

RIPON FOODS

- Established in 1930 by Horace A. Bumby, Ripon Foods, Inc. was a prolific cookie manufacturer that earned the city nickname, "Cookietown, USA."
- Famous for its "Rippin' Good" brand, the company grew from one oven to a major national producer, later operating under Ralcorp (1999) and ConAgra (2013) before closing in 2016.
- In July 1992, Ripon Foods produced a 3,500-pound chocolate chip cookie to celebrate its heritage, and set a world record!

GREEN GIANT

- The Green Giant canning plant, at 477 Douglas St., was a key part of the region's agricultural industry, producing canned peas and corn as part of the broader Green Giant Company network.
- The facility operated for decades before being sold to other operators, with the site currently being used for food processing by Seneca Foods.

SENECA FOODS

- Seneca Foods, which also occupies the adjacent property to former Green Giant location, is a key vegetable processing facility within the larger Seneca Foods Corporation, which was founded in 1949 in Dundee, New York.
- The Ripon plant is part of the company's extensive Midwest canning operations, contributing to its role as a leading producer of private-label and branded canned vegetables, including Libby's and Green Giant.

R-LINE

- R-Line Foods was a prominent Ripon-based food company established in the late 1930s, beginning as frozen foods storage and later meat processing.
- The company operated a meat division that was purchased by Silver Creek Specialty Meats in 1989.
- The company, which at one point occupied the former Haas Brewery stable, expanded to manufacture relishes and jams for companies nationwide. It was sold to J.M. Smucker Company before vacating its Ripon properties around 2002.

ERNESSI FARMS

- Located at 111 E. Fond du Lac St., company was founded by Bryan Ernst, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and geologist.
- Inspired by food scarcity he witnessed overseas, he began experimenting with hydroponics in his basement in 2012 alongside a friend, Tim Alessi.
- After refining their high-tech, soil-less growing system, Ernst officially founded the business as Ernessi Organics in 2014.

RIPON PICKLE CO.

- Ripon has been packing pickles since 1873, and carries on a deep-rooted tradition in the region's food processing industry.
- Tracing its origins to the late 19th century, when the area's rich farmland gave rise to the Ripon Packing Company, the business evolved into the present-day pickle and relish specialist that continues to operate locally.
- Over five decades, this has been a family, and locally owned enterprise.

DRIED EGG FACTORY

- Based in the former Ripon Creamery on Jefferson Street, the Ripon dried egg factory began operations around 1941 to supply powdered eggs to the Army and Navy during World War II.
- Workers manually cracked eggs, which were processed into a powder using large vats and hot air dryers, producing a staple food that was vital for the war effort.

THE RIPON AREA EVOLVED FROM A 19TH CENTURY AGRICULTURAL HUB TO SPECIALIZED FOOD PRODUCTION, ANCHORING THE CITY'S IDENTITY IN ICONIC, LONG-RUNNING INDUSTRIES.

ICONIC INDUSTRIES OF RIPON

Right: From the collection, foam painted statue of Green Giant "Sprout." The Little Green Sprout character was introduced in September 1972 as an apprentice and sidekick to the Jolly Green Giant.

