

# Cavendish Farms



## Jamestown, North Dakota

**Year Completed:** Ongoing

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Cavendish Farms is the fourth largest processor of frozen potato products in the world. The company owns three potato processing plants, including a facility in Jamestown, ND. Bergstrom Electric has been providing electrical construction services to the Jamestown plant since 2003.

The first project Bergstrom completed for Cavendish Farms was the complete replacement of the 140 foot Freeze Tunnel. Bergstrom crews unhooked all the wiring, lights, motors, and sensors, re-piped all new wiring, installed a new motor control center, installed the new 140 foot stainless steel tunnel, and reconnected all of the equipment including new variable frequency drives on all the motors. The two month project took about 4,500 man-hours.

Other projects over the years include:

- Renovation of the Raw Receiving Area in 2006
- Reconstruction of the Packaging area in 2008
- Construction of a Silt Building in 2009.

Perhaps the most significant project was the emergency response to a fire in August of 2009.



The fire broke out in the air emissions control equipment of the fryer area of the plant, but was mostly contained within a small separation layer between the floor area and attic.

Bergstrom was called upon to provide assistance to rewire the damaged portion of the plant. The original request was to provide 12 electricians and work two twelve-hour shifts, for the plant had to be up and running in three weeks to accommodate the fall harvest and fill client orders. After working only four days on site, it was determined that the damage was much more extensive and Bergstrom was asked to double their crew sized.

The company called on employees from all of their office locations and provided up to 28 electricians working split shifts, 24 hours a day to complete the work and get the plant up and running one week earlier than anticipated. Bergstrom's close relationship with other local electrical contractors enabled the company to provide the necessary support to Cavendish Farms while keeping all of their other projects on track.

Bergstrom continues to provide electrical construction services to Cavendish Farms on a project-by-project basis.



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