

Sustainable Sourcing Policy for Sugar Beet

Introduction

The global production of sugar beet is relatively concentrated as three quarters are produced in Europe, the United States of America and Russia. Nevertheless, we expect our partners to respect the sustainability principles outlined in this document.

Scope

This Policy applies to all suppliers of beet sugar in our supply chain.

Sustainable Sugar Beet Principles

The Barry Callebaut Supplier Code lays out our minimum requirements and expectations towards all our Suppliers. Adding on to or specifying the requirements from the Supplier Code, below we highlight some of the main principles which in our view are the foundation to creating a more sustainable beet sugar sector:

- Promote the use of good agricultural practices, including nutrient management, pest management, and good environmental practices.
- Monitor and minimize the levels of pesticides and fertilizer applied to the crop.
- Maintain good soil fertility, prevent soil degradation and erosion.
- Protect, maintain and enhance biodiversity levels on the farm.
- Ensure that natural habitats located nearby are not affected by farm activities.
- Protect carbon sinks and prevent habitat loss.
- Minimize water, air and soil pollution.

Commitment

In order to meet our commitment of 100% certified or verified ingredients in all of our products and traceable to farm level by 2030, we require all suppliers to work with their supply chains towards the stated principles and to regularly show significant progress. This will be evaluated using accepted industry standards and certification schemes, namely

- Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI), minimum silver level
- RedCERT2
- Red Tractor

While recognizing that standards are evolving and that we cannot expect all of our suppliers to comply today, we are strongly committed to only work with suppliers who can demonstrate compliance to the above stated standards and principles by 2030.