

At Barber Foods, we've been coming up with deliciously convenient meal ideas since 1955. That passion for good food still drives us today.

Our history

In 1955, Gus Barber started out with one employee, a sharp butcher knife and an old truck. From a humble 1,000 square foot facility, Gus worked hard to deliver high quality boned beef to restaurants and markets in Portland, Maine.

Growing to meet demand

When a local grocer wanted to sell cut-up chicken but was short on labor, Gus saw an opportunity. This move proved so successful Gus changed the company name to Barber Beef & Poultry.

Cooking up new ideas

As the competition turned boned beef and cut chicken into commodity items, Barber responded with innovative customer-pleasing products. In 1965, we introduced portion-controlled chicken breasts and chicken nuggets. We also became the first company to offer stuffed chicken entrees like Chicken Cordon Bleu and Chicken Kiev.

Still in the family

While Gus passed away in 2008, Barber Foods remains an independent, family-owned company with his children Steve, Julie, David and Kathy as owners and trustees. They're joined by more than 700 associates from around 61 different nations – working in a state-of-the-art 150,000+ square foot production facility. Together, we are proud to develop and deliver great tasting products that are real people pleasers.