

R.D. Offutt Farms is proud to play a part our country's thriving ag economy. We are committed to ensuring the country's food supply remains safe and that there is a sufficient supply for all those who need it.

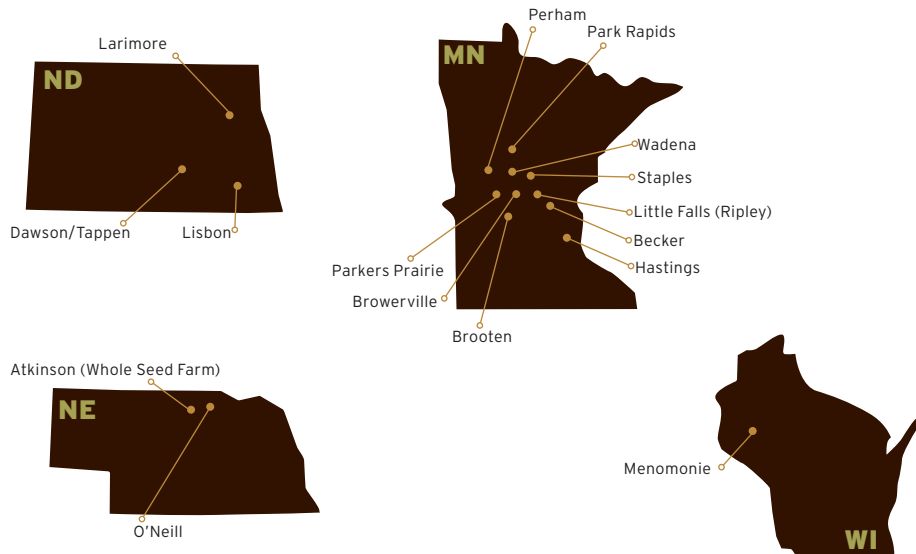


KEEPING THE FOOD SUPPLY SAFE AND STABLE

Our farming footprint

Together with our partners, R.D. Offutt Farms operates more than 15 potato farms across four states in the Midwest. We provide potatoes to several facilities in the upper Midwest, which are turned into a variety of fresh and frozen products.

R.D. OFFUTT FARMS LOCATIONS



Potatoes are popular: In 2021, consumers voted potatoes as America's favorite vegetable for the 5th straight year. The average American consumes 110 pounds of potatoes per year.

Thriving ag economy in Minnesota

According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the state's farmers are top producers in the nation's food supply chain, ranking third in total crop cash receipts, and in the top ten growers in the nation for sugar beets, oats, sweetcorn, green peas, wild rice, soybeans, spring wheat, canola, corn, dry beans, flax seed, sunflowers, potatoes and barley.

Agriculture contributes over \$37 billion in value and over 388,000 jobs to the state's economy.

That's nearly 10% of the overall value of Minnesota's economy and more than 10% of the state's jobs.

(Source: 2020 Economic Contribution Study of Minnesota Agriculture and Forestry, Sept. 2020)



Lamb Weston / RDO-Frozen Partnership

Ron Offutt built a potato processing plant in Park Rapids, Minn. in 1981. Today, Lamb Weston / RDO-Frozen operates four production lines, 285 days per year to keep up with demand. The facility produces 500 million pounds per year, making enough potato products per minute to service a local chain restaurant for one week.



Developing new potato varieties

R.D. Offutt Farms manages inputs to protect the soil and environment. Our team members are keeping an eye toward the future and using a science-driven approach as approved by our customers and supported by universities and industry members to develop new potato varieties. Our goal is to develop potatoes that will remain high-quality, require less inputs and resist disease. This process can be years-long, but we are excited about our progress and remain committed to achieving industry-supported, positive crop outcomes.



GROWING OUR OWN SEEDS

One way that we ensure a safe and stable food supply is to grow our own potato seeds. 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. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture certifies the seed before the final year, when the potatoes are harvested and sold to processors.

Tracing our potatoes for safety

R.D. Offutt Farms carefully documents each truck load of potatoes by field, then they are stored and later sent to the processor. Potatoes can be traced back to individual fields, so in the event of a safety or contamination issue, health agencies can quickly and accurately identify the source. This type of tracking is an essential link in protecting public health and ensuring food safety.

Conducting research to define farming in the future

To ensure we have sustainable and sufficient food supply in the future, we continually investigate and initiate research programs with the University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University and Central Lakes College. Our agronomists help design research efforts and dedicate fields every year to academic institutions so they can take lab research into the field. The research we are involved in helps us - and the entire industry - explore ways to farm potatoes using less land and water and fewer input resources.