

Our Commitment to the Environment

Utz Quality Foods, Inc., is committed to preserving the environment for all of the generations to come. With this charge at our core, we adhere to the following conservation and recycling practices.



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ENERGY CONSERVATION

- ◉ We began using energy saving lighting in 1987, which we continue today through the use of lighting and ballasts that support green compliant programs. Through these continued efforts, we conserve 3,417,757 KWH per year, which is a reduction of 2,071.16 tons of CO₂ per year and 4,955,747 pounds of Greenhouse gas per year.
- ◉ Since 1985, we have used a heat recovery system from our fryer steam stack to heat over 1,040,000 gallons of wash water per year. This saves 11,662,000 BTUH of natural gas burner heating per week and reduces our yearly CO₂ output by 35.86 tons per year. Over the last 25 years, this practice has reduced the need for over 151,000 cubic feet of gas and has reduced our CO₂ output by 1,864.72 tons.

CONSUMER GOODS RECYCLING

- ◉ Utz Quality Foods, Inc. has an in-house, employee supported, recycling program which is producing thousands of pounds of recycled material each year. Items which are collected for recycling include: quality paper, aluminum cans, recyclable glass, newspaper, ink cartridges and toner, dry cell batteries, and scrap metal.



PACKAGING CONTAINMENT

- ◉ We reduced the film dimensions of many of our bags, which when totaled up accounts for 36,182,051 bags being eliminated in just the last 3 years.
- ◉ We recycle all of our cardboard, first by using our boxes 4 to 6 times and then by baling and shipping to a recycling facility which converts this product into usable form. In addition, all trays (paperboard and corrugated) that are used and returned in our process are also baled and recycled. By recycling all of these materials, we preserve 46,000 trees each year.
- ◉ Through our carton consolidation initiatives, we save 4,200 trees per year by using fewer cartons (we increase bags/case) and by making 828 fewer trips (@ 250 miles/trip) – eliminating 207,000 miles of travel.
- ◉ Technological advances in packaging machines and weighing scales have reduced manufacturing waste to less than 2% annually.
- ◉ We continue to research biodegradable films to push source reduction through improved structures and down-gauging without sacrificing quality and performance.





WATER RECYCLING

- We completely recycle and reuse our process water to support our potato wash lines, peelers, flume pumping systems, and fleet car wash amounting to 45,500,000 gallons of water per year.
- We perform primary and secondary waste water treatment which exceeds municipal standards and results in less by-product.

MOTOR FLEET OPERATIONS

- Used motor oil is collected from our 1,000 route vans, as well as our in-house maintenance group vehicles, and is independently refined so it may be used again. We recycle 7,675 gallons each year.
- From these same 1,000 route vans, we collect antifreeze and reprocess in-house for reuse.
- All of our fleet vehicle batteries and tires are recycled. Where we can retread tires we do - often extending the life of those tires another 4 years.



PROCESSING BY-PRODUCTS

- Each year, we recycle 10,827,990 pounds of potatoes and potato waste into farm animal feed.
- An average of 12,000 pounds per week of soil, potato residue and starch fragments are pressed and sold for use in fertilizer.
- We collect and sell over 4 million pounds of starch annually for use in paper products.
- All of our cooking oil is recycled by Smithfield Beef Group and Moyer Packaging Company and used in animal feeds and bio-fuels.
- The waste salt from our pretzel plant is given to farmers for feed.
- All product returns are separated and the packaging materials are used in animal bedding and the product becomes dog food ingredient.



OUR COMMITMENT

The examples cited are representative of a total program designed to lessen the impact of production waste on the environment. Utz Quality Foods, Inc., is actively keeping pace with recycling technology. As more processes are designed to recycle materials into usable form, Utz Quality Foods, Inc., is committed to incorporating these technologies into our environmental agenda.



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