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Improving Your Resource Efficiency in Wilkin & Sons

What they do

The Essex village of Tiptree is home to the Wilkin family and they have farmed in the area for nearly three hundred years. The first Tiptree preserves were made in 1885 when Arthur Charles Wilkin began jam-making. Today the company still specialises in fruit grown on the Tiptree estates.

Customers

As well as being found in specialist food shops, Tiptree products are sold across the UK in major supermarkets including branches of Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsbury, Morrisons, the Co-op, Budgens and Booths. Tiptree products are also sold online and the company has outlets in scores of countries from Australia to the East Indies, Guatamala to Qatar.

Savings

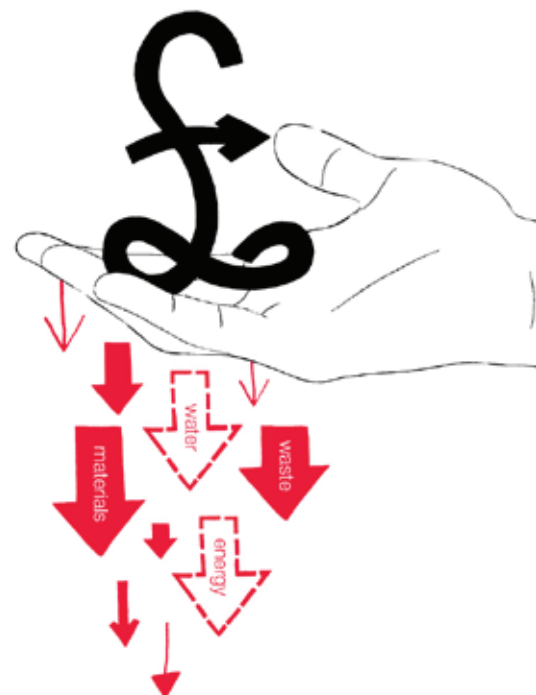
Wilkin & Sons have made significant savings in their consumption of energy and water in recent years. The company has also reduced by more than 500 tonnes the amount of waste it sends to landfill each year. Everything from cherry stones to plastic buckets are now reused rather than disposed of as waste.

How they did it

Wilkin & Sons have introduced a Total Waste Minimisation Team to continuously look at ways to reduce energy consumption and waste, and to increase reuse and recycling. An integrated environmental and management plan is operated which encompasses the factory sites and the farm (LEAF Marque and Assured Produce Standards). The aim is to integrate all environmental management into the operating procedures.

The Wilkin & Sons/Tiptree view

Wilkin & Sons Joint Managing Director (Production) Walter Scott, says: "We started by looking at ways to save energy – like simmering our oranges twice in the same water and then using the liquor in the marmalade making process, instead of using the water once then throwing it away. Then we moved on to waste streams and then production."



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