



Organic Valley Distribution Center, Cashton
Fact Sheet

Purpose: The distribution center in Cashton will serve as Organic Valley's primary warehouse and distribution center, handling the co-op's fluid milk products from the Midwest, as well as its national specialty products.

The new facility is a tangible symbol of Organic Valley's steady growth from seven founding farmers to 1,000 farmer-members, and a record \$334 million in 2006 sales.

Opening: Friday, July 27 Grand Opening, featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours for the community. Employees moved into the building in mid-June 2007.

Location: Highway 27 between Organic Valley's headquarters in La Farge and its creamery in Chaseburg. The distribution center resides on 40 acres in the Cashton Greens Business Park, an innovative new development where businesses will create and utilize renewable energy such as biomass conversion of manure and sawdust, biodiesel, and wind energy.

Cost: \$17.5 million

Size: 80,000 total square feet, including 13,788 square feet of offices; 19,280 square feet of conventional warehousing; 14,000 square feet of loading dock areas; and 33,000 square feet of automated storage and retrieval warehousing.

Occupancy: 85 employees

Construction

Time: 14 months, from May 2006 – July 2007

Construction

Team: Building design and construction by Wieser Brothers, La Crescent, Minn. Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) designed and constructed by Westfalia Technologies, York, Pa.

**Green**

Features: Facility constructed using fly ash in cement, recycled cotton for insulation in walls and recycled steel throughout the building; a white roof to reflect the sun's heat and decrease energy costs in refrigeration; waterless urinals; automatic faucets that recharge their batteries with the flow of water; and other features.

ASRS

Features: A state-of-the-art Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) places pallets in a cooler up to 80 feet in the air and retrieves them as needed without use of a person or forklift. The ASRS allows for space savings, improved employee working conditions and customer service, fewer spare parts resulting in less waste, cranes that regenerate power as operated, and improved shipping flexibility.

Storage

Capacity: A conventional storage area allows for 1,000 total pallet spaces, ASRS storage allows for 12,000 pallet spaces, including 8,400 cooler and 3,600 freezer pallets.

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