The Dairy Working Group was established in 2002, and published the Principles and Practices for Sustainable Dairy Farming in 2009 (updated and revised in 2015).

OBJECTIVES

• Increase the opportunity for dairy production to continuously improve its sustainability
• Enable member organisations to have a positive impact on the ground with quantifiable improvements with regards to sustainable dairy production globally.

VALUE

• The Working Group is valued as an enabling environment that provides knowledge and brings members in the dairy sector together to work pre-competitively towards common goals
  • It provides a safe space for pre-competitive discussion, exploration, and research that lead to solutions with tangible and positive outcomes for sustainability challenges
  • It enables members to achieve more collectively than is possible individually and at a faster rate

The Dairy Working Group is composed of SAI Platform members who are active in the production, processing, procurement and retailing of dairy products.

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HIGHLIGHTS

2010
Development and launch of IDF Common Methodology for calculating GHG emissions

2013
Launch of the Livestock Welfare Chapter of the SPA

2014
Development and launch of the Reducing GHG emissions from Livestock Production Systems document with the GRA

MOVING FORWARD

The Working Group has a three-year (2017-2020) rolling work plan to address key priorities, including:

• Exploring opportunities that build on the Dairy Sustainability Framework
• Development of sustainability risk management options at farm level
• Collection and development of the evidence base for demonstrating that dairy is part of a sustainable food system
• Defining and identifying key pinch points when considering sustainable feed challenges and seeking collaborators to try and solve such points

MEMBERS

as of April 2017

Chair: Robert Erhard (Nestlé)

Agrifirm, Ahold Delhaize, Arla Foods, Barry-Callebaut, Bord Bia, Cayuga Marketing LLC, Dairy Australia, Danone, DeLaval, Ferrero, Fonterra, FrieslandCampina, Glanbia Ingredients Ireland, Kerry Group, Lely, Louis Dreyfus Company, Mars, McDonald’s, Molkerei Ammerland, Nestlé, Netafim, Sodiala, Symrise, Tesco
The Beef Working Group is composed of SAI Platform members who are active in the production, processing, procurement and retailing of beef. Their vision is for the beef sector to be recognised for delivering measurable positive impacts and continuous improvement towards key sustainability priorities.

Programme Lead
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The Working Group was established in 2011, launching the Principles for Sustainable Beef Farming in 2013.

Objectives
- Enable agricultural sustainability at farm level
- Enable member organisations to have a positive impact on the ground with quantifiable improvements

Value
- The Working Group is valued as an enabling environment that provides knowledge and brings members in the beef sector together to work towards common goals.
- It provides a safe space for pre-competitive discussion, exploration, and research that lead to solutions to sustainability challenges.
- It enables members to achieve more collectively than is possible individually.
HIGHLIGHTS

2016
Publication of the Sequestration Fact Sheet (jointly with the Dairy Working Group)

Early stage pilots of the Beef FSA in over 90 different EU beef production systems

Agreement with the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef for SAI Platform to work on facilitating the EU Roundtable for Sustainable Beef

SAI Platform appointed to the Board of GRSB

MOVING FORWARD

The Working Group maintains a three-year (2017-2020) rolling work plan to address key priorities in order to work towards the delivery of the Working Group’s vision. These include:

- Further development of the Beef FSA
- Development of a beef sustainability programme that enhances existing assurance schemes focused on addressing local priorities through a focus on continuous improvement
- Formation and launch of the SAI Platform EU Roundtable for Sustainable Beef
- A desktop review to better appreciate the value of beef from the dairy herd

MEMBERS

as of April 2017

Chair: Nicola Robinson (McDonald’s)

ABP, Agrifirm, Agroterra, Ahold Delhaize, Beef+Lamb New Zealand, Bord Bia, Dawn Meats, Inalca, Kepak, LMC, Marks & Spencer, Mars, McDonald’s, Moy Park, Nestlé, OSI Food Solutions, QMS, Symrise, Tesco, Unilever, Vion Food Group
The Arable and Vegetable Crops Working Group is composed of SAI Platform members who are active in the production, processing, procurement and retailing of arable and vegetable crops.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Enable its members to **individually and collectively take leadership** on agricultural sustainability
- Enable agricultural sustainability across the supply chain, from farmers and co-operatives to retailers, in a way that is relevant to their intermediate and ultimate supply chain customers
- Give farmers a framework to improve environmental and social performance while generating greater financial margins and decreasing risk of non-supply of essential raw materials to the wider supply chain

**VALUE**

Members recognise the importance of **working together on complex issues** that enable them to source agricultural products in a more sustainable way.

The Working Group is valued as an **enabling environment** that provides knowledge and brings players in the supply chain together to work towards common goals.

The Working Group was **established in 2003**, originally as the Vegetable and Potato Working Group and the Cereals Working Group individually, before merging to form the Arable and Vegetable Crops Working Group in 2009.
MEMBERS
as of April 2017

Chair: Nigel Davies (Muntons)


MOVING FORWARD

In partnership with our members, we have developed a three-year strategic plan, running from 2017 to 2020, to address key priorities for the Working Group. The focus will be on knowledge-sharing and collaboration to deliver impact.

HIGHLIGHTS

Joint development of the Farmer Self-Assessment Checklist with the Fruit Working Group, based on the Principles and Practices of both groups. This became the FSA programme.

Running of implementation projects to advance the rate of sustainable agricultural practice adoption. Successes include the European Sugarbeet project and SAIRISI, the Sustainable Rice Project (Italy).

FOCUS

>> KNOWLEDGE-SHARING
>> COLLABORATION
>> IMPACT

We will strengthen the network and the potential for collaborative action through developing a knowledge-sharing workstream to further:

>> share learnings and allow cross-pollination of ideas
>> identify overlapping concerns and map ‘hotspots’ (from crops and regions, to labour and resource-related issues)
>> realise the Working Group’s collaborative potential (including tool development, data collection and sharing, projects in the field, increasing value for farmers, and building shared solutions)
The Fruit and Nuts Working Group is composed of SAI Platform members who are active in the production, processing, procurement and retailing of fruit and nuts.

The Working Group was established in 2016, merging the Fruit and the Coffee Working Groups (established in 2004) and expanding the scope to include nut crops.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Enable its members to individually and collectively take leadership on agricultural sustainability
- Enable farmers to drive the change in sustainable agriculture in fruit and nut supply chains
- As a group, share best practice and practical experiences, and collaborate on initiatives and projects that support sustainable farming

**VALUE**

Members recognise the importance of working together on complex issues that enable them to source agricultural products in a more sustainable way.

The Working Group is valued as an enabling environment that provides knowledge and brings players in the supply chain together to work towards common goals.

**PROGRAMME LEAD**

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MEMBERS

as of April 2017

Chair: Rozanne Davis (innocent)

Agrana, Ahold Delhaize, The Coca-Cola Company, Crop’s N.V., Danone, Döhler, Ferrero, Firmenich, FrieslandCampina, Grünewald Fruchtsaft, Heineken, Hero Group, John I. Haas, Louis Dreyfus Company, Marks & Spencer, McDonald’s, Migros, Nestlé, Netafim, PepsiCo, SVZ, Tesco, Unilever, YCH Hops

MOVING FORWARD

In partnership with our members, we have developed a three-year strategic plan, running from 2017 to 2020, to address key priorities for the Working Group.

FOCUS

KNOWLEDGE-SHARING + FARMER FOCUS

>> PROJECTS, IMPACT & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

KNOWLEDGE-SHARING & COLLABORATION

Strengthen the network and the potential for collaborative action through developing a knowledge-sharing workstream to further:

>> share learnings and allow cross-pollination of ideas through increased real-time exchange (using ‘Slack’, a social media tool that facilitates real-time exchange of questions, ideas, information amongst members in an informal manner)

>> identify overlapping concerns and map ‘hotspots’ (from crops and regions, to labour and resource-related issues)

>> realise the Working Group’s collaborative potential (including tool development, data collection and sharing, projects in the field, increasing value for farmers, and building shared solutions)

FARMER FOCUS & PROJECTS

Projects initiated in 2017 will focus on farmer needs, continuous improvement and impact measurement. The Working Group recognises that producers’ input and needs are critical, and will work to embed ‘farmer focus’ into workstreams and projects, ensuring farmers are positioned to drive change in sustainable agriculture.

HIGHLIGHTS

Publication of the Principles and Practices for Sustainable Fruit Production

The Brazil Oranges and Doñana Berry projects

Development of the Green Coffee Carbon Footprint Product Category Rule (PCR)

Implementation of the Farm Sustainability Assessment with suppliers and farmers, e.g. in Europe (apples, berries), Asia (mango, pears, berries), North America (hops and berries), Africa (berries)