



Company

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Sector

Confectionary

Chief products

Flavoured jelly beans

Sustainability headlines

Origin Green targets over 5 years from a baseline year of 2012 include:

- Zero waste to landfill
- Reduction in electricity usage by 25%
- Reduction in gas usage by 15%



Background

Established in 1998 by father and son team Peter and Richard Cullen, The Jelly Bean Factory is Europe's leading producer of gourmet jelly beans.

Who we are

Operating from a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at the IDA Business and Technology Park in Blanchardstown, Dublin, The Jelly Bean Factory has a manufacturing footprint of almost 60,000 sq. ft., operates to a grade A BRC standard and employs 65 people. The company prides itself on its high-quality products, which use 100% natural flavours with no artificial colours. The entire range is gluten free, nut free, gelatine free, GMO free, Kosher certified, Halal compliant, and suitable for vegetarians and coeliacs. The Jelly Bean Factory exports 97% of its products to over 55 countries worldwide.

Our sustainability credentials

The Jelly Bean Factory aims to achieve economic, environmental and social sustainability throughout the business and supply chain, improving its use of raw materials and, in turn, increasing its efficiency and profitability. The company operates a documented Food Safety and Quality Management system, which consists of [HACCP](#) and supporting Good Manufacturing Management procedures. It is committed to meeting the latest EC directives, regulations and decisions, national legislation, and any additional legal requirements as standard.



Origin Green in action

The Jelly Bean Factory has set optimistic but achievable targets for its five-year Origin Green strategy, believing environmental actions should be linked with financial performance. A sustainability team has been established involving personnel from all areas of the business and, in 2014, their combined efforts resulted in the company achieving [Ecocert certification](#), with the aim of progressing to [ISO 14001](#) over the coming years.

The company's 2013-2017 Origin Green sustainability plan takes 2012 as its baseline year and is designed to deliver on specific goals: including the curbing of emissions; reducing waste to landfill; minimising packaging; and enhancing employee participation. Specific goals set for 2017, to be achieved through meeting year-on-year targets, include:

- Zero waste to landfill
- Reduction in electricity use by 25%
- Reduction in gas usage by 15%
- Reduction in water usage by 7.5%
- Up to 50% of all printed film to be sourced from Irish manufacturers



Social responsibility

The company is committed to improve work conditions and actions that help make for a better community.

Management promotes a 'safety first' ethos throughout the business, and is committed to training and development opportunities that up-skill employees. Learning and development requirements are continually assessed to ensure they benefit both the business and its employees.

The company also strives to make a difference to the local community and has set a goal of increasing support and donations by 80% by 2017, with a 30% increase year on year after that.

Other social responsibility goals for 2017 include:

- A 50% increase in the volume of Fairtrade sugar products
- Ensure that 20% of all employees use bike to work scheme

What we're doing better

The company believes the best way to ensure it secures the best quality raw materials is by buying responsibly. As an Irish producer, it is proud to support Irish industry and, wherever possible, buys Irish. This commitment will feed into greater confidence, control and influence over the supply chain in the years ahead.

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