



For Generations to Come.

Our family knows the health of our environment today is really a commitment to future generations. The leadership at JTM believes the steps we take now will leave our planet in better condition for generations to come.



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*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children."*

~ Native American Proverb

Caring for the Environment!

At Our Core

We have always operated our business to **minimize the impact on our planet** because **cares for the environment is a priority** at JTM Food Group. JTM is family owned and operated the way our founder, Jack Maas Sr., taught us. We run the business with our **customers' best interests** as guiding principles. We have always believed it is in the best interest of all of us to be **good stewards of the environment**.

JTM is a multi-million dollar, multi-faceted food processing company with **strong ties to the communities** in which we operate. Over the past decade, the company has **stepped up** its efforts in **environmental sustainability** in ways that better serve our communities. Simply put, we have been practicing sustainability long before it became fashionable to do so. We are in the **sustainability business for the long haul**.

Packaging Products Responsibly

JTM began its transition to **reduced packaging** as part of our multi-faceted initiative toward environmental sustainability. The packaging portion of the effort began when the company switched the packages containing kettle-cooked products from a bulky 80 gram polyethylene tub to a **more resourceful** 17 gram bag. These products are now also packaged in specially designed die cut boxes which **reduce packaging by 20%**, and all of the corrugated containers JTM uses are **made from 30% recycled content**. The retail division has followed suit changing its packaging from a 196 gram corrugated box to its current 27 gram bag. These, along with many other packaging changes, have resulted in **source reductions in packaging materials**. The company and its customers have come to understand the environmental benefits behind less packaging. According to Joe Maas, Corporate Vice President of Operations, "People are starting to get a better idea of what we are doing to our environment, and that **we all have to take steps to reduce waste**".

Recycling for Landfill Reduction

- **Recycle Waste Oil**
- **Recycle Food Waste:** Approximately 2,000,000 lbs. of food waste is recycled into animal food and biofuels rather than further filling a landfill.
- **Recycle Corrugated and Office Paper Waste:** JTM recycles approximately 300,000 lbs. of corrugated material and paper per year, thereby reducing tree harvest and energy.
- **Recycle Wood Pallets:** JTM recycles over 800,000 pounds of pallets per year, thereby reducing further tree harvest and energy.
- **Recycle Ferrous Metals:** JTM recycles 150,000 lbs. of ferrous metals per year, primarily from #10 cans.
- **Recycle Plastic Cups:** Approximately 11,000 lbs. of plastic drink containers from the cafeteria are recycled each year.
- **Divert all Used Batteries:** Prevents used batteries from causing environmental damage at landfill.
- **Divert Used Fluorescent Bulbs:** Prevents environmental damage from mercury in landfills.
- **Employ Reusable Trays:** Implementing the use of reusable trays rather than disposable containers for in-house processing reduced waste by 200,000 lbs. per year.
- **Converted to Bulk Flour:** Using bulk flour instead of bagged reduces waste by 60,000 lbs. per year.

Energy Reduction

JTM looks for **state-of-the-art energy management tools** to reduce its use of precious, and costly, energy.

- **Converted Metal Halide Lights to New T5 Lights:** Reduces the use of electricity by 50%.
- **Use Geothermal Refrigeration:** Uses 30% less electricity.
- **Utilize Automated Storage Retrieval System in Storage Freezer:** Reduces refrigeration energy requirements by 30%.
- **Use Waste Heat from Freezers:** Waste heat from freezer is used to heat plant water.