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## **STATER BROS. MARKETS RATED #1 FULL-SERVICE SUPERMARKET CHAIN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**According to Leading National Consumer Magazine**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA** - Stater Bros. Markets has been rated as the best place to shop for groceries among Full-Service Supermarket Chains in Southern California in the May 2009 issue of a Leading National Consumer Magazine.

Stater Bros. was ranked No. 11 in America and was the highest rated Full-Service Supermarket Chain in Southern California.

The ratings were based on responses from more than 32,000 readers about their experiences at 59 of America's leading Supermarket Chains, Supercenters and Warehouse Clubs.

Each Supermarket Chain was rated for prices, service, cleanliness and perishables.

Jack H. Brown, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stater Bros. Markets, stated, *"I am so proud of the over 19,000 members of the Stater Bros. 'Family' of Employees for bringing this high honor to Stater Bros. Supermarkets. We will all work very hard every day to continue to earn the privilege of serving you, your family, friends and neighbors."*

Stater Bros. believes in giving back to the communities it serves and is currently partnering with Coca-Cola and the California State Parks to raise much-needed funds to plant one million trees in the California State Parks and local mountains devastated by recent wildfires. To date, Stater Bros.' customers and employees have generously donated funding for over 772,632 trees. The "Join the Million Tree Challenge" campaign will run through May 19 at all 166 Stater Bros. Supermarkets.

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2008 of \$3.74 billion. Last year, Stater Bros. contributed over \$15 million in support of nonprofit organizations in the communities it serves, with an emphasis on worthy programs that benefit hunger relief, health and nutrition, and education. The Company currently operates 166 Supermarkets, and there are over 19,000 members of the Stater Bros. "Family" of Employees.

**STATER BROS. MARKETS...SERVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAMILIES FOR OVER 73 YEARS**

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