



## **Taylor Farms Sees 94 Percent Increase in Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction in 2018**

*Leading the fresh food industry in commitment to renewable and alternative energy*

**SALINAS, Calif. – April 22, 2019** – Taylor Farms, North America’s leading producer of ready-to-eat healthy fresh foods, celebrates Earth Day with tremendous success in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions savings, a direct result of its use of innovative renewable and alternative energy sources nationwide. Through a combination of solar, wind, fuel cells and cogeneration, Taylor Farms has seen a reduction of 12,190 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the course of the year, a 94 percent increase from 2017, which is equivalent to the GHG emissions from 2,588 vehicles driven for one year.

Taylor Farms’ continued commitment to reducing its carbon footprint through renewable and alternative energy and resource conservation is just a fraction of the company’s pledge to environmental sustainability. Advanced water efficient wash tanks, waste reduction and recycling, food waste diversion programs, and educational curriculums are in place across all facilities to ensure sustainable practices run through all aspects of the company. Taylor Farms was also the first in the fresh food industry to achieve TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) Platinum Zero Waste Certification, diverting over 94 percent of materials from landfill, incinerators and the environment.

“It’s very exciting to be see this amount of positive environmental impact growth within one year,” said Nicole Flewell, director of sustainability, Taylor Farms. “There’s so much enthusiasm internally with our team members and externally with our partners, customers and consumers around our environmental sustainability initiatives. We’re continuing to evolve our sustainability program with a focus on resource conservation across our facilities nationwide.”

Taylor Farms currently utilizes four different types of renewable and alternative energy systems to power their operations with clean energy:

### Solar

- Five solar arrays at Taylor Farms’ facilities in Gonzales, CA, Salinas, CA, Tracy, CA, Smyrna, TN and Dallas, TX, total over 18 acres of solar panels and generate 7.3 million kWh/year. This is equivalent to taking 1,096 cars off the road each year.

### Wind Turbine

- Our wind turbine generates 3.8 million kWh/year of clean energy and offsets 15 percent of annual power needs at the Gonzales, CA-based facility. This is equivalent to 328 homes’ energy use per year.

### Cogeneration

- The Concentric Power Cogeneration plant is a natural gas-powered engine that provides firm energy to offset 64 percent of annual energy usage at the Taylor Farms Gonzales, CA-based facility. When combined with power from solar and wind, the facility's annual energy usage is offset by over 90 percent. The GHG emissions saved directly from the Cogeneration plant is equivalent to taking 734 cars off the road or 414 homes' annual energy use.

#### Fuel Cells

- The Bloom Energy Fuel Cells at Taylor Farms' plant in Salinas, CA generates firm power with each kilowatt hour 21 percent cleaner than the traditional utility grid. The GHG emissions saved is equivalent to taking 163 cars off the road each year.

“The trailblazing team at Taylor Farms continues to impress with their sustainable energy goals and creative approach to transitioning completely off-the-grid, while shrinking their environmental footprint,” said CEO and founder of Concentric Power, Brian Curtis. “It’s been an honor to be part of their renewable energy solutions, providing cogeneration as a consistent and flexible capacity for firm power generation.”

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#### **ABOUT TAYLOR FARMS**

Taylor Farms is a leading North American producer of salads and healthy fresh foods. Taylor Farms is grounded in a commitment to quality, innovation, sustainability and food safety. Taylor Farms is family owned and based in “The Salad Bowl of the World” Salinas, California.

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