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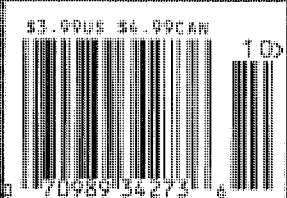
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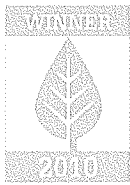
MARKEY MACHINERY CO.

This year, Markey Machinery found an environmentally friendly way to deal with the huge amounts of stormwater that routinely flooded the unpaved street in front of its Georgetown facility. Instead of paving the area, the infrastructure of which dated to 1940 and had no drainage, the company constructed a bio-swale system. Stormwater now flows into retention ponds and is absorbed into the soil below. LOCATION: Seattle EMPLOYEES: 45 WEBSITE: markeymachinery.com

MICROGREEN POLYMERS

Arlington-based plastics manufacturer MicroGreen Polymers uses its patented Ad-air technology to inject air bubbles into plastic. The process allows it to create products that use less plastic as well as being stronger, lighter and more insulating. Later this year, MicroGreen will employ this technology to make a low-density, thermally insulated beverage cup that is recyclable and is itself made from recycled material. —S.R. LOCATION: Arlington EMPLOYEES: 21 WEBSITE: microgreeninc.com

AGRICULTURE → Wilcox Family Farms



WHAT CAME FIRST, THE ORGANICALLY RAISED CHICKEN or the organic egg? At Wilcox, it's all part of the same cradle-to-cradle environmentally focused cycle. It

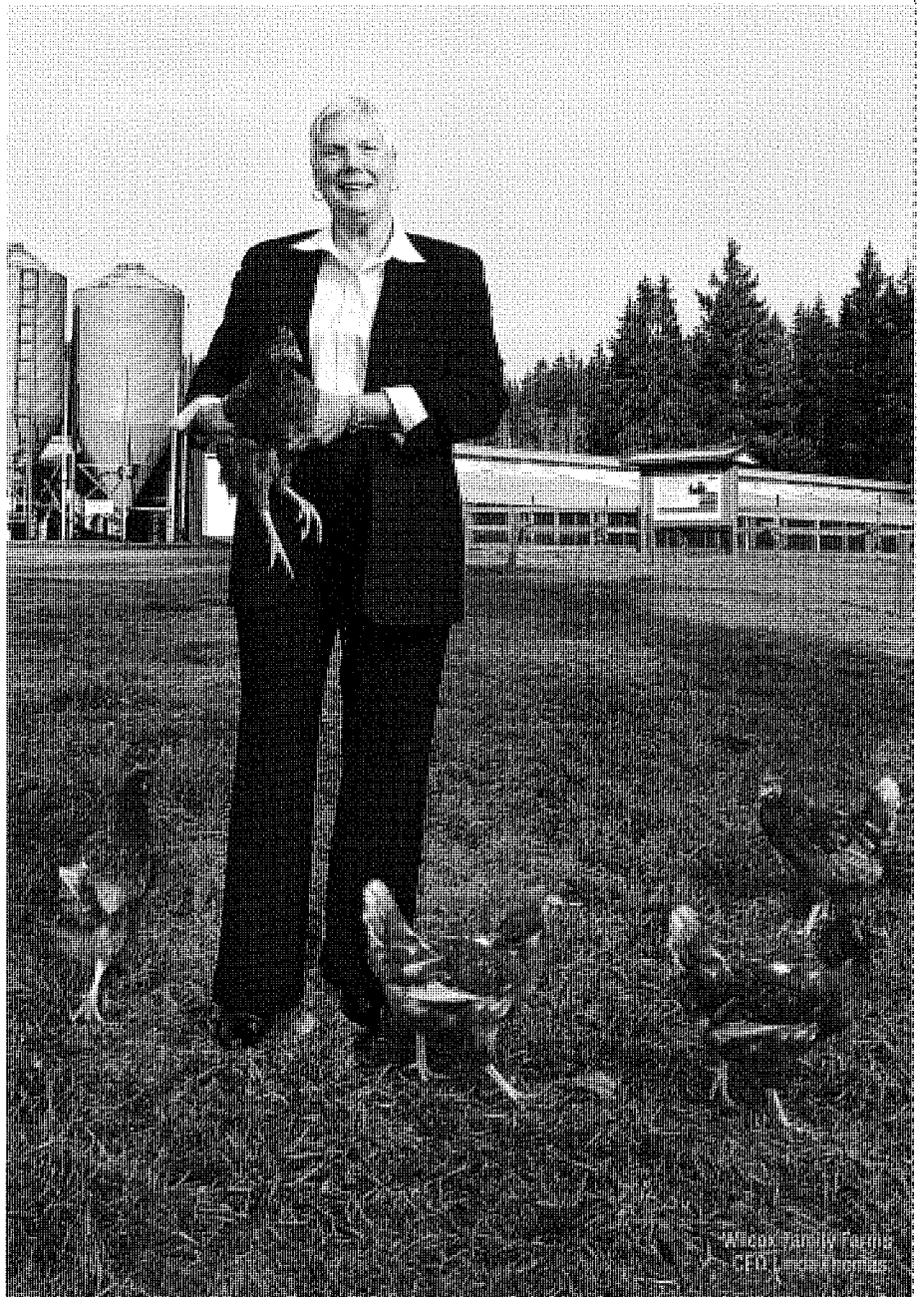
begins (or ends, depending on how you look at it) with the water. Waste products from the chickens gets turned into organic fertilizer: Wilcox uses the wastewater from egg cleaning and runoff to water crops. The organically grown crops are then fed to the flock of chickens, and the chickens lay the eggs.

Wilcox Farms has been family owned for four generations, and keeping things in the family has allowed for a clear and concise environmental policy. The staff has pledged to implement sustainable business practices wherever possible, and it participates in annual humane animal treatment training programs to ensure that the chickens are just as happy as Wilcox's customers. LOCATION: Roy EMPLOYEES: 180 WEBSITE: wilcoxfarms.com

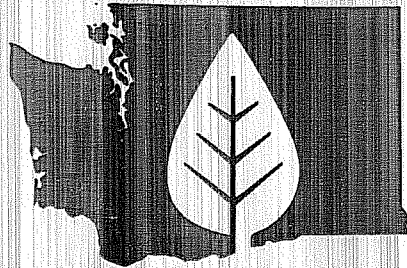
STEMILT GROWERS

[runner-up] As the largest grower of organic tree fruit in the United States, Stemilt Growers' trees need plenty of fertilizer. In 2005, the company began turning all of its green waste, including culled fruit and broken pallets, into nutrient-rich compost. In 2009, Stemilt extended its composting to include commercial and residential lawn clippings and green waste, saving an estimated 200 truckloads of waste from ending up in landfills annually. Stemilt employees and their dependents also benefit from a free on-site health clinic provided by the company. —W.S.

LOCATION: Wenatchee EMPLOYEES: 1,200 WEBSITE: stemilt.com



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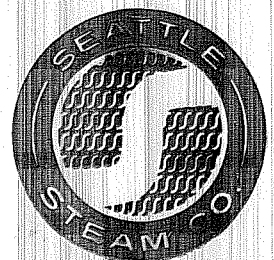
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