazine's 2012 Best Places to Work in New Jersey*. This is the second year in a row that Wakefern has been honored with this prestigious award, which recognizes top places of employment in New Jersey that benefit the state's economy, workforce and businesses.

Businesses from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the *Best Places to Work in New Jersey*. 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.

Created in 2005, the award is sponsored by *NJBIZ* and honored this year's 100 *Best Places to Work* at an awards dinner and ceremony on April 25, 2012 at the Hilton East Brunswick.

"We consistently strive to create an environment that our associates can be proud of and that allows them to excel," said Joseph Sheridan, president and COO of Wakefern Food Corp. "We are delighted that Wakefern has been recognized by *NJBIZ* as a 'best place to work' and we are so honored to be included in this esteemed group of New Jersey businesses."

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#### **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 240 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 47 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. Wakefern was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in NJ by *NJBIZ Magazine*. In 2011, *Supermarket News* gave Wakefern its Retail Excellence Award and *The Griffin Report* named Wakefern its Retailer of the Year. For more information, please visit [www.Wakefern.com](http://www.Wakefern.com).