



**Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson
A Commitment
To our Environment**

BEATRICE/HUNT-WESSON AND YOU— PARTNERS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

During nearly 100 years of building one of the nation's largest, best-known food manufacturing and marketing companies, we at Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson have incorporated into our business strategies a strong commitment to social and environmental responsibility.

This awareness has come in large part from our consumers, customers, our employees and their families who, as neighbors and fellow citizens, are dedicated to the same environmental concerns.

We believe these long-established practices are particularly important today to our consumers and customers, to the company we have all created and to the communities in which we live and do our business. We are aware of the growing need for protection of our environment and are committed to being part of the solution.

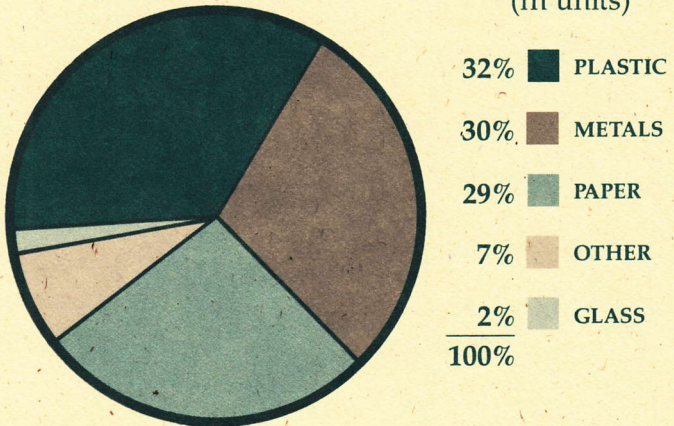
We have identified several areas of opportunity in which our company resources can make a difference: conservation of energy and materials; careful monitoring of air and water quality; safe use of chemicals; and responsible management of solid waste.

Because successful programs of this scale are accomplished only through partnerships, we have allied with a variety of industry organizations seeking solutions for these important issues. We work cooperatively with government to meet all federal, state and local guidelines and we continue to team up with our consumers and customers to become partners in creating a better environment for all of us.

PACKAGING OUR PRODUCTS

Packaging for most of our products is recyclable, and wherever possible the company uses recycled content in manufacturing.

BEATRICE/HUNT-WESSON PACKAGING MATERIALS (in units)



Metals—Steel cans are now collected at curbside and community recycling programs in increasing frequency. We use steel cans for Hunt's, Rosarita, Gebhardt and others. Ours are recyclable and made using approximately 30 percent recycled materials.

Glass—Some Rosarita and Gebhardt products are packaged in glass, a material with a long history of recycling. Our glass is made using approximately 20 percent recycled glass.

Plastics—Among the plastics we use, nearly half of our plastic bottles are made using PET plastic, a recyclable material popular because it is lightweight and shatterproof. PET plastic bottles for most sizes of Wesson Oil are manufactured at our new plant in Memphis, Tennessee. The material, the most widely recycled packaging plastic today, is also used for most Peter Pan Peanut Butter jars.

Paperboard—Folding cartons for Orville Redenbacher's Microwave Popping Corn, Swiss Miss Cocoa and others are recyclable and some are made using all recycled materials.

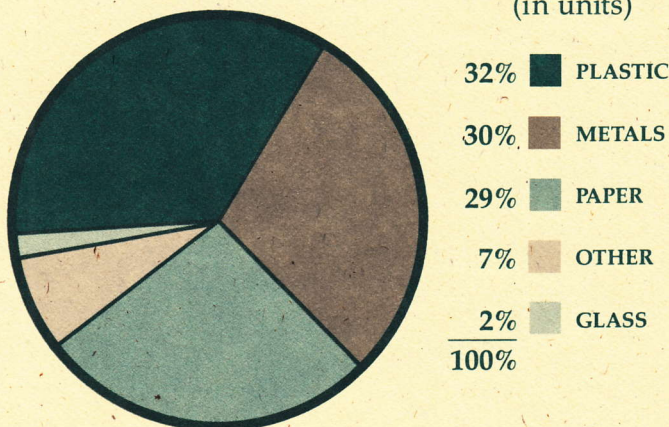
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ISSUES AND ANSWERS

Q *What types of environmental programs does Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson have at its facilities?*

Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson has incorporated environmental programs in all of its facilities. The company's programs include energy conservation, source and scrap reduction and recycling, clean air and water conservation. **A**

Q *What are Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson's practices regarding packaging?*

We are dedicated to providing the most environmentally-friendly packaging possible, while maintaining the integrity and safety of products for our consumers. Most of our current packages are recyclable and we seek to increase that percentage. We also plan to increase the percentage of recycled materials used in our processes. Our commitment includes a new executive position—Director, Environmental Packaging. **A**

Q *What action has Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson taken on food safety?*

At Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson we have a long history of close attention to all food safety issues, including crop management, ingredients, manufacturing standards, packaging, warehousing and distribution. We work closely with the Food and Drug Administration and other federal, state and local agencies to meet regulations. In addition, all of our facilities have strict quality control procedures which are adhered to stringently. Our goal is to offer the best quality, safest food products available on the market. **A**

A HISTORY OF COMMITMENT YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW



Source Reduction and Recycling

Source reduction is an area where Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson has made great strides in all its facilities. In addition to our own source reduction in packaging, manufacturing and distribution, we are working with our suppliers to ensure compatible source reduction programs. Regarding recycling, our container manufacturing plants recycle scrap material at our can plants, and we sell all tinplate, tin-free steel and aluminum scrap to scrap dealers. Most of our packages are recyclable and we use recycled materials whenever possible, but we continue to seek technologies to help increase both those percentages, and are requesting that our suppliers provide materials with more recycled content.



Energy Conservation

Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson often incorporates energy-saving equipment at manufacturing plants, such as the heat exchanger at our Fullerton Cannery and the combustion control system at our Davis Cannery, which improved efficiency and decreased fuel consumption. At United Can high temperature incineration on some materials results in efficiency of 90 percent. And the combustion-technology boiler at the Davis plant, which improved efficiency and reduced NO_x emissions, is planned for our Fullerton Cannery as well. A current program involves new ways of heat-curing enamel coatings to minimize hydrocarbon fuel consumption.



Environmental Programs

We are especially proud of our Davis and Oakdale canneries, where our tomato processing wastewater is used for farm and pasture irrigation, and our tomato solid wastes are used for animal feed. We are also incorporating environmentally-friendly inks and enamels into our packaging. Many of our most exciting programs, however, are designed to preserve trees, an important natural resource. At our Fullerton Cannery we found rebuilding wooden pallets instead of scrapping them has reduced the use of wood. Importantly, we have implemented several highly successful tree-planting programs in association with the U.S. Forest Service, which resulted in the reforestation of more than 5,000 acres of our country's forests.

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