

The Wawa Facts

Description:

A chain of over 700 convenience stores (450 offering gasoline), Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Florida. The stores offer a large fresh food service selection, including Wawa brands such as built-to-order hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, the “Sizzli” -- a hot breakfast sandwich, soups, sides and snacks, Wawa Wraps and a full line of hot, iced and frozen specialty beverages. Wawa carries more than 6,000 items including groceries, tobacco and candy. Wawa offers surcharge-free ATM’s and began opening stores with gasoline operations in 1996 in an effort to provide customers with a total one-stop shopping experience.

Leadership:

Chris Gheysens, President & CEO
Richard D. Wood, Jr., Chairman
Howard B. Stoeckel, Vice Chairman

Ownership:

Wawa is privately held; all stores are company owned and operated

Wawa Logo:

“Wawa” is a native American word for the Canada goose that was found in the Delaware Valley, thus the use of the Canada goose on Wawa’s corporate logo.



Store Hours:

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Employees:

26,000

Highlights:

- Serves more than 600 million customers annually
- Brews over 195 million cups of our award-winning coffee each year
- Builds more than 80 million built-to-order hoagies annually

History:

Wawa has over 200 years of history in American business. Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA, in 1902. The milk business was a success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960’s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products.

