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# Improving Your Resource Efficiency in Stream Foods

### What they do

Stream Foods was set up in 2000 to make "fruit more fun". The company has been one of the fastest growing in the UK. Stream Foods produce Fruit Flakes, School Bars and a range of nutritious fruit snack products.

### Customers

As well as being distributed nationally in schools, Stream Foods products are sold in most of the nation's supermarkets.

### Savings

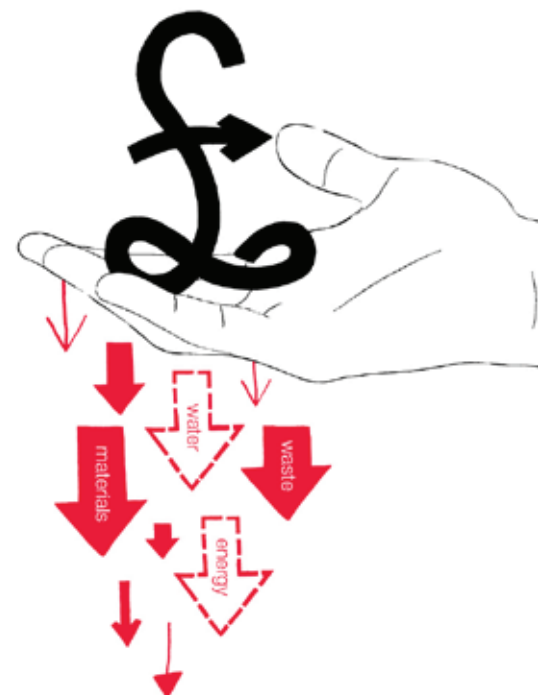
Stream Foods has grown output by 50% and staffing levels by 30% while significantly reducing energy consumption and waste. In 2005 Stream Foods used between 400 and 600 units of electricity for each kilo of food product made. Today they use between 200 and 300 units. In 2005 Stream Foods used up to three cubic metres of water per kilo of product against less than half a cubic metre now. Waste going to landfill per tonne of product is on average one-eighth of what it was four years ago.

### How they did it

Food waste that Stream Foods previously paid to send to landfill is now packaged and sold to a local pig farmer. Cardboard is baled and sold. More efficient machinery, daily input from loyal staff keen to suggest savings, and innovations such as motion sensors that turn off lights in empty rooms, have all helped.

### The Stream Foods view

Plant Manager Dave Willgress says: "We have worked hard to improve our business efficiency along with raising employee awareness of the major environmental issues. That has helped us become more efficient. Increased productivity has reduced our consumption of energy, oil for heating, water, waste and waste to landfill."



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