This wholesale seed packing company contracts approximately 5,000 acres of farmland for seed production across the province. Twenty to 30 growers produce the seeds that end up at the company's processing facility on Mill Street, where it's handled by the Beattys and three employees.

Beatty Seeds deals with 15 to 20 varieties like cereal seeds and soya beans.

When the seed reach the Bloomfield facility, it is cleaned, treated and packaged for retail.



The seed is treated to prevent the growth of fungus.

Even though, the company is only run by five people, Tim says the facility is extremely efficient. Intelligencer photos by Jack Evans Employee Paul Dawdson (above) fills a bag of seed. Seed is shipped across North America and around the world. Left, Tim and Linda Beatty of Beatty and Sons Seeds of Bloomfield are at their new facility.

"This is a very competitive business," says Tim. "But our quality and customer service speaks for itself."

It certainly does. The operation is extremely busy for most of the year except during mid-June to August when they are waiting for the harvest. To keen

up with their growing business, the Beattys had another warehouse and storage facility built, over the past year, not far from their first facility on Mill Street.

Between the two, they can store 80,000 bushels of seed. They have plans to eventually build a second processing centre.

In 1984, Tim at the age of 21 was barely out of college, when he bought the already existing business from the retiring owner. Morris Pike. At the time, the facility was used for the custom cleaning of seeds.

He says because he was a young man just starting out, he felt it was important to work hard at making the business a success.

"You had to get aggressive or you'd starve.

"Most people would have quit but we made a go of it...we were persistent."

Tim says he hopes that the couple's two sons, aged seven and eight, will share the same interest, when they get older, in the expansion and success of the company.