

# Try Our Fresh Salads

Fresh & Healthy Menu Creations

We're now serving our  
fresh deli items  
in containers  
made from **corn!**



Plastic Containers made from **Corn**  
... a natural alternative

 **NaturesPLastic®** by WILKINSON  
featuring  **NatureWorks® PLA**

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**Paper Co. inc.**



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# From Corn to Plastics

## A natural alternative...

### Benefits of NaturesPLA<sup>®</sup> Food Containers by Wilkinson

Your fresh deli items are packed in natural plastic containers made from 100% renewable resources that is derived entirely from corn grown in Nebraska and Iowa.

#### From corn to plastics – Here's how it works; polymer in the making

- Corn captures carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to produce sugars stored in starch. The starch is then removed at the milling plant and converted back into sugar.
- The sugar is fermented and run through additional processes to make polymer called PLA.
- Next, the PLA polymer is formed into pellets called resin. The resin is then melted down at the Wilkinson Fort Calhoun, Nebraska plant so it can be extruded into rolls of plastic sheet.
- In the final stage, the plastic sheet is thermoformed into containers for food packaging at the Wilkinson manufacturing facility.

#### Reduced Environmental Impact

NatureWorks™, the corn-based PLA, uses 30 to 50 percent less fossil fuel than petroleum-based plastic. Unlike conventional plastic however, PLA goes back into the carbon cycle, so what comes from nature goes back to nature.

#### Disposal Options

- PLA plastics can go into commercial compost sites because it breaks down into carbon dioxide and water. The process takes 45 to 60 days in a controlled industrial composting site where the temperature is above 145 degrees and moisture is present.
- Conditions are favorable that as quantities of PLA grow more recycling systems will be set up with procedures for collection. For a list of current US composting facilities go to: [www.NatureWorks.com](http://www.NatureWorks.com)
- PLA incinerates like paper with few by-products and behaves like all other organic materials when landfilled.
- For more information about NaturesPLA<sup>®</sup> and other quality products by Wilkinson visit: [www.WilkinsonIndustries.com](http://www.WilkinsonIndustries.com)



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