

Retailer of the Year	Reasoning
Summerhill Market	<p>Continually showing their commitment to excellence in grocery retailing, through great layout, merchandising, featuring its own brands, and serving their communities. They are a forward thinking retailer focused on the love of food. They are dedicated to making their customers happy by offering high-quality food in a cheerful welcoming environment.</p>
Lococos	<p>Longevity in the marketplace, family owned and run, great selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats and fair prices. Great parking, staff and cashiers always available. Often pallet buys offer great discounts on essentials.</p>
Fiesta Farms	<p>Great selections. There's something about Fiesta Farms. It's the wondrous local products and new finds. It's a layout that just makes sense. It's how nice all the customers and staff seem to be. I truly find something great that I've never seen before and have positive interactions each time.</p>
Sharpes Food Market	<p>Does a great job catering to their customer. Good engagement with new DCI vendors and one of the firsts to adapt to DCI Programs.</p>
Goldsmith's Farm Market and Bakery	<p>Today, every member of the Oakley family is responsible for the success of the market and farm. Brad and Kyle manage all farming operations, from planting to harvesting and everything in between - and Brad's father Ken builds all of the farm and market displays. Teresa, Krista and Kyle's wife Debby are all busy behind the scenes. Kyle and Debby's two young children - Avery and Carter - are also regular staples in and around the farm and market.</p> <p>In the last seven years, the Oakley family has made their dreams come true with over 200 acres of apple orchards and farm land, as well as full market and bakery - offering a selection of local, high-quality meats, dairy, cheese, produce and other grocery goods. Whatever you can find on the shelves, the Oakley family has had on their table - promising nothing but the best in it's source and it's quality! Attracting customers from Georgian Bay Area - all the way to Guelph, London and the GTA - Goldsmith's has built a strong community of partners and loyal customers who value small-batch, local goods made with mindful practices.</p>
Rabba Fine Foods	<p>From its humble beginnings to its current status as a cherished institution and community cornerstone within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Rabba Fine Foods embodies excellence in retailing, community engagement, corporate responsibility, and customer service. The Rabba Fine Foods network of 37 neighbourhood markets stands as a testament to its dedication to serving diverse communities. Operating around the clock, Rabba ensures accessibility and convenience for its customers, offering a full-service grocery experience tailored to local preferences. From better-for-you items to fresh organic produce and hot, ready home-style meals, Rabba prioritizes freshness, quality, and well-stocked essentials, meeting the evolving needs of its growing neighbourhoods.</p> <p>What sets Rabba apart is its commitment to innovation and collaboration and Rabba's dedication to community support is exemplary. Through initiatives secured through their Rabba Roots Program the company addresses the needs of vulnerable communities, supporting various local charities and organizations including but not limited to Trillium Health Partners, Food Banks Mississauga, The Grocery Foundation and The Good Shepherd Ministries. In addition to their remarkable contributions to the retail industry and community, Rabba Fine Foods demonstrates corporate responsibility through their commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Demonstrating their dedication to a greener future, Rabba has undertaken a significant initiative by installing solar panels in their produce distribution center. This ambitious project not only highlights Rabba's proactive approach to reducing their carbon footprint but also contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, in 2023, Rabba opened another landmark location at the corner of Richmond St. in Toronto and in 2024 is schedule to open their 37th location on Bay St. This ever expanding, ever evolving family owned and operated independent grocer is truly CIGBA/DCI's retailer of the year.</p>