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Minnesota's Top Grocery Baggers Compete for State Title at Mall of America

WHAT: The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) will host its 2025 Best Bagger Contest at the Mall of America in Bloomington. This exciting, fast-paced competition shines a spotlight on one of the grocery industry's most essential team members—the bagger. As the final point of contact in the shopping experience, baggers play a vital role in delivering excellent customer service.

Contestants from across Minnesota will compete head-to-head, judged on speed, style, attitude, proper bag-building technique, and weight distribution. Participants will use reusable bags, showcasing the food industry's ongoing commitment to sustainability and consumer choice.

For the first time ever, the Best Bagger competition will include local media personalities. In addition to competing for bragging rights, the contestants will also be raising money for their favorite charities. Participants include:

Karla Hult, KARE 11
Tom Hauser, KSTP 5
Amy Hockert, FOX 9
Caroline Cummings, WCCO 4

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00 -2:00 pm

WHERE: Mall of America – Huntington Bank Rotunda
60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

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The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating over 125 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacturing, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000

union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.