



## Food Lion Wins Milestone EPA ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award

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*Only Grocer to Achieve this Honor 15 Years Consecutively*

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SALISBURY, N.C.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized Food Lion with a 2016 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award for its continued leadership in protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year Food Lion has received the award, making it the only grocer to achieve this honor for so many years consecutively.

"We are honored to serve as a leader in energy conservation," said Susan Sollenberger, director of energy, maintenance and equipment purchasing at Food Lion. "This award speaks to our commitment to reducing carbon dioxide emissions throughout our 10-state footprint. Since beginning our partnership with the EPA and Energy Star, Food Lion's energy reductions are equivalent to powering 76,364 homes for one year."

The awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy efficiency achievements.

"By continued collaboration with ENERGY STAR, Food Lion is helping Americans save money, save energy, and do their part to reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbate climate change," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "I'm proud to recognize Food Lion with the highest form of ENERGY STAR recognition, as the winner of the 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. Food Lion demonstrates a strong commitment to energy efficiency and to preserving a healthy planet for future generations."

Food Lion is committed to a variety of sustainability initiatives, including energy conservation, sustainable seafood, recycling and hunger relief through its Food Lion Feeds initiatives. Food Lion's accomplishments will be recognized in Washington, D.C., on April 13, 2016.

### About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has nearly 1,100 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 65,000 associates. By leveraging its longstanding heritage of low prices and convenient locations, Food Lion is working to own the easiest full shop grocery experience in the Southeast, anchored by a strong commitment to affordability, freshness and the communities it serves. Through Food Lion Feeds, the company has committed to provide 500 million meals to individuals and families in need by the end of 2020. Food Lion is a company of Delhaize America, the U.S. division of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG). For more information, visit [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com).

### About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, people across America have looked to EPA's ENERGY STAR program for guidance on how to save energy, save money, and protect the environment. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world, helping families and businesses save \$362 billion on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2.4 billion metric tons since 1992. Join the millions who are already making a difference at [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov).

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