

LOTTERY LINKS

NEWS AND IDEAS FOR LOTTERY RETAILERS

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CASH DASH TO RETURN IN NOVEMBER

Cash Dash is back! Beginning November 1 through November 28, players will have the chance to win instant cash prizes by purchasing a qualifying One-of-Each (Cash Dash) transaction for \$11. A qualifying transaction includes:

- Powerball with Power Play (\$3);
- Mega Millions with Megaplier (\$3);
- Lucky for Life (\$2);
- Lotto America with All Star Bonus (\$2) and;
- 2by2 (\$1).



Simply ask players if they would like to play Cash Dash. Touch the Cash Dash icon on the main screen of your terminal, verify the sale and the tickets will print. Randomly selected Cash Dash transactions will win instant cash prizes of \$5, \$20, \$100 or \$500.

If a qualifying Cash Dash sale is a winner, you will hear "Instant Winner!" A Cash Dash coupon will immediately print from the terminal with the prize amount. In order to receive credit for cashing an instant winner, coupons must be scanned through the lottery terminal in the same manner as any other winning lottery ticket. If you do not have sufficient funds available, instruct the player to return at another time, redeem the coupon at another lottery retailer or mail it to the North Dakota Lottery at the address on the back of the coupon. Encourage players to sign the back of their coupons.

Your store will receive credit for all scanned and cashed coupons. The credit will be reflected in the PROMO REDEEM line of your DAILY SALES ACTIVITY and WEEKLY INVOICE reports.

Preprinting Cash Dash transactions is strictly prohibited. Please see official rules at LOTTERY.ND.GOV for complete details.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



In the June newsletter, I went into detail explaining the fiscal year 2020 sluggish sales and the anticipation that the Lottery would encounter the lowest annual sales in nine years.

As expected, fiscal year 2020 closed the year with unaudited ticket sales of \$24.4 million which reflected an \$11 million decrease in sales, or 31%, compared to fiscal year 2019. The primary reason for the decrease in sales was the Powerball and Mega Millions jackpots did not hit over \$500 million and to a lesser degree, the impact of COVID-19 along with the change to the Powerball starting jackpot from \$40 million to \$20 million. I will provide more details on ticket sales, prizes won, retailer sales/bonus commissions, and the amount transferred to the State General Fund at a later date when the Lottery's financial audit for fiscal year 2020 is completed.

Unaudited fiscal year 2021 sales are up slightly compared to last fiscal year. July and August sales totaled \$4.07 million, a \$105,124 increase or 2.65%. But as we all know, total sales of a game are dramatically affected by the size of the game's jackpot. Therefore we need some big jackpot runs this year. In addition, the Powerball Game Group is discussing changes to the game to increase sales and increase the jackpot roll amounts between drawings.

We are all looking forward to a brighter future. Now more than ever through our partnership, we must work together to increase sales by addressing industry challenges and achieving common goals. The Lottery will continue to place a high-priority on providing quality customer service, developing creative promotions, and researching opportunities for new multi-state lottery games that would be attractive to current and new players, while adding value to our product mix. Our mission is to increase your sales and maximize revenue that supports state programs and services benefiting the citizens of North Dakota.

Remember to utilize the resources of the Lottery's customer service specialists, making sure you have the products and point-of-sale material you need to optimize sales. No one knows Lottery players better than Lottery retailers. That's why the Lottery relies on the feedback you provide to your customer service specialist. Encourage cashiers to actively promote the sale of lottery tickets, not only during special promotions or high jackpots, but throughout the year.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Randy Willer

YOU COULD WAN \$1,000 CASH!

Each winner will receive \$1,000 cash and a chance to become a finalist for the Powerball First Millionaire of the Year™ drawing! You could ring in 2021 as a millionaire!

ENTER AT LOTTERY.ND.GOV

25 POINTS PER ENTRY

INSTANT LUCK SALES SOAR!

The Lucky for Life Instant Luck promotion was a resounding success! Lucky for Life sales for the four week promotion saw a 119% increase in sales when compared to the 26-week, weekly average prior to the promotion. Total sales reached \$480,132 and players won over \$31,200 in instant prizes. The sales increase generated an additional \$13,056 in retailer commissions.

Check out the Top 5 North Dakota Lottery retailers with the most instant winners:

- 1. M&H Gas #13 Mandan
- 2. Dan's SuperMARKET #3 (South) Bismarck
- 3. Simonson Station Store #4 Minot
- 4. Cash Wise Foods #3020 Bismarck
- 5. Dan's SuperMARKET #2 (North) Bismarck

Not on the list? Check the back of this newsletter and see if you made the Top 60!

MANUALLY CASHING TICKETS

Lottery tickets can be cashed from any screen using the barcode scanners. In the case that a barcode is unreadable, tickets can be cashed manually. To manually cash lottery tickets:

- 1. From any screen, touch the **CASH** tab;
- 2. Touch the [Cash Draw Ticket] button and confirm that the Mode is set to New Format;
- 3. Use the keypad to enter the serial number and touch **[0K]**.
- 4. The terminal prints a receipt.
- 5. Give receipt to player as well as return all winning and non-winning tickets to player.





LOTTERY TIDBITS

- RETURN ALL TICKETS TO PLAYERS: Per Lottery Administrative Rule 10-16-03-07 Section 2, retailers are to return all winning and non-winning lottery tickets back to the player.
- NO CREDIT: Credit cards cannot be used to purchase tickets.
- Give all customer receipts to the player.
- Keep all retailer receipts for the store's records.
- No credit will be issued to retailers for misprinted tickets due to operator error.

- Valid misprinted tickets may be sold to players before the draw occurs.
- Lottery tickets cannot be voided, canceled, or refunded.
- Problems with your lottery terminal? Call the 24-hour terminal assistance hotline located on the front of your lottery terminal (1-866-719-2699).
- Remember to wear your "JACKPOT ALERT!" stickers when jackpots are big. If your store needs additional "Jackpot Alert" stickers, contact the lottery at 1-701-328-1574.

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TOP 60 INSTANT LUCK PROMOTION REMILERS







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Rank Retailer

| M&H Gas #13 - Mandan | 21t | Superp |
|---|-----|--------|
| Dan's SuperMARKET #3 (South) - Bismarck | 21t | Arrowh |

Simonson Station Store #4 - Minot

Cash Wise Foods #3020 - Bismarck

Dan's SuperMARKET #2 (North) - Bismarck

Cash Wise Foods #3012 - Fargo

Hornbacher's Village West #2693 - Fargo

M&H Gas #15 - Jamestown

Superpumper #39 - Bismarck

10t Family Fare Supermarket #103 - West Fargo

Rosie's Food and Gas - Dickinson

M&H Gas #22 - Dickinson

Miller's Fresh Foods - New Rockford

Marketplace Food and Drug - Minot

Albertson's #0028 - Williston

Simonson Station Store #8 - Wahpeton

Cash Wise Foods #3043 - Minot

18t Broadway Marketplace Foods - Minot

18t Cash Wise Foods #3045 - West Fargo

Allied Energy/CENEX - Edgeley

Rank Retailer

pumper #4 - Williston

Arrowhead Marketplace Foods - Minot Cash Wise Foods #3044 - Dickinson

Brothers III Sports - Valley City

Superpumper #22 - Belfield

Cash Wise Foods #3042 - Watford City M&H Gas #25 - Minot

28t 1 Stop Market - Belcourt

Casey's General Store #3631 - New Rockford

30 North Hill Marketplace Foods - Minot

Dan's SuperMARKET #14 (Yorktown Dr.) - Bismarck

Petro Serve USA #077 - Bismarck

Hugo's #9 - Jamestown

Neighborhood Grocery and Gas - Jamestown

Dan's SuperMARKET #6 - Mandan

Leevers Foods (North) - Devils Lake

Patriot Fuels of Carrington - Carrington

Hornbacher's Osgood #2689 - Fargo Simonson Station Store #6 - Williston

Little Mart C-Store - Harvey

Retailer

Hornbacher's Northport #2685 - Fargo Hornbacher's Southgate #2687 - Fargo

Lucky's Xpress - Dickinson 43

Simonson Station Store #1 - Bismarck

Cenex General Store - Dickinson

Red Carpet Carwash #9 (East Main) - Bismarck

Red Carpet Carwash #11 (Saratoga Ave) - Bismarck

48t Simonson Station Store #3 - Grafton

Kum & Go #801 - Bowman 48t

48t Hugo's #2 - Grand Forks

Pit Stop LLC - Dickinson

John's Food Center - Lincoln 52t

52t Cash Wise Foods #3049 - Jamestown

54t Tiger Discount - Dickinson

Country West MVP Store - Bismarck

Hugo's #8 - Grand Forks

United Quality Coop - New Town

Leroy's MVP Store - Mandan 58t Little Dukes #3020 - Bismarck

Parshall Cenex - Parshall