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## Yadkinville textile company doubling operations of popular product

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YADKINVILLE—One of the state's largest textile companies is doubling operations of its most successful product.

Yadkinville-based UNIFI is known for its REPREVE polyester yarn, which is made out of recycled plastic bottles.

"We'll be spending more than \$7 million over the next nine months to expand our REPREVE recycling facility. We're basically nearing our capacity limitations," said company president Roger Berrier.

Due to the high demand for its REPREVE recycled yarn, the company is adding a third line of equipment, which should be up and running by early next year.

"It's not a large job creation, but it's about the stability of the existing jobs. In Yadkinville alone, we employ roughly 1,000 people," Berrier said.

Berrier said the REPREVE product was part of a reinvention process for the company after much of the textile industry went overseas.

"We went from our customers thinking that we were going out of business, to our customers now come to us and look for innovation," Berrier said.

About five years ago, the company started using its REPREVE yarn in two lines. It has now grown to more than 20 brands nationwide.

"We're in Patagonia and North Face. We're in the Ford Focus and Ford Fusion. Ford continues to look for new adoptions that we'll hopefully announce in the next year," Berrier said.

Once the first phase of expansion is complete, company leaders are already making plans for a second expansion, which will allow it to expand its 50,000 square foot facility.

"We believe in the next two years, we'll be able to expand again into a fourth line," Berrier said.

The company is committed to keeping the jobs local, while continuing to expand its market all over the world. For more information on applying for a job at UNIFI, visit the company [website](#)