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Organically Grown Company:

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- Was formed as a nonprofit organization in 1978, as a support organization for Oregon's organic farmers.
- Supports and develops regional farms. Organically Grown Company (OGC), grower and employee-owned, markets LADYBUG brand produce from family-owned and operated affiliates throughout the Northwest. LADYBUG brand represents the efforts of more than three dozen regional farms with over 150 different fruits and vegetables in season.
- Works with a unique blend of organic producers and shippers, from small and medium-sized family farms, to larger year-round suppliers. OGC purchases over 90% of their product line directly from the growers. Thirty-two percent of products sold come from Northwest farms; 95.5 % of products sold are organic.
- Donates 2.5% of its previous year's net profit to organizations focused on organic agriculture and sustainability.
- Opened its dock for distribution in Eugene, Oregon in 1983 and expanded to open a warehouse in Portland, Oregon in 1993. Currently, OGC has warehouses in three locations — Portland and Eugene, Oregon; and Kent, Washington — and employs more than 160 staff members.

OGC Sustainability Actions:



- **"GROW" Program:** OGC purchases bananas exclusively from Organics Unlimited, who operates the "Giving Resources and Opportunities to Workers" (GROW) program. In 2008, OGC's sales of GROW bananas resulted in a donation \$82,455 to educational programs and dental and vision clinics in communities in southern Mexico. Since 2005, OGC has contributed over \$300,000 to the GROW program. www.organicsunlimited.com/organics/grow
- **Wind Power:** OGC meets 100% of its electrical load with wind power.
- **Transportation:** In 2008, OGC drove 978,598 miles; consumed 115,718 gallons of regular diesel and 38,274 gallons of biodiesel, while distributing over 100 million pounds of food to Northwest communities. In 2008, OGC's entire fleet was operated on an average blend of 24.8% biodiesel (B20). OGC's biodiesel is supplied by Sequential Biofuels, which derives 95% of their biofuel from used cooking oil feedstock, turning a waste product into clean, non-polluting fuel. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, biodiesel exhaust produces 78% less carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions than petroleum derived diesel. CO2 is the main greenhouse gas contributing to global warming.
- **Food Trade Sustainability Leadership Program:** OGC is one of the founders of the Food Trade Sustainability Leadership Association (FTSLA), a new nonprofit trade association that works with the organic and natural food supply chain to transition the food industry to more sustainable business practices.
- **Declaration of Sustainability for the Organic Produce Industry:** OGC drafted the declaration currently in circulation for industry input and endorsement. Published its fifth annual sustainability report, marking progress toward achieving long-term sustainability goals:
 - Goal 1: Achieve carbon neutrality and eliminate fossil fuel use
 - Goal 2: Eliminate solid waste and toxic substances
 - Goal 3: Achieve on-farm sustainability and small/medium farm viability
 - Goal 4: Foster a healthy and fulfilling workplace
 - Goal 5: Build customer and broader community awareness and support for a healthy and sustainable food system

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"We understand that the growth of the organic foods trade requires that the same values used to produce organic foods be used in conducting the business of selling them."

David Lively
marketing director

