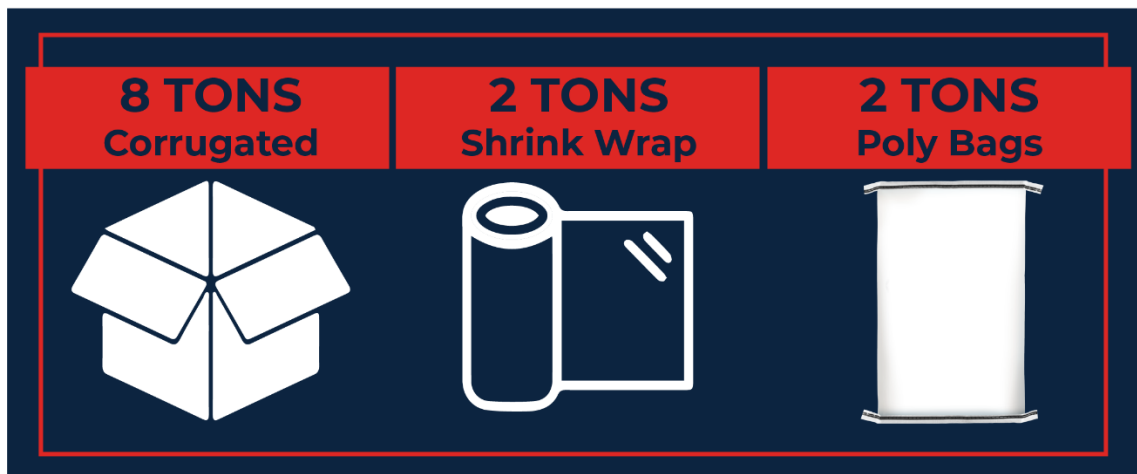


Driving Toward a Wasteless Warehouse: 75% Less Waste to the Landfill

At Kalmbach Feeds, part of being a good neighbor is being good stewards of the earth and the resources we have been blessed with. As we grow, we also keep a relentless focus on ways to grow properly and profitably, which means being lean, eliminating waste, and making good decisions for the long term. As part of this charge, we took a good hard look at procedures and systems in our warehouse, and the waste created by them. We set a goal of a warehouse run efficiently, with no unnecessary waste.

Our warehouse team looked at data from all aspects of their operations and focused on reducing the many tons of waste going to the landfill each month. This unnecessarily fills up valuable landfill space, wastes too many resources, costs money in landfill fees, transportation, labor, and the cost of the resources themselves.

The top 3 materials being sent to the landfill were shrink wrap, polypropylene bags, and corrugated cardboard. The team studied ways to reduce waste of these materials, and formed a partnership with a company that recycles or reuses these products, instead of sending them to the landfill. As of today, these efforts have cut 75% of waste going to the landfill and instead, turned it into reusable materials for other uses.



What's next? We are constantly looking for ways to improve processes to decrease our energy use, eliminate waste, and make our products better for our customers, their animals and the planet. We have a sustained interest in this, whether it be new technology or new ways of doing things. As we take each step, they will be determined to line up with Kalmbach Feeds 3 C's for the better of consumers, the community, and our company.