

# MAGNIFY MANUFACTURING WEEK

Presented by the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber

October is Manufacturing Month in Minnesota, and as a part of that celebration, we're excited to highlight the manufacturers in the Park Rapids Lakes Area who make incredible products right here in our communities. Join us in showing appreciation for local manufacturers who drive our economy forward, provide quality jobs for the residents of our community, and make a great place to live!

Manufacturing is quietly one of the primary drivers of the economy and jobs in Hubbard County and Northwest Minnesota. The industry provides well-paying career paths, opportunities for advancement, and a track record of consistent growth. Manufacturing jobs require a range of educational backgrounds and experience ranging from employer provided on-the-job training to highly technical skills attained over a career.



Manufacturing is the **2nd largest industry for employment** in Hubbard County & Northwest Minnesota



Manufacturing has the **3rd highest average annual wage at \$60,159** in Hubbard County *30% higher than the average annual wage across all industries*



Lamb Weston  
**RDO**  
Frozen

Lamb Weston is a leading supplier of frozen potato, sweet potato, appetizer and vegetable products to restaurants and retailers around the world. For more than 65 years, they've produced innovative, inventive products that make life better for their customers and consumers. With a multitude of career opportunities and development programs,

Lamb Weston strives to be the #1 Global Potato Company!

Established in 1981 and employing more than 400 people locally, the facility in Park Rapids, MN, is one of 27 facilities worldwide and is joined in operation with the RDO Company creating Lamb Weston RDO Frozen. LWRDO has teams ranging from Product Inspection to Maintenance to Equipment Operators to Quality Assurance to Sanitation. These teams help produce for Taco Johns, Wendy's, KFC, Taco Bell, and McDonald's and the fries used at Park Rapids' very own Good Life Café! The opportunities are everywhere for advancement or even trying a new career path, and LWRDO is committed to building for the future by leveraging the values of Integrity, Inclusion, Empowerment, Teamwork, and a Drive for Results. See the Possibilities in Potatoes with Lamb Weston RDO Frozen!



## CURRENT OPENINGS

- Trim and Inspection
- Sanitation
- Maintenance Mechanic
- Equipment Operators
- Associate Engineer
- Team Leader
- Production

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## PROUD PARTNERS



## BLACK SWAN COOPERAGE, LLC

began in 2009 as a 2-person, father/daughter team of Russ Karasch and Heidi Korb. Thanks to the support of family, friends, and customers, Black Swan has grown tremendously. They now employ nearly 20 people and are a nationally and even globally recognized name for their quality and innovative cooperage products.

The Black Swan team prides themselves on their knowledge of wood and passing that along to their distillery and brewery customers to help them achieve consistent and unique products.

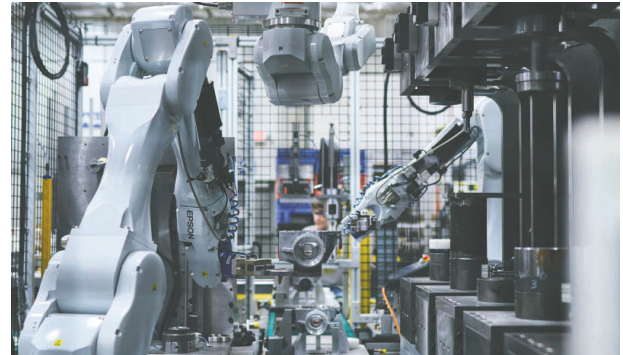


## TEAM INDUSTRIES



started in 1967 and now consists of eight world-class manufacturing facilities with over 1,300 combined employees. The Park Rapids facility was established in 1994 and now employs nearly 90 people.

The company is a family-led and family-friendly business that is a market leader in drivetrain technology. Their products and parts supply drivetrain solutions in the recreational vehicle, off-road, agricultural, and turf-care markets.



## COMMON MANUFACTURING MISCONCEPTIONS

**Myth:** Manufacturing is dirty, dark, and dangerous.

**Reality:** Modern manufacturing is safe, clean, and high-tech.

*A century ago, manufacturing workplace conditions were terrible. Now, manufacturing facilities are clean and safe with high-tech machinery and workplace standards that protect the well-being of employees.*

**Myth:** Manufacturing is boring and for low-skilled workers

**Reality:** Manufacturing is a highly skilled profession.

*With increases in automation and enhancements in technology, critical thinking, innovation, and a willingness to learn are essential skill sets in today's manufacturing job market.*

## AREA MANUFACTURERS

Americold Logistics	Park Rapids	Leading Edge Mechanical	Park Rapids
APQ Engineering	Menahga	Lobana Products	Park Rapids
Bemidji Steel	Bemidji	Noffsinger Manufacturing	Menahga
Black Swan Cooperage	Park Rapids	Northstar Orthodontics	Park Rapids
The Blue Rooster Company	Nevis	Omega Hardwoods	Menahga
Boxter Machinery	Nevis	Park Rapids Avionics	Park Rapids
Darchuk's Fabrication Inc.	Park Rapids	Park Rapids Hardwoods & Milling	Park Rapids
DMS Corporation	Park Rapids	Renneberg Hardwoods	Menahga
Haas Printing	Park Rapids	Salo Manufacturing	Menahga
Lamb Weston-RDO Frozen	Park Rapids	SWI Interiors	Osage
		TEAM Industries	Park Rapids