

# 150 FACTS

To celebrate our 150th anniversary, we'll be sharing

**150 facts about Germains throughout the year!**

Stay tuned as we continue to add to this list each month.

**#1** The company was originally founded in 1871 as Germain's Fruit and Produce Company on North Main Street in the small, sleepy pueblo of Los Angeles, California.

**#2** By 1880, Germain's prominence in Los Angeles was publicly noted with the esteemed position of Number 7 in the city's first telephone directory.

**#3** In the early 20th century, Germain's shipped the first carload of oranges from California to the East Coast of America.

**#4** In the 1920s and 30s, Germains had 16 thriving seed retail store locations throughout California and Arizona.

**#5** In the early 1950s, Germain's formed the Filcoat Processed Seed Division and introduced the first pelleted seed into the American market.

**#6** In the 1960s, Germains introduced the first pellet for sugar beet seed to the U.S. market.

**#7** In 1965, **Germain's (UK) Limited** formed, and the company opened its first UK plant in **King's Lynn, Norfolk**, to serve the UK and continental European markets.

**#8** Germain's Seed Pelleting Division in the UK, Ireland and the US became part of the deal that took British Sugar to Associated British Foods (ABF) in 1990.

**#9** Business expansion in the 1990s included ventures in Poland and Romania, new plants in the U.S., and the acquisition of the Dutch-based company International Seed Technology with plants in Holland, Spain, and the U.S.

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**#10** In 2004, Germain's Technology Group was firmly established as one of the world's largest independent seed coating and enhancement companies.

**#11** In 2010, the company was rebranded as Germain's Seed Technology.

**#12** Germain's Seed Technology provides conventional and organic seed treatments for over 45 different vegetable and fruit crops.

**#13** We employ over 200 people, operate out of 9 locations in the U.K., Europe, and North America, and process nearly \*200 billion\* seeds for growers around the world each year.

**#14** In 2019, Germain's Gilroy processed enough Spinach seeds treated with ProBio® Safeguard™ to help farmers produce approximately **37 billion servings** of organic Spinach!

**#15** In its 150 years, the company has survived multiple economic recessions, natural disasters—and now, two global pandemics.

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