



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

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Only Grocer to Achieve the National Honor 18 Years Consecutively

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SALISBURY, N.C.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized Food Lion with its 18th consecutive ENERGY STAR award for its continued leadership in protecting our environment through superior energy efficiency. Food Lion is the only grocery retailer to receive the award for 18 years consecutively.

"We are honored to serve as a leader in energy conservation in the many towns and cities we serve where there are Food Lion stores," said Susan Sollenberger, Vice-President of energy and maintenance for Food Lion. "This award speaks to our commitment to reducing carbon dioxide emissions throughout our 10-state footprint."

Since beginning a partnership with the EPA and Energy Star in 2001, Food Lion's energy reductions are equivalent to powering 92,082 homes for one year. An example of its energy-saving techniques includes Food Lion's LED store retrofit program where LED lighting is used to replace fluorescent lights inside the store. By the end of the year, almost half of Food Lion stores will have LED lights installed.

"Food Lion's application stood out among many highly-competitive submissions this year, demonstrating exemplary commitment and dedication to leadership in energy efficiency and the ENERGY STAR program," said Jean Lupinacci, ENERGY STAR Commercial and Industrial Branch Chief.

Food Lion is committed to a variety of sustainability initiatives, including energy conservation, sustainable seafood, recycling and food rescue efforts through its Food Lion Feeds program. The awards are given to organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy efficiency achievements.

About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 63,000 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 Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Royal Ahold Delhaize Group. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped save American families and businesses nearly 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity and achieve over 3 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. In 2017 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid \$30 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: energystar.gov/about and energystar.gov/numbers.



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