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Mega Millions® Jackpot of \$344 Million is the Largest since March 2012

Tonight's (December 10) Mega Millions® jackpot of \$344 Million (cash option of \$184 Million) is the highest it has been since March 2012, when the game set the all-time U.S. lottery jackpot record of \$656 Million. The previous biggest Mega Millions® jackpot this year was a \$198 Million jackpot that hit in May (with winners in New Jersey and Virginia) – and it had to roll over 18 times to hit that high.

The changes to the game that began on the October 22, 2013, Mega Millions® drawing are becoming readily apparent – the jackpots are faster growing and larger. Friday's drawing (December 6) didn't have a grand prize winner, but four lucky players, one each in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Washington, won \$1 Million by matching all five white balls.

Tonight's jackpot is estimated to be \$344 million for the annuity, or \$184 million in a lump sum payment. Players may pick six numbers from two separate pools of numbers – five different numbers from 1 to 75 and one number from 1 to 15 – or select Quick Pick. You win the jackpot by matching all six winning numbers in a draw. Drawings are held Tuesday and Friday evenings at 10:00 p.m. Central Time. Profits from every Mega Millions® ticket sold remain in the state in which the ticket was sold.

Powerball® Jackpot Climbing –Now Up to \$122 Million

The Powerball® Grand Prize has increased to \$122 Million for Wednesday's (12/11/13) drawing. The estimated cash value is \$67.9 Million.

The December 7 Powerball draw didn't produce a grand prize winner, but 5 players won \$1 Million, one each in Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan and Texas, by matching 5 white balls. Another 30 players won \$10,000 each.

Powerball® is a multi-state jackpot game. Drawings are held at 9:59 p.m. CST every Wednesday and Saturday. Five numbered balls are drawn from 1 to 59 and one numbered ball is drawn from 1 to 35. If all your numbers match those that are chosen,

you win the jackpot, which starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. If other players also match all six numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each Powerball® play is \$2. For an additional dollar, you can add the Power Play® option to increase non-jackpot winnings by as much as a million dollars.

Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) \$145,000 – Drawing Tonight!

- Today's Jackpot is \$145,000.
- Drawings are held six nights a week (every night except Sunday) at 8:00 p.m. (CST).
- The Natural State Jackpot has been hit 13 times this year.
- The last winning jackpot was hit on November 11, paying out \$235,000.

NSJ is similar to Powerball®, Mega Millions®, and Decades of Dollars. Players choose five numbers between one and 39 and can play the same numbers for up to 20 consecutive draws. Each play costs \$1.

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 odds of winning any prize are one in nine, according to ASL officials.

All net proceeds of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery go to fund college scholarships for Arkansas students at in-state two- or four-year institutions of higher learning.