

2026

GOLD STANDARD AWARD RECIPIENTS

South Macoupin Head Start

Walmart Deli/Bakery

Medora Intermediate School

GG's Smokehouse

Big Skillet Catering

Ray's Tater Wagon

Carlinville Intermediate School

Sips Coffee (Carlinville)

Besserman SuperBowl

GG's Smokehouse Mobile Unit

DeStefane Event Center

TJ's Liquor Store

St. Alphonsus

Gram-way Cattle & Hay

Bunker Hill Municipal Building

North Mac Intermediate & Middle School

Virден First United Methodist Church

Carlinville Zion Lutheran Church

Catholic Charities

McEuen Farms

Memorial Christian Church

Hogan's Hamlet

Griffel Farms Beef

Centennial 6 Farms

Kazoo Coffee

Mel's Place

Mt. Olive Care Center

Northwestern Food Pantry

CVS Pharmacy

Green Room Gaming

Virден Community Center

Camp Hugh

Beaver Dam Cafe

Congratulations to the facilities that met the gold standard criteria

Gold Standard Award Criteria

Class I:

- 1) Sufficiently employed certified food managers so there is presence during all hours of operations;
- 2) No more than **TWO cumulative Priority or Priority Foundation** violations;
- 3) No more than **THREE Core** violations;
- 4) No more than **ONE** follow-up;
- 5) Same ownership all year;
- 6) Available to see operational for at least one inspection (operations inclusive of preparation behaviors).

Class II:

- 1) CFPM compliant;
- 2) No more than **ONE cumulative Priority or Priority Foundation** violation;
- 3) No more than **THREE Core** violations;
- 4) No more than **ONE** follow-up;
- 5) Same ownership all year;
- 6) Operational during inspection (operations inclusive of preparation behaviors).

Class III:

- 1.) No **Priority or Priority Foundation** violations;
- 2.) No more than **THREE Core** violations;
- 3.) No follow-ups;
- 4.) Same ownership all year.