



# CONNECTION

News and information for **Very Important Players**



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## Iowa Lottery Gives Away \$1 Million to Lucky Logan Farmer

A western Iowa farmer can now buy all the farm equipment he needs, thanks to a hefty check he received recently playing the Iowa Lottery's "Thanks A Million" second-chance contest.

Lottery officials drew John Straight of Logan as the winner of the \$1 million top prize in the contest. They showed up at his bank in Logan on Friday, Jan. 27 to surprise him in person with the good news.



John and Debbie Straight

"I'm shocked!" said Straight.

Chris Hartwig, vice president at the First National Bank of Logan, was instrumental in arranging the surprise.

"I told John that I had some old pictures to share with him and since he's a history buff, I thought it would get his attention," Hartwig said.

The lottery also talked with various relatives in town to make

sure Straight would be in town for the celebration.

The Iowa Lottery's "Money Mobile" rolled into town and set up an hour before the check presentation so the Straights would not be suspicious of all the activity. The couple was supposed to show up at 9 a.m., but called to say they would be delayed.

The reason? The cows got out, of course!

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## Get Ready: You Could Multiply Your Powerball Prizes by 10 This March!

Are you ready? Exciting new developments are on the horizon for Powerball this spring!



Coming in March is the "Power Play 10x" promotion.

During the promotion period, one of the four "5's" on the Power Play wheel will be substituted with a "10." That means you could multiply any prize you win by **10 times** if you play the Power Play and the "10" comes up as the Power Play number!

Not so quick with the math? That means, if you win a \$10,000 prize and the Power Play number is "10," you win \$100,000! A \$200,000 prize with a Power Play of "10" would be multiplied to \$2 million!

The first drawing where a "10" will be on the Power Play wheel will be

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# "Dream" of "Big Dollars" with New Scratch Games



## Dream'n of Dollars (\$2)

Top Prize: \$12,000

Overall Odds: 1 in 3.84

Game Begins: Feb. 20

Start dreaming of winning up to \$12,000!

Find a "Z" symbol and win the prize shown below that symbol. Find a "ZZ" symbol and win double the prize shown below that symbol. 🍀

Prize	Odds
\$2	1 in 6.00
\$3	1 in 18.75
\$4	1 in 50.00
\$7	1 in 150.00
\$15	1 in 150.00
\$50	1 in 150.00
\$100	1 in 2,000.00
\$12,000	1 in 120,000.00

## Pot Luck (\$1)

Top Prize: \$400

Overall Odds: 1 in 4.76

Game Begins: Feb. 20

Prize	Odds
\$1	1 in 7.50
\$2	1 in 20.00
\$4	1 in 75.00
\$10	1 in 150.00
\$20	1 in 300.00
\$40	1 in 300.00
\$400	1 in 40,000.00

Is it your lucky day?

Match any of "Your Numbers" to the "Lucky Number" and win the prize shown for that number. Find a "Clover" symbol and win that prize instantly. 🍀



For more information on our scratch games, visit our Web site at [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com). Select the "Games" link on the left side of the home page, then click on the "Scratch Tickets" logo on the Games main page.

## Some Scratch Games Ending

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **April 10, 2006**: Here's the Deal, Blazing 8's, Super 6's, Sweet Rewards, Wild Crossword (parrot) and Clovers & Cash. 🍀

## Latest VIP Club Winners

Congratulations to the following VIP Club members who were drawn as winners in the monthly VIP Club drawings for \$25 in Lottery Bucks!

### Oct 2005

Chris Greathouse of Washington\*  
Mary M. Callahan of Cedar Rapids  
Donnie Joe Dempsey of Hazleton  
Patricia Poss of Milford  
Betsy Van Gelder of Oskaloosa

### November 2005

Cathy Nock of Armstrong\*  
Claude Hayes of Cedar Rapids  
Joanne Perry of Chariton  
David Swanson of Parkersburg  
Jeff Hacker of Anita

### December 2005

Mary Jo Woolman of Des Moines\*  
Fredric Templer of Cedar Rapids  
Violet Grosenheider of Le Mars  
Judy Harris of Perry  
Luanne Johnson of Ogden

### January 2006

Corey Osterhout of Creston\*  
Jeanette Peters of Le Mars  
Tom Drayton of Davenport  
Richard D. Brunner of Saint Ansgar  
John Kluneberg of Elk Run Heights 🍀

\*New member

For a complete list of VIP Club winners, visit our Web site at [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com) ... just select "VIP Club" on the left side of the home page, then choose "VIP Club Drawing" from the links at the top of the VIP Club main page.

# Lucky Logan Farmer Wins \$1 Million Prize

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When Straight and his wife Debbie finally arrived, Hartwig led them to a back conference room where camera crews, lottery officials and the Straights' daughter, in-laws, siblings and other extended family were hiding for the big announcement. Once the Straights got settled, lottery officials opened the door and presented the couple with balloons and a gigantic check.

Straight said Debbie was skeptical he would win the promotion. He only spent 74 cents on post-age for two entries!

Iowa's newest millionaire says he wants to buy a combine for his farm, pay bills and share the winnings with his family.

"Thanks A Million!" he beamed.

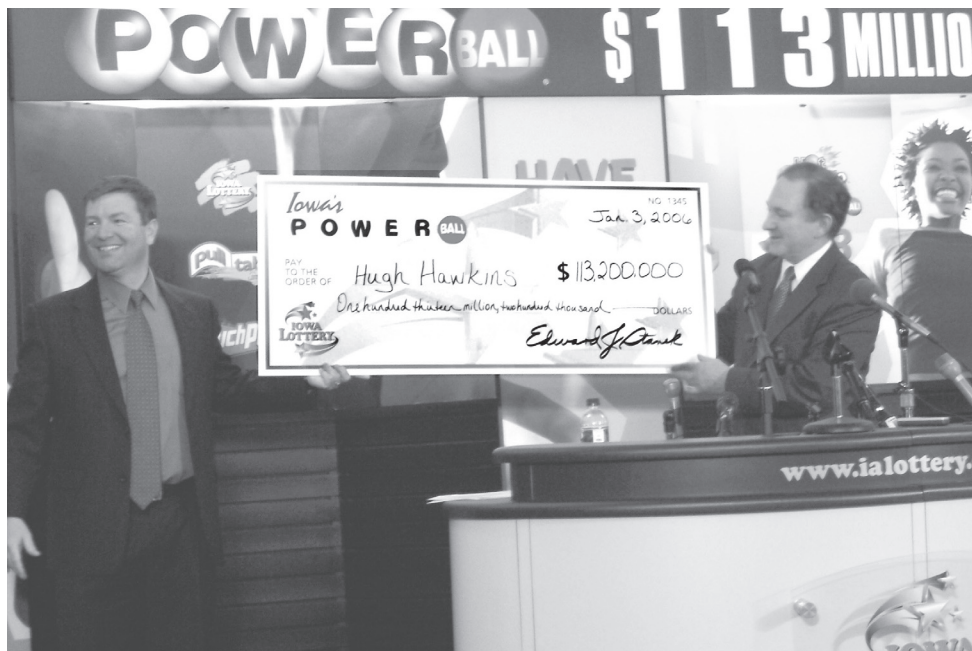
Thanks A Million was a \$10 instant-scratch ticket that was released last summer to celebrate the Iowa Lottery's 20th Anniversary. The Thanks A Million ticket was created to thank players for their continuous support. The top prize in the game was \$10,000, however nonwinning Thanks A Million tickets could be entered for a chance to win up to \$1 million. The top prize drawing was held Jan. 26.

Congratulations to the rest of the "Thanks A Million" second-chance winners!

- Aug. 4 — Margaret Venteicher of Corning (\$500)
- Aug. 18 — Ken Keene of Stanhope (\$500)
- Sept. 1 — Margaret E. Stripling of LuVerne (\$1,000)

- Sept. 15 — Edwin Hobbs of Bedford (\$1,000)
- Sept. 29 — Virginia Miller of Shenandoah (\$2,500)
- Oct. 13 — Helga McMicken of Carroll (\$2,500)
- Oct. 27 — Robert Winn of Rock Island, IL (\$5,000)
- Nov. 10 — Jay O'Brien of Atlantic (\$5,000)
- Dec. 1 — Raymond Rose of Ottumwa (\$10,000)
- Dec. 22 — Rick Johnson of Estherville (\$20,000) 🍀

## Des Moines Man Wins Largest Powerball Jackpot Awarded in Iowa



Hugh Hawkins became the largest lottery winner in Iowa when he won the \$113 million Powerball jackpot on Dec. 14, 2005. Hugh is shown above as he receives his ceremonial lottery check from Ed Stanek, Iowa Lottery CEO.

## Win up to \$2 Million with "Power Play 10x"

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the Powerball drawing on Saturday, March 4, 2006. The "10" will remain on the Power Play wheel for at least eight Powerball drawings (throughout the month of March). If the "10" has not been drawn within those eight drawings, it will remain on the wheel until it is drawn at least once. The "10" could be drawn up to eight times during the promotion (once for each of the eight draws).

At the end of the promotion, the "10" will be replaced by the original "5." 🍀

For more information on the "Power Play 10x" promotion, visit our Web site at [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com) beginning March 2!







# COUPON

VERY IMPORTANT PLAYERS

Buy \$3 in Pick 3 plays on a single ticket, and receive \$1 off your total purchase!

Not valid with any other offer. Offer good 2/20/2006 through 3/31/2006.



COUPON # 297

USE THIS **COUPON** NEXT TIME YOU **PLAY**.

**WARNING!**

THE STAFF OF THE IOWA LOTTERY URGES EVERYONE TO PLAY RESPONSIBLY. IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING ADDICTION PROBLEM, CALL 1-800-BETS OFF (1-800-238-7633). YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD TO PURCHASE LOTTERY TICKETS.

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