



Sustainability Standard™

A robust certification for producers, processors and promoters of sustainable agriculture.

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The Sustainable Food Group Sustainability Standard offers clear, measurable guidance for agricultural producers and purchasers alike. It is a tool for improving measurement, communication, adoption and verification of sustainability best practices across the supply chain, enabling organizations to track performance and pinpoint opportunities for improvement. The Sustainability Standard expertly balances the requirements of buyers with the practical realities of growing, harvesting and packing food.

Scheme Owner



The Sustainable Food Group (SFG) is a part of the IPM Institute of North America, a non-profit with over 25 years of experience in implementing sustainability best practices in agriculture and communities. As experts in agricultural supply chain sustainability, SFG has developed high impact, science-based programs for food industry leaders like Walmart, Sysco, Giant Eagle, Whole Foods and Kroger.

Data Partner



Azzule Systems is a leading global data management solution provider, helping companies maintain visibility over their supply chains.

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Unique Approach

The Sustainability Standard is unique due to its focus on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), a holistic method of addressing pesticide risks.

The Standard also requires meaningful metrics for a broad spectrum of agricultural and processing impacts, encouraging practices that have a real benefit to growers, farm workers and the environment.

Key Benefits

1. The Sustainability Standard evaluates the sustainability of a product from planting to distribution.
2. The three-year audit cycle allows for continuous improvement while reducing audit costs.
3. The Azzule platform makes it easy to track performance and target improvements.
4. There is built-in flexibility and efficiency allowing for both individual and group certification for producers and facilities.



Key Metrics



SOIL HEALTH



WATER



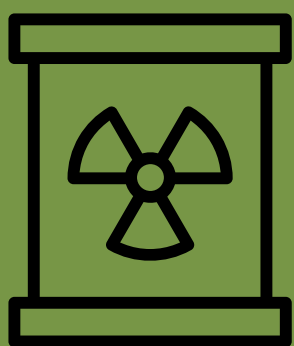
PEST MGMT



EMPLOYEE
RELATIONSHIPS



ENERGY



AGRO-
CHEMICALS



WASTE &
RECYCLING



CONSERVATION

Get Started

If you are a producer, processor or distributor with greater goals for sustainability in your operation, contact your Certification Body to inquire about The Sustainable Food Group Sustainability Standard.

Learn more online: bit.ly/3zh41e4

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