

Ippolito International Sustainability **ZERO WASTE: WASTE REDUCTION & MATERIAL MANAGEMENT**

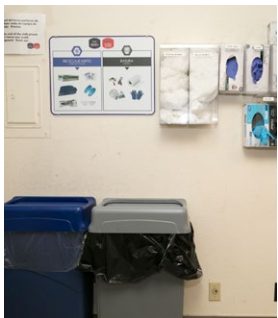


Mission

To provide our customers with the safest and highest quality products while also establishing sustainability priorities that maximize operating efficiencies in all business areas. We are committed to supporting a greener future through our farming, harvesting and processing operations.

Executive Summary

Ippolito is a continuously expanding grower/shipper/processor of a wide range of fresh vegetables and we feel a responsibility to manage our overall environmental impact. In April 2016, Ippolito set an ambitious goal to become zero waste certified through Green Business Certification, Inc. by December 2017. Our focus includes two facilities in Monterey County: a value-added processing facility and a packing shed. We have hired a sustainability firm to help us develop a comprehensive program to achieve this goal through education, data tracking, and ongoing analysis of all our waste streams.



ZERO WASTE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016-2017

Environmental Benefits

 **95%**
DIVERSION

219 TONS
RECYCLED 

Economic Benefits

 **\$27,300**
SAVED



TOOLS for SUCCESS

- Provided comprehensive training to employees
- Created customized signage to help employees recycle right.
- Continuing to collect and analyze data



Reuse

- Participate in a wood pallet pooling program which reduces the need for new pallet purchases
 - *Avoided 762 tons of virgin wood after only one use*
- Moved to reusable plastic totes and bins to reduce the need for cardboard and one time use containers
 - *Avoided 84 tons of virgin plastic materials after only one use*

Waste Diversion

- Recycled 219 tons of mixed recyclables saving an estimated 3,642 cubic yards of landfill
- Diverted 3,595 tons of culls (organic bi-product)
- Increased landfill diversion rate by 20% from 2016-2017

Leadership

- Zero Waste was initiated by top level management. Ippolito intends to take a leadership role within the agriculture industry by becoming the first Zero Waste Certified processing facility in the Salinas Valley

Zero Waste Purchasing

- Enrolled in Office Depot's Greener Office program
 - *Transitioned to 50% recycled content for all printer and copy paper used in our offices*
- Created an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) policy that opened communication channels with suppliers to collaboratively reduce packaging

Hazardous Waste Management

- Established strict practices to ensure the proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials, creating a safe workplace for our employees and protecting our environment

ABOUT ZERO WASTE

According to the Zero Waste International Alliance (www.zwiag.org), Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources and not burn or bury them. Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water, or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health.



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