

Ronald D. Offutt, Founder and Chairman
R. D. Offutt Company and RDO Equipment Company

Ronald Offutt is the Founder and Chairman of the R. D. Offutt Company. The Company is comprised of a variety of businesses divided into three separate operating units; agriculture, food processing and retail equipment. Its cornerstone is a nine-state 190,000-acre farming operation.

The Offutt Company is the nation's largest producer of potatoes, with the majority of its 60,000 potato acres under center pivot irrigation. RDO additionally operates a 26,000-acre farm and dairy operation in Boardman, Oregon. This facility includes 3 dairies milking 21,000 cows. The company also operates food processing manufacturing plants and markets its crops through relationships with major processors, such as Frito-Lay, Simplot, Con-Agra/Lamb-Weston and McCain Foods. Internationally, RDO formed a joint venture with Calbee Corporation in 2006 to build a plant in Boardman, Oregon to source potato product for snack food in Japan and other markets. This has expanded to the formation of Calbee North America and an additional plant in Fairfield, CA. RDO also operates a 22,000-acre farm in Krasnodar, Russia.

Ron Offutt is also the Founder and Chairman of RDO Equipment Co. Founded in 1968, this company owns the largest network of John Deere construction and agricultural equipment dealerships in the country. Vermeer, Topcon and Volvo and Mack truck centers are also integral operations of the company, which now has 60 US locations in 9 states. Additionally, RDO Equipment Co. is a John Deere Agricultural and Construction Equipment dealer and importer in the South Federal District of Russia with 10 total locations and 3 locations in Ukraine. In November of 2012 RDO Equipment Co. created a partnership with Vanderfield Pty Ltd. acquiring 9 John Deere Agriculture dealerships in Queensland, Australia.

Ron Offutt, a native of Orrick, Missouri, grew up on his family's farm in Moorhead, Minnesota. Ron attended Moorhead High School and graduated from Concordia College in 1964 with a degree in Economics. He is the former Chairman of the Board of Regents of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota where he has served his alma mater for over 20 years on its board. Ron currently is a member of the Global Leadership Board of the Offutt School of Business at Concordia College and a member of the Board of Regents.

Ron is active in the community and serves on multiple boards and dedicates his time to several organizations and charities.