



## Bonny, Canary Islands Winter supply

During the UK's dark winter months, fresh produce must be sourced from warmer parts of the world.

The Canary Islands are situated in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of North West Africa and benefit from year-round sunshine that ensures good quality and availability throughout the UK winter.



Bonny VT is by far the largest grower of tomatoes and cucumbers in the Canary Islands and is one of the main winter suppliers to Greenery UK.

The company was founded in 1935 by Juliano Bonny Gomez and it is still a family business – but it has grown from a one man operation to an international export company with over 4,000 employees.

Bonny is one of Europe's largest users of natural insect predators with almost 20 years experience of working with integrated pest management (IPM) techniques. The company is now growing over 480 hectares of tomatoes and cucumbers using IPM.

Bonny has invested heavily in sustainable energy sources. Its wind turbines generate all its own power as well as supplying local villages. It also has more than 23,000 square metres of photo-voltaic solar panels, equivalent in area to more than three international football pitches, which generate electricity from sunshine.



Bonny's wind-powered desalination plant produces all the pure water it needs and also supplies drinking water for local villages.

Shipping Bonny's fresh produce to the UK is a low carbon footprint operation – sea freight from the Canaries uses much less energy than long distance road or air freight.