



Gold Member K&K Produce

Spotlight Target Area: Water

Five years ago, K&K Produce undertook a significant project to eliminate the discharge of wastewater through settlement tanks and to reduce its overall consumption of water. By looking at comparable systems throughout Europe, a system was designed which enabled the company to recycle 100% of water used in production with a re-use rate of up to 90%.

Within its current sustainability plan (2018-2022), K&K Produce set a target to reduce water usage per tonne of output by 40% by 2022. Following the implementation of a series of initiatives and the project outlined above, the company has reduced water usage by 69% per unit over its baseline usage level - a significant milestone. Exemplary performance has been shown in this target area annually over the course of the company's sustainability plan and such has been the level of success, the company has recalibrated the target to aim for a 79% reduction by the end of 2022.

About

K&K Produce, a family-owned company, specialise in growing, producing and sourcing fresh potatoes, fruit and vegetables in Ireland. The company prides itself on sourcing home grown Irish produce and also works alongside approved international growers to ensure the needs of customers are met. K&K Produce serve a wide range of customers including Supermarkets, Symbol Groups, the Foodservice Industry, Independent Retailers and the Export market. Its innovative product team is on hand to develop new concepts which help its customers meet the changing needs of consumers. Sustainability is rooted in K&K Produce's values, and it has worked hard over the years to ensure its actions have a positive impact on the environment.

Membership Tier 3

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 6

Origin Green Target Areas

Raw Material Sourcing	Supplier Certification	
	Primary Producer Sustainability Initiatives	
	Packaging	
Manufacturing Processes	Energy/Emissions	
	Water	
	Waste	
	Biodiversity	
Social Sustainability	Health & Nutrition	
	Employee Wellbeing	
	Community Engagement	
	Diversity & Inclusion	

"After several years trying to perfect our water system, we are now delighted with how it is working. Not only are we recycling the water we use in the production areas, we have eliminated the need to let any water from production be discharged from our site. This has a huge impact on the environment especially on the land and waterways of our production plant. We also stopped emptying the old type settlement tanks into landfill which was approximately 1,000 tonnes per annum. We are delighted with Gold Membership recognising the hard work our team put into getting it up and running."

Tommy Kennedy, Managing Director

