Costa Fruit & Produce Company has been servicing the foodservice industry in the Northeast for more than 65 years, offering a complete line of fresh products that include fresh fruits and produce, dairy, and value-added fruits, vegetables, and prepared salads. In addition, over 3,500 frozen food and grocery items are part of the product mix. Costa is a sustainable business leader certified by the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts and has been a recipient of the Boston Green Business Award for their support of local agriculture and green initiatives.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Principals:** Manny Costa  
**Employees:** 225  
**Established:** 1950

**DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS**

- **Distribution Locations:** 1  
- **Delivery Fleet Size:** 38 Trucks  
- **Driver Communication System:** Nextel  
- **Routing System:** Roadnet  
- **Delivery Range:** 250 Miles

**WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS**

- **Total Sq. Footage:** 100,000  
  - Refrigerated: 50,000  
  - Dry: 30,000  
  - Frozen: 10,000  
  - Processing: 10,000

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**SPECIALIZED AREAS**

- Fresh-Cut Processing  
- Ripening Rooms  
- Tomato Repacking  
- Corporate Chef on Staff  
- Specialty Foods Division

**PRODUCT LINES**

- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
- Gourmet and Specialty Produce  
- "Sensational" Prepared Salads  
- "Fresh Ideas" Fresh Cut Fruit and Vegetables  
- Local Foods  
- Refrigerated Food  
- Dairy  
- Dry / Groceries  
- Artisan Cheese

**FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

- GFSI-Recognized Certification  
- SQF Food Safety Code Level 2 Warehouse Operation  
- SQF Food Safety Code Level 3 Processing Operation

**SUSTAINABILITY**

- Offers locally grown and produced foods  
- Reimbursement for Employees to Use Public Transportation  
- "Green at Heart" Internal Program  
- Certified Sustainable Business Leader  
- Energy Conservation: Recycling and Waste Reduction Program  
- Environmental League of Massachusetts Council Members  
- Boston Green Business Award Recipient