

# 2025 FOOD SAFETY PROJECTS

Greater Omaha Packing Co. remains committed to advancing food safety initiatives that benefit producers and uphold our dedication to delivering high-quality, safe products. Our 2025 projects focus on bolstering our food safety infrastructure and enhancing operational standards to mitigate risks and improve outcomes.

**Foreign Object Education and Process Improvements** Recognizing the critical importance of maintaining product purity, GOP is enhancing its approach to managing and reducing foreign objects in trim and ground beef.

**Hot Water Expansion** To strengthen food safety during the harvest process, GOP will be expanding the capacity of its hot water carcass treatment system.



Greater Omaha Packing Food Safety is committed to collaborating with industry leaders, including the Meat Institute, NCBA, universities, and our local community of farmers, ranchers, and feedlot operators. In 2025, we'll continue work on key projects such as improving foreign object detection and optimizing red meat yields, helping to ensure safer, more efficient processes. Additionally, we're launching new educational initiatives to share best practices for reducing E. coli O157:H7 throughout the production chain.

These projects reinforce GOP's proactive approach to food safety, ensuring our processes evolve to meet the highest standards. By investing in comprehensive safety measures and advanced technologies, we continue to support our producers' success while prioritizing the quality and safety of our products.





# SUSTAINABILITY

## OUR COMMITMENT FOR A BETTER FUTURE

At Greater Omaha Packing, sustainability isn't just about what we do within our walls—it's about creating shared benefits that ripple through the entire supply chain, from our operations to the producers who supply us. Together, we are working to build a more resilient, resource-efficient industry that supports the long-term success of cattle producers and their communities.

### Efficient Use of Resources to Support the Supply Chain

As a plant that processes high-quality cattle daily, we understand the importance of using resources responsibly. Over the past year, we've achieved a 2.6% reduction in water usage—a critical achievement.

Our 7.2% reduction in natural gas usage per head directly contributes to lowering greenhouse gas emissions, further aligning with the sustainability goals many producers share.

### Minimizing Waste to Add Value to Livestock

Producers take pride in raising cattle efficiently and ethically, and we share that commitment by ensuring the entire animal is utilized to its fullest potential. Over

the past year, we've made significant progress in reducing packaging and landfill waste. Our efforts to cut plastic usage from 98 tons per month in 2022 to 66 tons per month this year help ensure that the value of every animal we process is maximized, with less material going to waste. Additionally, we recycle 63 tons of cardboard monthly and are using thinner, more efficient boxes. Our landfill waste reduction—from 46 tons per month in 2022 to just 1.8 tons in 2024—means more byproducts are being repurposed or recycled. These efforts help keep costs down and create new opportunities for utilizing materials that add value to livestock production.

### Collaborating for a Sustainable Future

Producers are a critical part of our sustainability efforts, and we're proud to work alongside you to improve our shared industry. As members of the North American Meat Institute's (NAMI) Protein Pact, we're advancing sustainable practices across the supply chain. Locally, we partner with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Partners in Pollution Prevention program and engage with institutions like Colorado State University to ensure our efforts reflect the latest research and innovations.



### Investing in Systems That Benefit Producers

We've invested significant capital in sustainability initiatives that directly support the quality and value of the cattle we process. Our heat recovery system cuts natural gas use, while our advanced wastewater system ensures cleaner water is returned to the environment. These innovations help sustain the ecosystem that ranchers and cattle rely on while enhancing the efficiency of our operations.

### Why This Matters to Producers

By reducing our water, energy, and material consumption, we're helping preserve the resources producers rely on. By creating less waste and finding new ways to utilize byproducts, we're maximizing the value of the cattle you supply.

Sustainability at Greater Omaha is about more than meeting industry expectations—it's about working together with producers to build a stronger, more sustainable future for agriculture and beef production.