W.A. Beekenkamp is a member of Harvest House, one of the Netherlands' largest growers' associations specialising in fruit vegetables. With our group of skilled growers and employees, Harvest House stays on top of market developments and has the flexibility to respond to changes. This specific product and market knowledge, combined with our ability to innovate, makes us the strong, collaborative partner we strive to be. This ultimately results in reaping the best returns, not only for us and our growers, but for everyone.
Willem-Arie Beekenkamp and his wife Margreet cultivate green sweet peppers at their 2.6-hectare cultivation facility in 's Gravenzande, the Netherlands. They have been doing this for 26 years with passion and enthusiasm. Throughout the years, they have upheld their promise to cultivate beautiful, healthy, and safe products. ‘This industry is very varied. You need to make many different decisions on a daily basis and this can be a challenge sometimes.’

Willem-Arie and Margreet cultivate a specific variety of green sweet pepper chosen for its shape and sturdiness and because it has a steady colouration from green to red. The sweet peppers are sorted based on weight and packaged in flowpacks at Greenpack in Maasdijk, the Netherlands. The sweet peppers are packed in special Harvest House boxes or client-specific boxes at the cultivation facility itself.

Sustainability is a top-priority for this cultivation facility and the company uses a CHP installation with a capacity of 1.55 MWe. It also uses CO2 supplied through Dutch horticultural project OCAP (Organic Carbon Dioxide for Assimilation of Plants). These are CO2 emissions that are a waste product from a nearby oil refinery and transported to the cultivation facility through a pipeline. This CO2 is used to stimulate the growth of the crops in the greenhouses. This company also uses biological crop protection methods, drainage water is reused, and rainwater is collected and used.

Willem-Arie and Margreet have a positive outlook on the future. ‘I believe that there is a future in horticulture, but prices will need to be raised if we want to avoid potential problems. For our own facilities, we will continue to work our very hardest to keep the company running regardless of what the market situation might be.’