



FARM ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The environment we live in is our inheritance. We recognize that modern day activities, both in business and domestic, continue to take a toll on the environment in which we live.

It is the aim of Olive Grove Salads Ltd to:

1. Maintain our inheritance.
2. Take steps to improve the environment for future generations.

To achieve this aim we intend to manage our business activities responsibly and with consideration and benefit society by ensuring that:

- We meet all relevant legislation
- We reduce waste by reusing and recycling
- We minimise polluting releases to the environment
- We optimise energy and water efficiency
- We minimise all adverse effects on the environment
- We implement IFM into our practices

To reduce and reuse waste we ensure:

- every recycling opportunity is used in order to reduce our landfill waste. All recyclable packaging and farm waste is collected by registered contractors
- all waste is measured and recorded to keep track of wastage levels, including packaging and green waste

To minimise polluting releases to the environment we ensure:

- risk assessments of potential pollution routes are carried out to avoid adverse effects on all environmental media i.e. Air, Water and Soil
- all vehicles are regularly serviced and fuel consumption monitored
- consideration is given to the energy efficiency of potential new equipment before purchase, helping to reduce our overall energy consumption

We optimise our water and energy efficiency by:

- using an environmentally controlled computer system that ensures optimal growing conditions for crops and minimises fossil fuel use
- monitoring our use of irrigation to reduce water consumption
- monitoring our water use during cleaning
- regularly sampling water from our supplies to ensure that we are conforming with legislation and to enable us to help minimise, or ideally eradicate, pollution as a result of our business practices
- ensuring tractor horsepower and equipment size are matched for efficient cultivations and

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transport

- ensuring cultivations are chosen to minimise fuel use
- ensuring transport of materials, produce and staff is planned to avoid part or empty loads wherever possible
- monitoring energy use every month by recording energy used and cost

We will try to minimise all adverse effects on the environment:

- with the use of biological control agents within our protected crops, reducing dependence on artificial pesticides
- by only using pesticides as a last resort when other methods are found to be insufficient or ineffective
- by reducing the 'green bridge' effect through immediate incorporation of crop residues
- by following our Crop Protection Policy
- when considering applying a pesticide, it should be considered whether it is absolutely necessary and if it is, the minimum dose should be applied

Implementing Integrated Farm Management (IFM) as a whole farm management approach ensures that we sustain and optimise all of our resources on the farm including staff, soil, air, power, water, the landscape and machinery. As IFM is continually being researched and improved, it allows us to analyse our practices and continuously improve them.

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