



Consultation Survey FSA 3.0 Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback to the Draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire. You can save answers and you can still change them later, or complete part of the survey now and finish it later in the 60-day consultation period.

About the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire

The FSA Questionnaire provides useful insight to both individual farmers and farm group managers about on-farm sustainability practices. The FSA 3.0 Questionnaire will enable users to identify areas of strength as well as potential areas to improve performance and track improvement over time. Results can then be verified through third-party verification assessment, allowing for public performance level claims at bronze, silver and gold level.

The purpose of the latest FSA 3.0 will be to “drive relevant and demonstrable continuous improvement of on-farm social, environmental and business performance through supply chain engagement and fostering common understanding.” (FSA 3.0 Guidance Committee, 2019).

The FSA 3.0 Guidance Committee will also develop new tools to complement the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire. The Committee recognises that the purpose of FSA 3.0 requires new tools to help users set priorities, create continuous improvement and measure sustainability outcomes. These new tools fall outside the scope of this public consultation. SAI Platform will use focus group discussions and expert interviews to gather feedback on these new additions to the FSA.

Please [email SAI Platform](#) in case of any questions.

This first section is about you. It is important for SAI Platform to know who is providing feedback and what perspective you take to the Farm Sustainability Assessment.

1. Please let us know who you are.

Name

Company

Country

Email Address

2. Is your organisation a SAI Platform member?

Yes

No

3. What is your job title?

4. Which type of business best describes your organisation?

- Farming
- Food Processing
- Branded Manufacturing
- Trading
- Retail
- Civil Society Organisation
- Industry Organisation
- Standard Setting Organisation
- Auditing
- Academic
- Other

5. Does your organisation use the Farm Sustainability Assessment?

- Yes
- No

6. Which FSA role best describes you?

- Farmer
- Farm Management Group Coordinator
- Buyer
- Auditor
- None of the above

7. Can we contact you to follow up on your feedback?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for letting us know who you are.

The following section allows you to provide general feedback on the [Draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire](#). The purpose of the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire is to:

- Enable self-assessment of sustainability practices at farm level to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement
- Establish the farm sustainability performance level (bronze, silver, gold) as the basis for a public performance claim. Making a public claim requires an independent third-party verification assessment.
- Serve as a benchmark reference for other agricultural sustainability standards and systems.

The questions in the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire should be as self-explaining as possible. However, if you feel you need more background to answer the survey questions below, you can find limited guidance in the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire and more in-depth guidance in the [FSA Topic Guides](#).

It is clear that the answers to the survey questions may differ significantly depending on the farm profile that you have in mind while answering them. This is inevitable for a questionnaire that applies to all crop farming everywhere. Please take the profile of the farms in mind that is most relevant to your operations when you answer the questions.

The draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire has 10 Topic Areas:

1. Farm Management and Community
2. Plant Material Selection and Propagation
3. Soil Management
4. Nutrient Management
5. Crop Protection
6. Waste Management
7. Water Management
8. Biodiversity
9. Air Quality and Emissions
10. Labour Conditions

The following questions are about the content of the draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire.

8. Do the proposed Topic Areas cover all relevant areas that relate to sustainability?

Yes

No

If no, please specify the topic area(s) that you miss.

FSA Questionnaire v3.0 contains 102 questions. The downloadable draft questionnaire is built up as follows:

Column A	FSA v3.0 question number (102 questions in total, including 17 new ones)
Column B	Relevant FSA v2.1 question number
Column C	Topic
Column D	Relevant UN Sustainability Development Goal (SDG)
Column E	FSA 3.0 Question
Column F	Level (Essential, Basic, Advanced)
Column G	N/A option for question (yes, no)
Column H	Guidance Notes (limited to pre-filled options only)

Some other features to note:

- Text in blue will be described in a glossary in greater detail
- To avoid repeating questions during the audit which are not relevant, questions have been grouped together. Where applicable, there is a pre-fill question. If the section of questions is not applicable, the entire section can be pre-filled, allowing the auditor to swiftly move on to the subsequent topic or sub-topic
- Questions which start with 'where applicable' are the only standalone questions with a N/A option

9. The FSA 3.0 Questionnaire currently has 102 questions. Are there any questions that should be excluded from the questionnaire?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify which question(s) by number.

10. The FSA aspires to be a comprehensive self-assessment framework for on-farm sustainability practices. Do the questions in the FSA3.0 Questionnaire cover all relevant on-farm sustainability practices?

- Yes
- No

If no, please specify which on-farm sustainability practices you miss in the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire.

11. How logical is the structure of the FSA 3.0 Questionnaire to you?

- Very logical
- Logical
- Somewhat logical
- Not logical at all
- I don't know

Please specify your answer.

12. How easy will it be for farmers to understand the questions without further guidance?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult

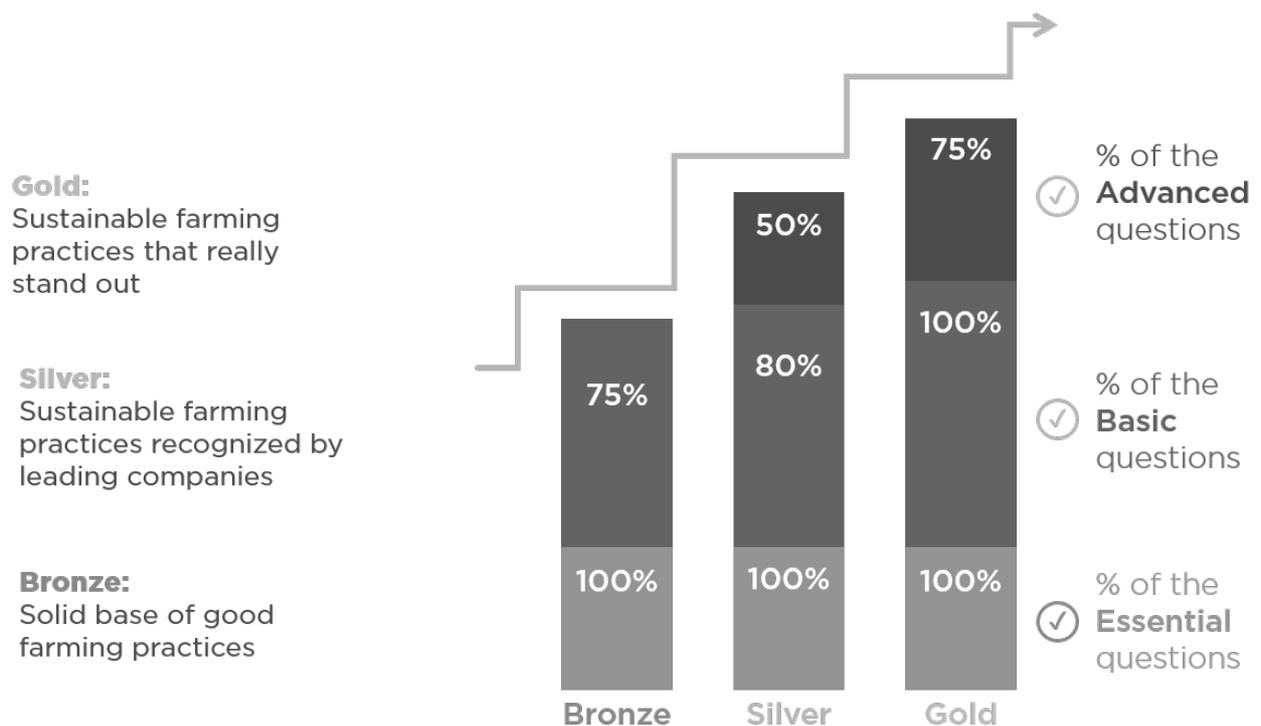
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The FSA 3.0 Questionnaire has three types of questions: essential, basic and advanced.

Depending on the percentage of questions that are answered with 'yes', a farm can achieve one of three levels of performance: bronze, silver, and gold.

The following figure explains what the performance levels mean, and how they can be achieved.

FSA Performance Levels



13. In your opinion, does the scoring system adequately reflect performance at bronze, silver, and gold levels?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please specify your answer.

14. How difficult will it be for highly-mechanised farmers to reach FSA Silver level performance?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult
- I don't know

Please specify your answer.

15. How difficult will it be for small-scale farmers to achieve FSA Bronze level performance?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult
- I don't know

Please specify your answer.

16. In your opinion, how will farmers perceive the experience of answering the FSA 3.0 questionnaire.

- Very positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative
- Very negative

Please specify your answer

17. Buyers of agricultural products use FSA verification to make FSA Performance Claims about their inputs. In your opinion, to what extent do the three FSA performance level claims fulfil the needs of buyers?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

Please specify your answer.

Thank you for your general feedback. We will present the outcomes of this survey to all respondents, and will let you know which actions were undertaken as a result of them.

We also offer respondents the possibility to provide detailed feedback on the draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire at topic level and at question level. You can do this by using the [FSA 3.0 Questionnaire Feedback Form](#). When you are finished, please upload the document below. For data management purposes, SAI Platform will only take uploads in the original FSA 3.0 Questionnaire Feedback Form format into account.

18. Please upload the Draft FSA 3.0 Questionnaire containing your detailed feedback here.

Choose File

No file chosen

19. Please leave any comments here that you have not been able to share elsewhere in the consultation survey.

20. Please let us know what you think of this consultation survey by rating your experience (from low = 1 star to high = 5 stars)



How can SAI Platform improve the consultation survey?