

# O'Shea Farms

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Channel: Foodservice Retail

The O' Shea Family have been farming on the banks of the river Suir, in Piltown, Co. Kilkenny for five generations, dating all the way back to the 1830's. In 1969 we were farming 195 acres, with a mixture of dairy, beef, cereal, potatoes and carrots. Currently, we are farming approximately 1600 acres, of which 250 acres are carrots and 200 acres are potatoes, while the rest is in cereals and grass for rotation so the structure of the land is well maintained. We've built up strong relationships with 35 local farmers in surrounding counties. We also lease land for high yielding fresh produce. We are blessed here on the fertile lands of the Suir Valley, where we are farming on clay loam soils. This gives us the opportunity to produce high yields of very good quality crops.

### Our product range

Potatoes: 1.5Kgs, 2Kgs,2.5Kgs, 4Kgs and 7.5Kgs Rooster, 2Kgs Kerrs Pinks, 2Kgs Golden Wonders, 1Kgs, 2Kgs and 5Kgs Whites, 1Kgs Salad. 500g, 1Kgs and 1.8Kgs Carrots

## Durabilité

As custodians of the land, we take our commitment to operating in a sustainable way very seriously. We have taken several initiatives to reduce our impact on the environment and improve our sustainability and overall energy efficiency not just for our generation but generations to come. We fully monitor our energy consumption and in doing so we have replaced our lighting with low energy lighting that uses 30% less energy than the old system In Oct 2015 we installed over 1000 individual solar panels, which at the time was Irelands largest photovoltaic solor energy installation. The panels will generate 210,000 kw of electricity per year, which enough to power up to 40 homes. THe solar project will go some distance to reducing our overall carbon footprint and will provide us with sustainably produced electricity for up to 30years. We recently upgraded our carrot wash to reduce water usage. As a member of OG the onus is on us to find ways of making our business more environ sustainable

#### **Our Accreditations**

- HACCP
- IOFGA
- Origin Green Verified
- Sustainable Horticulture Assurance Scheme (SHAS)

## Our Awards

Kikenny Business Awards 2016 Agri Business of the year and Finalist for 2017 for Agri Business of the Year