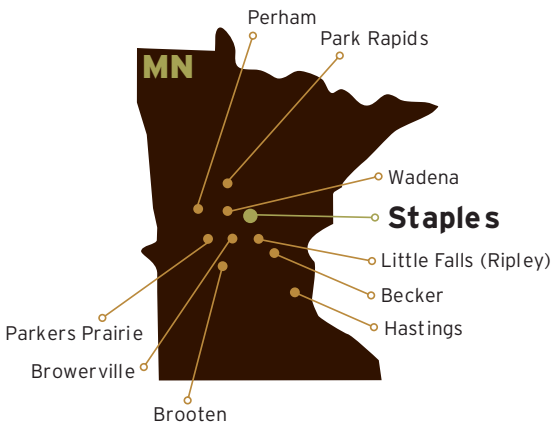


For nearly 60 years, R.D. Offutt Farms has been responsibly farming potatoes. Since our beginning, we have been committed to using science-driven, sustainable practices to ensure our farm's productivity today and well into the future. Part of our priorities include keeping our food supply safe and stable, and one way that we do that is by growing our own potato seed.

GROWING OUR OWN POTATO SEED



R.D. Offutt's Twin Rivers Seed Farm is located near Staples, Minnesota. The seed farm plays a pivotal role in R.D. Offutt Farm's overall operation, ensuring maximum control over quality and enhanced traceability with every crop.

Growing potato seed is a multi-year process that starts in a greenhouse, and subsequently grows for three more seasons before it is ready for commercial planting.

During the seed's final growing year in Staples, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture inspects the seed three times throughout the planting season and conducts a winter growth test before certifying that the seed is ready for commercial planting.

MANAGING FARMLAND IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS WATER QUALITY



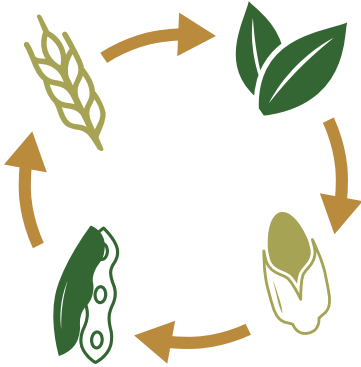
In 2023, R.D. Offutt's Twin Rivers Seed Farm earned certification in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The farm joins other growers in the state as a recognized leader for water stewardship and land management practices.

About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices to protect water. The certification program requires an in-depth examination of field characteristics and crop rotation history, nutrients and pesticide management techniques, as well as tillage and irrigation practices.

WATER QUALITY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

To achieve certification, the farm implemented many conservation practices to protect water quality:



Long crop rotation:

Potato seed is only planted one out of every four years per field. The farm team works with neighbors and other farmers to rotate crops, a practice that has numerous soil health benefits and interrupts pest cycles associated with each crop.



Minimum tillage:

The farm has decreased its tillage practices by 50 percent over the past three years. Now, the fields are tilled only one time, incorporating cover crops into the soil before planting potato seed each spring. Minimal soil manipulation creates successful crop production.



Cover crops:

Cover crops are planted on all R.D. Offutt Farm fields coming out of potato seed production in the fall and going into potato seed production the next spring. A variety of cover crops are planted, including rye, oats, mustard and radish. Cover crops slow erosion, improve soil health, enhance water availability and increase biodiversity.

Responsible use of crop protectants:

R.D. Offutt Farm team members believe that the most sustainable way to farm is one field at a time, giving the individual crop what it needs. Using modern soil sampling methodologies and historical data, each field receives just the right amount of inputs, and no more. Input application is managed in accordance with strict regulatory guidelines by Minnesota Department of Agriculture and label requirements established by the Environmental Protection Agency.



Irrigation management:

Fields are only irrigated when moisture sensors indicate a need. Farm team members utilize remote monitoring to manage irrigation practices and precise, center pivot systems with drop down, low-pressure nozzles to conserve water and power.