## PACIFIC COAST PRODUCERS

# **Pacific Coast Producers**

California-based, Grower-Owned Cooperative specializing in Canned Fruits and Tomatoes

## ABOUT US:

- Our Cooperative was founded in April, 1971.
- Our production plants are located in Lodi, Oroville, Woodland, Los Banos, CA and Yakima, WA.
- Over the years we have added various technologies to improve our quality and production.
- 100% fresh pack Foodservice tomato items.
- State of the art 1.5 million square foot Distribution Center located in Lodi, CA.
- In 2014 we purchased an import company giving us international capabilities.
- National distribution with forward warehouses located throughout the country.
- We are SQF 2000 Level III and BRC certified.

## OUR COOPERATIVE:

Our Grower Owners consist of approximately 167 tomato, peach, pear, apricot and grape growers. Our Mission is to provide a long-term home to our owners' crops and respect our customers and employees.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS:

#### **Company Philosophy**

Pacific Coast Producers is committed to the three "Es" of sustainability:

- Effort: a dedication to cultivate environmental sustainability through project investments.
- Efficiency: the pursuit to improve energy, water, and waste efficiency.
- Effectiveness: our interconnected goals to reduce CO2 emissions, save water, and reduce byproduct waste.

#### Initiatives (Effort and Efficiency)

- Water: invested in a new water filtration system, overhauled the steam peeling system, added piping to boilers, and replaced rinse boxes on fruit peelers with Magnusson Scrubbers.
- Waste: installed tomato peelers that use potassium hydroxide and improved workplace recycling habits by marking bins to separate landfill waste from recyclable material.
- Energy: replaced warehouse lighting, invested in a new tomato steam evaporator, converted Eastern shipments from trucks to railcars, repaired steam traps, and initiated power reduction programs.

#### **Results (Efficiency and Effectiveness)**

- Water: efficiency projects save 2,750,000 gallons of water per day.
- Waste: initiatives decrease sodium levels in waste water by 100 percent in addition to reducing landfill loads by 29 percent.
- Energy: programs reduce CO2 emissions by over 7,000 tons per year, decrease nitrogen oxide emissions by over 80,000 tons per year, and save nearly 4 million kilowatts of energy annually.