SCIENCE INSIDE
Kemin is the science inside countless products you interact with every day. We support your health and well-being with our ingredients. We provide nutrition for your pets and production animals. We make the clothes you wear more environmentally friendly. And we work to protect the global food supply chain for generations to come.

Founded in 1961 by R.W. and Mary Nelson, Kemin has always been dedicated to improving the quality of life around the world. Still a privately held, family-owned-and-operated company, the second and third generations of Nelsons, including Dr. Chris Nelson, and Libby Nelson, Vice President and General Counsel, continue to transform the world through science.

“Since Kemin was founded almost six decades ago, our mission has remained the same: to use science at the molecular level to give our customers superior service while also making a positive impact. Our aim has always been, and continues to be, improving the quality of life around the world.”

DR. CHRIS NELSON, President and CEO
Built on exacting science.
Powered by human imagination.
Transforming lives around the world.

What began in an old wool barn has now become a multinational company producing more than 500 specialty ingredients, spanning six continents, employing thousands of team members and serving more than 120 countries. Our science, spirit of innovation and servant leadership have driven us to make things better for people, animals, plants and the planet. As we serve new markets and customers, Kemin puts the future in focus with transformation and sustainability as the ways to improve life today and tomorrow.

Marigolds. Rosemary. Spearmint. Oregano. Potatoes. Serving as the foundation for many Kemin ingredients and products, these five botanicals helped Kemin build a specialty crop improvement program that is transforming the way we serve our customers and reach a global audience. Our scientists have tapped into the potential of these plants, discovering the benefits they offer at the molecular level. Kemin has conventionally bred proprietary lines of these plants to produce increased quantities of their beneficial ingredients. The opportunities these plants offer span industries around the world. They protect our health, preserve our food and keep our pets well nourished, too.
Kemin is committed to keeping food fresher and safer for longer. We leverage our decades of research and experience in oxidation and food safety, coupled with vertically integrated specialty crops, to create clean-label functional ingredients that answer the demand for simple products. Our innovative plant-based extracts, antioxidants and antimicrobials provide food safety, flavor, color and quality solutions for the baking and snack, meat and poultry, and oils and fats industries.
Global Community Engagement

Using our extensive knowledge and expertise in food technologies, we help feed more than 25 million people in crisis each year through our World Food Programme (WFP) corporate partnership. For more than a decade, we’ve worked together to assist with a complex and evolving food quality and safety strategy to improve the worldwide food supply chain. Our work includes new product development, shelf-life studies and implementing a Food Safety Quality Management System within WFP.

As a company, we center our global engagement efforts around science and general education, affordable housing and food security, sustainability and the creation of vibrant communities.

We build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

We assist at-risk populations.

We celebrate STEM and the educators inspiring tomorrow’s innovators.

We live servant leadership every day around the world.
Sustainability

Every day, 360,000 people join the human family. By 2042, approximately 10 billion people will be sharing the planet and its resources. At Kemin, we focus our innovative solutions on preserving, improving and sustainably transforming the quality of life for our growing population. We know the planet is our greatest asset, but it has finite resources. This makes sustainability crucial to achieving our new vision.

HEALTHY PEOPLE

We want to make a difference in people’s lives, both at Kemin and in our global communities. By turning our attention to employee engagement and community engagement, Kemin team members can help impact positive change and support the communities we call home.

HEALTHY PLANET

We want to make a positive impact on the world while lessening our impact on the Earth. We are working to reduce our carbon footprint to conserve natural resources. We continue to advance our bio-based products that tap into sustainable, natural alternatives to synthetic solutions.

HEALTHY BUSINESS

The world needs conscious companies committed to social responsibility. To build our vision of a better future and quality of life, Kemin also needs to build a solid foundation on profitability and corporate health. By acting as a company that provides products and services to advance sustainability, and when we see our customers as partners in creating a vision for the future, we transform today into a brighter tomorrow.
We are entering a new era at Kemin. Along with our new vision, we introduced this logo that honors our past and inspires our future. The red arch signifies our innovative, forward movement as a company. Its placement in front of the “N” represents the Nelson family who stands behind Kemin now, as they always have, and will continue to for generations to come.
"We strive to sustainably transform the quality of life every day for 80% of the world with our products and services."

For 20 years, Kemin was guided by a vision to touch more than half the world’s population. We realized this vision by reaching more than 3.8 billion people every day in 2017 – two years earlier than expected. In 2019, we turned our attention to an even more ambitious vision.

Our aim is high, but so was our previous vision. Kemin is focused on the future, and we are driven to do more today so we can see a sustainable tomorrow.
Animal Nutrition and Health

As the world’s population continues to grow, the demand for protein soars. Kemin is dedicated to developing ingredients that help producers raise healthy livestock and poultry. We are a trusted market leader in the animal feed, beef, dairy, poultry, swine and equine industries.

Our wide variety of science-backed solutions help optimize nutrition, improve gut health, support immune function, improve the absorption of nutrients, extend feed's shelf life and reduce harmful pathogens in the feed and water animals consume. Kemin’s solutions are backed by a team of experts, as well as rigorous quality and safety standards, to ensure our customers get the most out of every product. Together, Kemin’s industry-leading solutions are improving and strengthening safety throughout various stages of the global food chain.
Aquaculture

Aquaculture is on the rise as more people around the world consume more fish and shrimp. As the industry shifts from wild-catch to farmed fish and shrimp, we are turning our science and innovation toward sustainable solutions for aqua species.

Kemin is helping feed companies, farmers and producers to raise the healthiest fish and shrimp with our antibiotic-free growth promoters, digestive enzymes, nutrient absorption enhancers and more. We take healthy a step further with water quality enhancers and other environmental essentials, because protecting the global food chain means protecting every step of the process.
Human Nutrition and Health

From North America to Japan, we are a melting pot of science-backed, naturally sourced ingredients that improve vision, immunity, cognition and weight management. Kemin scientists make proven ingredients so our customers can provide impactful, natural dietary supplements and functional food and beverages. We work with local farmers in regions around the world who cultivate and bring our natural ingredients to life. Our marigolds are handpicked with care to support our gold-standard lutein and zeaxanthin – clinically proven for eye, brain and skin health. Our algae are carefully grown in closed, controlled environments to benefit immune health. Our spearmint plants with high polyphenol content are nurtured to support cognitive performance, specifically focus and working memory. Together, we are many minds with one unifying goal: providing people the opportunity to live a healthier life.
Pet Food and Rendering Technologies

We know how much you care about your four-legged companions and their health. We understand you want to feed them high-quality food that is just as nutritious as what you eat. That is why we are proud to ensure your companion animal has safe, healthy, tasty and nutritious food. Kemin provides the products and expert services that pet food manufacturers, renderers and ingredient suppliers need. Our antioxidants are found in 60% of all pet food around the world, our specialty proteins deliver the nutrition your pet needs and our palatants provide the flavor your cat or dog craves.
Crop Technologies

We believe that plant-based products can solve plant-based problems. Pests and diseases are constant threats for commercial growers and farmers, and Kemin provides products to address these challenges. Our line of worker- and plant-friendly insecticides uses Kemin’s certified sustainably grown rosemary as a botanical oil to effectively knock down and control soft-bodied insects on all crops.

Adding Kemin’s sustainable and certified-organic soil amendment with paramylon-rich microalgae to plants’ growing environment gives the young plants that go to greenhouses a strong start. It also helps farmers increase their fruit and vegetable yields for more profitable farming.

As the world population continues to grow, Kemin is dedicated to ensuring future generations have access to a healthy and sustainable food supply by offering environmentally friendly products rooted in science that growers, gardeners and consumers can feel good about.
Each morning, many of us ask ourselves the same question: "What am I going to wear?"
At Kemin, we want to make the answer to that question a more sustainable one. Under the Garmon Chemicals brand name, Kemin provides cutting-edge innovation to the garment finishing industry. Our conscious chemistry has led to pioneering solutions for enzymatic treatments, eco-bleaches and fashion effects with less impact on the environment. We have developed resins and coatings that give clothing new textures and finishes but take less energy.

Kemin has introduced a patent-pending foam technology for garment treatment that saves up to 80% of water compared to standard wash processes. These efforts help support our greenofchange® platform, which represents garments made with safe chemicals utilizing processes that reduce the use of natural resources. With clothing bearing the greenofchange® tag, you can feel good about what you wear.
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