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**Meg Major Promoted to Editor in Chief of *Progressive Grocer***

**Kathie Canning Joins *Progressive Grocer* as Senior Editor and *Progressive Grocer's Store Brands* as Editorial Director** New York (May 4, 2010)~Stagnito Media's *Progressive Grocer* announces the promotion of Meg Major from executive editor to editor in chief and the hire of Kathie Canning as senior editor. Canning also joins Stagnito Media as editorial director of *Progressive Grocer's Store Brands*, a new print and online supplement to the brand, launching in July.

"Meg Major brings a tremendous skill set to the position," said Steven Lichtenstein, v.p. and group publisher of *Progressive Grocer*. "She brings market knowledge, industry awareness, respect by her fellow team members and industry peers, journalism savvy, and most important, a fundamentally sound understanding of ALL aspects of *Progressive Grocer*~print and digital.

"Canning brings an industry presence, a market knowledge and journalism acumen that will help her greatly in her new roles," added Lichtenstein. "Working hand-in-hand with the *Progressive Grocer* editorial and sales teams, Major and Canning will be my partners as we drive *Progressive Grocer* to the number one position among all retail trade publications."

Major has been a member of the *Progressive Grocer* editorial team since 1999 and is a pioneer of the publication's sister online brand, [progressivegrocer.com](http://progressivegrocer.com). As *Progressive Grocer's* longtime Fresh Foods editor, she has extensive knowledge of the produce/floral, meat/seafood, deli, bakery and prepared foods categories, among others. She has also served as the Midwest beat reporter for *Progressive Grocer's* online daily news e-newsletter alongside spearheading a number of special events and projects, including roundtables, Webcasts, and other multi-media ventures.

Prior to *Progressive Grocer*, Major held dual duties as manager of public and trade relations and assistant editor at the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association and also served as editor in chief of *Food Trade News*, a Philadelphia-based regional supermarket trade publication.

Canning is an award-winning writer with more than 20 years of experience. For the past 13 years, she has held editorial positions with a number of trade publications, covering industries ranging from chemical processing to food and beverage retailing. She served as executive editor of *Refrigerated and Frozen Foods*, the magazine which helped launch Stagnito Communications years ago. Most recently, Canning served as editor in chief of *Private Label Buyer* magazine, a monthly BNP Media publication dedicated to helping food, drugstore and mass merchandise retailers optimize their private label programs.

### **About *Progressive Grocer***

*Progressive Grocer* has been the voice of the food retail industry for 88 years. Serving the largest audience in the market, *Progressive Grocer's* readers are top management at headquarters and top decision-makers at store level. From chain supermarkets to independent supermarkets, super centers, wholesalers and food brokers, readers rely on *Progressive Grocer* for its authoritative, comprehensive, relevant and research-based editorial and news. By anticipating, reporting and interpreting important data and trends, *Progressive Grocer* fulfills its mission: accelerating insight and opportunity for leading grocery retailers, and accelerating brand and sales success for leading manufacturers. *Progressive Grocer* is owned by Stagnito Media, a Cardinal Growth, LP portfolio company, headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois. Cardinal Growth, LP is a Chicago-based Small Business Investment Company.

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