

RESPONSIBLE FARMING IS IN OUR ROOTS

R.D. OFFUTT
FARMS

For more than 50 years, R.D. Offutt Farms has been responsibly farming potatoes. Since our beginning, we have been committed to using science-driven, sustainable practices to meet our customers' needs, ensuring our farm's productivity today and well into the future.

ENHANCING SOIL HEALTH

4-year average crop rotation:

Over the past five years, we've increased our crop rotation, which improves soil and nutrient levels, breaks pest cycles and leads to healthier and more productive soils.

2X organic fertilizer:

During the past three growing seasons, we've doubled our use of organic fertilizers, which fortifies the soil and improves water retention.

12,600 acres of cover crops in 2020:

Planting cover crops keeps soil healthy by reducing erosion and improving water retention. Cover crops also sequester carbon. In fact, the volume of cover crops we plant is equal to taking more than 500 cars off the road.

PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES

300,000 trees planted since 1990:

Planting 300,000 trees is equivalent to removing the annual emissions of more than 1,400 cars. We plant 20,000 more trees each year.

We only use as much water as we need:

Irrigated agriculture is essential in meeting the country's food production needs. We use precision, center-pivot irrigation systems on our fields with drop down, low pressure nozzles to conserve water.

We plant 200 acres of pollinators every year:

Pollinators support biodiversity and pollinator populations are a good indicator of overall ecosystem health.



In the 2020 Potato Sustainability Alliance annual Sustainability Survey, our farms collectively implemented 87 percent of the recommended "expert" sustainability practices.

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Keeping Food Supply Safe and Stable

Part of our commitment to sustainability is making sure the country's food supply remains safe and that there is a sufficient supply for all those who need it.

- We document each truck load of potatoes as they are stored and later sent to the processor so they can be traced back to individual fields in the event of a safety or contamination issue.
- We work closely with our customers, universities and industry members to develop new potato varieties that are high-quality, require less inputs and resist disease.



Supporting Our Communities

With more than 10 farms across 15 counties, we work with our local neighbors, governments, schools and community organizations to uphold our shared Minnesota values.

In 2020, our team members volunteered more than **180 hours** and we contributed more than **\$100,000 to local organizations.**



**R.D. Offutt
Company Farms**

R.D. Offutt Farms started with a father and his son.

In 1964, Ron Offutt partnered with his father to grow potatoes. Today, R.D. Offutt Farms remains a family owned and operated business.

R.D. Offutt Farms works with neighbors and other family farmers to rotate crops from one year to another, which has long been a farming best practice. Participating in crop rotation agreements is good for every farmer involved because we are all taking the best care possible of our fields.



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