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Sustainable Soya Sourcing Policy

Background

Soya is the main source of protein in our global food supply. Soya bean crops and the products derived from them feature in our food chain as an ingredient in products like bread and soya milk. Soya products are also embedded within our food through their use in animal feed and so in a lot of cases, soya can be a hidden ingredient in our food supply chains. Soya bean meal is the main source of protein in the livestock industry globally and as populations have grown and continue to grow, so has the demand for western diets to include more meat/dairy. As a result, the demand and production of soya is also increasing around the world. This risks increased rates of deforestation and land clearance and encroachment on the rights of indigenous communities.

What is West Country Milk doing?

We are committed to sustainable sourcing and recognise the need for action to address the challenges above, West Country Milk is committed to better understanding and improving the sustainability of soya in our supply chain. As we do not produce or hold any products on site, We have been checking within our supply chain that products where Soya is an ingredient such as in bread and soya milk is sustainably sourced. We have been able to check this by consulting the UK roundtable website and through direct contact with the companies that have soya in their products. We will continue to make these checks and start to build a better understanding of the soya used in animal feed by our suppliers.

Policy

West Country Milk is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and will act to continuously check with suppliers the sustainability of the ingredients they source for food and feed. We aim to work with our suppliers to build greater transparency across the supply chain and work towards being deforestation free.

