



# Gold Member McCormack Family Farms

## About the Company

A second-generation farming enterprise based in Co. Meath, McCormack Family Farms has been growing, packing and distributing fresh produce for nearly 40 years.

Eddie McCormack started selling fresh produce on behalf of Warrenstown Agricultural Collage at the historic Dublin Fruit Market in Smithfield before he decided to grow his own. It all started in 1984 on a small field at the back of Eddie’s house in Kiltale, a small rural community in Co. Meath. That year, Eddie became the very first commercial grower of iceberg lettuce and everything he did from then onwards was with one idea in mind: to grow locally what traditionally had been imported.

Today, McCormack Family Farms are the largest grower of baby salad leaves in Ireland and also specialise in fresh cut herbs, microgreens and edible flowers to retail, foodservice, and manufacturing channels.

## Spotlight Target Area: Supplier Certification

McCormack Family Farms mission is to provide the freshest and healthiest salad leaves and herbs to consumers around the island of Ireland with the shortest route from field to fork. The business actively improves its on-farm practices to reduce its environmental impact as the quality of its products benefits from the health of the Irish environment and natural resources.

With this in mind, in 2021, McCormack Family Farms increased the volume of baby leaf -raw materials grown under Bord Bia’s Sustainable Horticulture Assurance Scheme (SHAS), from 520,898 kgs in 2020 to 787,446 kgs in 2021- against a target of 528,691 kgs. Within the same target area, McCormack Family Farms produced 175,250 kgs of Irish- grown SHAS certified herbs versus its plan milestone of 158,880 kgs in 2021. The company has excelled in meeting this Supplier Certification goal by 10.3%.

## Membership Tier 3

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 6

## Exemplary Performance Target Areas

Raw Material Sourcing	Raw Materials & Suppliers	★
	Packaging	★
Manufacturing Process	Energy/Emissions	
	Water	
	Waste	
Social Sustainability	Product Health and Nutrition	★
	Employee Wellbeing	
	Community Engagement	★
	Diversity & Inclusion	
Additional Targets	Biodiversity	
	Approved Sector Specific Target	



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“McCormack Family Farms are honoured to have been shortlisted for the Origin Green Gold Membership. We are proud to be recognised for our targets and goals in our continuous commitment to sustainability. Since joining the programme, we have also reduced our energy usage. We look forward to continuing in our sustainability journey for a better future for all.”

**Stephen Mc Cormack, Managing Director, McCormack Family Farms**