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## How Much Dough Can a Pasta Maker Make?

**TRENTON (May 4, 2017)** – Melvin Mejia is a pasta maker at a market and deli in Princeton and he is a huge fan of the Lottery Instant Games. When he isn’t making pasta at the market, he enjoys playing scratch-off games. The hope of a big win is always present while playing. Like many Lottery players, Mejia has his own method of scratching his tickets. He first looks for matching numbers but doesn’t reveal the prize amount. He checks the prize amount only after he’s certain that he has a winning ticket.

One day, exhausted from making a fresh batch of tortellini, Mejia stepped out for some fresh air and went to the neighboring Krauszer’s Food Store, 830 Princeton Rd. 206 in Princeton. The 50X the Cash ticket caught his eye and he made the purchase. While scratching the ticket in the store, he noticed one of his numbers matched the winning numbers on his ticket. Mejia started to slowly reveal the prize amount and watched as the zeros kept showing up. Mejia won \$1,000,000 on his \$10 ticket - that’s a lot of dough.

When asked if he had any plans for his big win, Mejia said the first item on the list is a house for his wife and four children. They are also looking forward to a family vacation in Florida.



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