

1966: Grimme becomes the market leader with the "Europa Standard" harvester. Share lifting and bunker movement is completely hydraulic.




1968: More than 200 people work at the Grimme factory in Damme. The first production hall is built on the site used by Grimme today. The old production hall can be seen in the background.



1970: The pioneer of potato technology – Franz Grimme senior (3rd from left) discusses a machine with a customer.

Innovation from tradition: over 145 years.



Development is timeless at Grimme. With new ideas, continuous ongoing product development, and high quality work, Grimme has developed from a small forge, to a leader in potato, sugar beet and vegetable technology in the world market today. A close relationship and regular contact with machine users and professional growers ensures Grimme is aware and reacts to the needs of the market, and provides the product and after-sales support required. This customer contact was, and always will be, the philosophy of the company, now managed by the fourth generation of the Grimme family: Innovation from tradition.

Milestones in the company history.

1861: Franz Carl Heinrich Grimme established a forge at the age of 26.

1930: Franz Grimme Senior enters his father's business and focuses his time on the problem of a more efficient potato harvesting process.

1939: Production of 1,600 windrower type "Unerreicht".

1947: One after the other, the spinning wheel harvester, the potato reservoir harvester, the first stub shaft driven reservoir harvester and the potato harvester are presented.

1956: Potato harvesters go into full production. 40 machines are produced in the first year, with 30 being sold in the Netherlands.

1966: Grimme becomes the market leader with the "Europa Standard" harvester. More than 10,000 were sold.

1974: At the DLG-exhibition in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, the first 2-row self-propelled potato harvester was presented to the world. This machine was hydrostatically driven and had a 3.5 tonne bunker.

1980: Franz Grimme Senior hands over the management of the enterprise to his son Franz Grimme Junior, who is a mechanical engineer.

1987: Franz Grimme founds Internorm Press and Paint rollers.

1989: Introduction of CAD-technology.

1993: Founding of Grimme UK Ltd. in Great Britain. Planting and cultivating technology as well as storing and ventilating technology expand the Grimme product range.

1995: Founding of Ricon – sieving and conveying technology. Installation of an extremely modern painting facility.

1996/1997: Introduction of 3D- CAD and a new PPS System.

1999: Take over of Kloosterman Equipment Ltd. in Canada.

2000: Completion of the Grimme TECHNICOM (training and exhibition centre), 6,000m² added to the production area, and 630m² added to the test and development area.

2001: Grimme is the only European producer who receives a DLG gold medal at the Agritechnica Show in Hanover, Germany. The gold medal was an innovation award for the TECTRON 415 four-row self-propelled potato harvester.

2002: Founding Grimme SARL as a sales and service partner in France.

2003: Launch of the Grimme MAXTRON 620 six-row self-propelled Sugar Beet Harvester.

2003: Take over of the North-American potato machinery producer Spudnik LLC in Blackfoot, Idaho.

2004: First Grimme Technica Show in the big exhibition centre TECHNICOM in Damme.

2005: Founding of the sales and service subsidiary Grimme Russia.

2005: Franz Grimme is awarded the title of entrepreneur of the year.

2006: 22% increase in turnover makes 2006 the most successful year in the history of Grimme.

2006: Completion of a new KTL painting system in Damme.

2007: Opening of a modern, fully automatic parts and logistic center in Damme.



2001: Innovative technology in perfection – the 4-row self-propelled potato harvester TECTRON 415.



2006: Serving agriculture since 1861 – innovative technology from Damme is used in over 70 countries around the world. Grimme belongs to Damme as the red belongs to our machines.