

**ConAgra Foods
Lamb Weston
Sustainable
Agriculture &
Grower Policies**

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As one of the industry's leading producers of processed potato products, we respect our planet's limited resources and always strive toward greater economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable agricultural practices.

Our Agriculture Services Department is fully engaged in year-round, on-site partnership with *every grower, in every field*, to meet our customers' needs for high quality products while ensuring safe, efficient, innovative farming practices.

Lamb Weston Grower Guide

Prior to each growing season, every grower acknowledges, through signature, the receipt and understanding of *the Lamb Weston Grower Guide*, which details our Food Safety and Sustainable Agriculture requirements and expectations.

We emphasize to growers the importance of using only the minimum amounts of each input needed to yield the highest-quality crop. By continually monitoring grower fields for pests, nutrients and moisture, and by continually evaluating growing conditions throughout each season, farmers can tailor practices to meet the specific needs of each crop, minimizing inputs.

As part of our **Integrated Pest Management**, we identify and focus only on crop-damaging pests to limit inputs-per-acre; this allows beneficial insects and pests to inhabit and thrive on the land.

Infrared photography, moisture-sensing equipment and plant tissue analysis are used as part of our ongoing **Soil & Petiole Monitoring & Potato Plant Analysis** to ensure that only the necessary, correct levels of water and nutrients are applied.

Sustainable agriculture grower contracts

In addition, we stipulate certain sustainable agricultural practices within our grower contracts. Examples include the following:

- Full disclosure of all nutrients, pesticides and fungicides applied to each field, managed through our Crop Data Management System (CDMS). This comprehensive reporting program allows us to track, monitor and

assess inputs, and to verify 100% compliance with all laws, regulations and cultural practices, including strict adherence to recommended USDA application procedures.

- Grower operations shall be USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certified, to ensure safe handling practices.
- Growers will support and provide a sustainable agricultural farm program, to be used in the growing of the potato crop.

Growing responsibly, reducing our impact

We partner with growers in many other ways to reduce our impact on farmlands, such as:

- Ongoing exploration and cultivation of new, naturally pest-and disease-resistant varieties, reducing the need for pesticides, as well as lower-water-need and higher nitrogen-use varieties
- Continual assessment of and upgrades to water systems for the most conservative use of water resources
- Fuel-reducing equipment and technologies
- Recycling, re-use of supplies, packaging
- Drift management plans
- Identification & mapping of environmentally sensitive areas on each farm
- Written environmental emergency plans
- Grower certification opportunities and continuing education

From responsible water use to responsible insect management, all of our farming operations are subject to sustainable practices. Farm to factory to market—better for the environment, better for business. We are committed.

For additional or specific detail on our sustainable agriculture & grower policies, please contact David Smith, Sr. Director Ag Services at 509.736.0291.