

Green City Growers Cooperative began operations in December 2012 in a custom-designed 3.25-acre leafy greens, hydroponic greenhouse in the Central neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio. Green City is the **largest food production greenhouse in a core urban area in the United States** and one of the largest local food initiatives in the country.

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- As a year-round greenhouse, Green City will produce **three million heads of lettuce and 300,000 pounds of herbs every year**. That's **8,000** plants a day!
- Green City employs **25 people**, most of whom are residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and will soon become **employee-owners** of the cooperative business, **sharing in the profits**.
- Green City's state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse makes it possible to have **consistent harvests every day of the year**. Through its precisely-controlled environment, leafy greens are floated on shallow pools of water and provided with just the right amounts of nutrients, light, heat, and relative humidity.
- Green City **does not negatively impact local farmers**, since most lettuce purchased in Northeast Ohio currently comes from California and Arizona.
- Green City currently produces **butterhead lettuce** (35,000 heads / week) and **green leaf lettuce** (30,000 heads/week).
- Green City sells to customers within a 50-mile radius of Cleveland. Green City's packaged products are delivered in refrigerated trucks to customers within **24 hours of harvest** and the plants have 5 days more shelf-life since they are grown and sold locally.
- Additional products in the planning stages include: **Gourmet baby lettuce** (green, red, frilly, blond), **basil**, **arugula**, **watercress** and other varieties of gourmet lettuces, leafy greens, and herbs.
- Green City **donates 1% of its leafy green harvest to the Cleveland Foodbank** for distribution in Green City's Central neighborhood.
- Green City is part of the growing network of **Evergreen Cooperatives** in Cleveland. Evergreen is committed to producing cost-competitive, professional goods and services, while also achieving its social mission: to create jobs and build financial assets for residents of our city's underserved neighborhoods.

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