



\$410,000 Arkansas Natural State Jackpot Winner

Press Release

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Thursday's *Record Breaking* Jackpot of **\$410,000**, has a winner! This amount marked *the largest Natural State Jackpot* level for the game to date! The game's popularity and this Jackpot amount is a direct result of Arkansas player interest and excitement in the game. The game had not reached that level of play, number of consecutive draws without a top prize winner (63 draws) or Jackpot range in the history of the game. There has been 508 drawings since the game's first on August 27th, 2012. *The Natural State Jackpot celebrates the highest Jackpot Winner ever in the game!* The success of the game captured the imagination and anticipation of its players, the Natural State Jackpot was won by a player who correctly match the five NSJ numbers drawn last night. In last night's NSJ drawing there were 42 players who match four of the five numbers drawn, each of those players were *just one* away from winning the Jackpot amount. The odds of matching four of the five numbers drawn are just 1 in 3,387.

With over 129,000 tickets sold yesterday and the over 575,000 possible NSJ number combinations that could be drawn, one player correctly choose and correctly matched the five unique numbers drawn in the April 10th Natural State Jackpot drawing. ***The winner of the largest Natural State Jackpot to date is Curtis O'Hare.*** Curtis and his wife Brandy live in the town of Lonoke, they have already started planning to save and invest their prize of \$410,000. We are thrilled for them and all the Arkansas players who made this NSJ run the most exciting ever! [Curtis and Brandy are pictured in the attached photo].

The winning Natural State Jackpot ticket was purchased at the Doublebee's Convenience Store location on Bill Foster Memorial Highway in the city of Cabot, Arkansas. We would like to ***Congratulate The Winner*** and all the Arkansan's who participated, had fun and have made this Natural State Jackpot Run so exciting.

The Natural State Jackpot game produced record lottery sales of over **\$3,186,830** and over **364,400** prize winners during this *Jackpot Run* from January 15th to April 10th. The success of the Natural State Jackpot game can be seen in the **1,462,486** tickets sold in Arkansas during this *Jackpot Run*. With prizes won totaling over **\$1,242,550**, a lot of Arkansan's took home a portion of the game's success, excitement and prizes, right along with producing *a Jackpot Winner from Cabot* and a great amount of funding toward *Arkansas Scholarships*.

Thursday's NSJ game saw ticket sales totaling over **\$145,100**, along with **16,330** prize winners in last night's drawing.

A portion of *all game sales* contribute directly to Arkansas education, approximately 50% of the NSJ

game sales can be counted as return for the lottery to support scholarships in the state, for current and graduating high school seniors. Additional scholarship information can be found by visiting the Arkansas Department of Higher Education website at www.adhe.edu <<http://www.adhe.edu>> .

The **Natural State Jackpot** begins the *next Jackpot Run* tonight, with the starting amount of \$25,000.

The Natural State Jackpot is a Five Number Game (5 of 39), one of the most popular games offered by lotteries, they are considered quite winnable by players. They offer growing Jackpot amounts with some of the lowest overall odds of any Jackpot game offered. NSJ has had 20 top prize winners in the last 505 drawings, that averages out to one in twenty-five drawings held. Winning any Jackpot drawing depends on having a ticket for the drawing that matches all the numbers drawn. The odds of winning the NSJ are 1 in 575,757, the overall odds of winning a prize in the game 1 in 9.

NSJ players choose just 5 numbers between 1 and 39 in this game and player's can choose to play up to 20 consecutive draws in NSJ. Each play costs \$1. The game is drawn six nights a week (Monday through Saturday), at 8:00 P.M. (CST)

Players matching two numbers will win \$1; three numbers win \$7; four matching numbers win \$300, and all five numbers will win the jackpot, guaranteed to be worth at least \$25,000. Each night in which there is no big winner, an additional \$5,000 is added to the jackpot. If there is more than one jackpot winner, the prize will be equally divided among all the jackpot prize winners. The overall odds of winning are one in nine. *The Natural State Jackpot prize amount is pre-tax. Tickets sold based on sales data.

Thank you Arkansas!

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The Future is here in an Instant!



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