## **Dubois County tomato canneries**

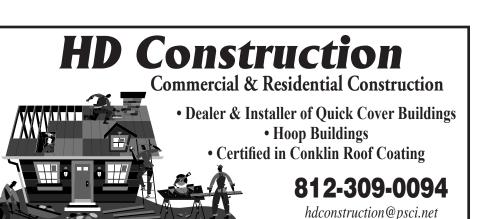
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## MORE TOMATO TRIVIA

Renowned chef Louis Perrin invented tomato juice in 1917, while preparing breakfast one morning at the French Lick Springs Hotel. When the hotel kitchen ran out of orange juice, Perrin improvised. After all, in Indiana, kitchens were stocked with an abundance of tomatoes! Customers raved, and the frothy red stuff became the new 'it'

drink. The first-ever tomato juice factory opened in French Lick shortly after, and by 1928 canned tomato juice was available commercially.

To this day, major tomato supplier, Red Gold LLC, is located in Elwood, Indiana, and the company produces canned tomatoes and tomato products including purees, salsa, ketchup and even Sriracha sauce. Red Gold sells canned tomatoes across the United States.





Possibly the only cannery building remaining in tact in Dubois County. This white barn, now part of Neuhoff & Wagner Builders Supply, 5937 W 150 N, Ireland, remains in excellent condition and once housed Shamrock Canning Co., Inc.

Old, rusted-red railings along the buildings rafters are remnants of tomato canning production.

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