

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

We have a long-standing commitment to advancing sustainable sourcing practices that minimize impacts on people, animals, and the environment - which has direct impact on our local and global economies, our health and wellness, and the environment. We consider these impacts with every purchase and work with many partners to source local, seasonal, and responsibly raised and grown products whenever we can.

The [Aramark Supplier Code of Conduct](#) serves as our foundation, setting forth our guidelines and expectations with respect to key areas of responsible sourcing. We regularly evaluate our priorities to identify the most material environmental and social issues in our supply chain and work with suppliers to shift our purchases to address key issues.

[Aramark's Sustainable Sourcing Policy](#) addresses our priorities including animal welfare, antibiotics stewardship, no-deforestation, sustainable seafood, and single-use plastics. For each priority, our actions are guided by a set of principles that serve as the foundation for what we expect from our suppliers and inform time-bound commitments across the countries where we operate.

SOURCING SUSTAINABLY SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

At Aramark, we support our oceans on two main fronts—by watching what comes out of the water as well as what goes into it. Our Sustainable Seafood Policy (part of our Sustainable Sourcing Policy) details our purchasing practices, commitment to reporting, and approach to stakeholder engagement, while our commitment to reduce single-use plastics minimizes waste that may end up in our oceans.

Our progress includes:

- Continuing to source 100 percent contracted canned tuna that meet Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch recommendations, including cod, catfish, tilapia, pollock, and skipjack and albacore tuna.
- Ongoing assessment of our seafood contracts to ensure additional species we purchase meet Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch recommendations - such as salmon and frozen shrimp products.
- Stating opposition to genetically engineered (GE) salmon, we will not purchase it should it come to market.

HUMANELY RAISED PROTEINS

Our Animal Welfare Policy (part of our Sustainable Sourcing Policy) addresses the treatment of animals for egg, meat, and dairy products across a range of animal welfare issues including confinement, painful procedures, and rapid growth. Our global principles are the foundation for what we expect from our suppliers, while our policy details purchasing commitments specific to the countries where we operate.

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Through engagement with suppliers, academia, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Compassion in World Farming (CIWF), Global Animal Partnership (GAP), Global Coalition for Animal Welfare (GCAW), and many others, our industry-leading policy continues to expand on commitments we've made over the last several years.

EGGS

Supply chain disruptions related to COVID-19 and a prolonged outbreak of the avian flu adversely affected the supply of cage-free eggs during 2022. Despite these challenges, we continue to drive advancement towards our existing commitments. As of June 2023:

- 56% of our eggs were cage-free globally
 - 67% cage-free liquid eggs
 - 42% cage-free shell eggs
 - 56% cage-free other/further processed eggs
- We initiated reporting by global region:
 - 62% of our eggs were cage-free in Europe
 - >1% of our eggs were cage-free in Asia
 - >1% of our eggs were cage-free in Latin America

For the US and Canada, we have reporting through June 2023:

In the US:

- 80% of our eggs were cage-free
 - 87% cage-free shell eggs
 - 83% cage-free liquid eggs
 - 65% cage-free other/further processed eggs

In Canada:

- 37% of our eggs were cage-free
 - 91% cage-free shell eggs
 - <5% liquid and other/further processed eggs

850,000 hens
Positively impacted
through Aramark's
sourcing commitments
in 2022

We are pleased with our significant improvements in Canada, particularly on the shell front. We have tracked some decline in our % of cage free egg spend from prior year to date in the USA and Europe. We continue to monitor the global market, availability of products and work with our suppliers to minimize events where substitutions are needed.

We are committed to transparency regarding our progress and challenges. The supply chain and procurement variability for cage-free eggs can be significant by market. We continue to partner with suppliers and various NGOs to source cage-free eggs globally wherever possible.

Public reporting on our cage free egg progress is also available through [GCAW](#) and [Egg Track](#)

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PORK

In 2012, Aramark committed that by 2017, we would eliminate all pork from animals bred using gestation crates by working with our suppliers, industry, and animal welfare organizations to address confinement issues and expand supply availability of gestation crate-free pork.

Like many companies, we learned a lot during this process including the significant capital investments and longer time horizons required by farmers to make such changes. Ultimately, due to supply chain constraints, such as lack of product availability and limitations in traceability of product from farm to production, Aramark in 2016 adjusted our public commitment to purchase 100% group-housed pork by the end of 2022. This shift enabled Aramark to drive meaningful progress, while continuing to navigate industry-wide challenges.

We have made significant strides in advancing pork welfare within our supply chain through engagement with our suppliers and the overall market.

As of June 2023:

- In the U.S., we have achieved 88% group housed pork, an increase of more than 10% within a few months.

120,000 hogs
8,000 mother pigs
Positively impacted through Aramark's sourcing commitments in 2022

While supply chain disruptions delayed our 2022 year-end goal completion, product transitions continue towards the goal of 90% and above in 2023. We anticipate additional progress throughout the year and will report further as it unfolds. Aramark maintains our commitment to eliminate gestation crates from our supply chain and we continue to work with suppliers to meet this goal.

BROILER CHICKENS

Aramark's efforts to elevate the welfare of broiler chickens continue across the United States, Canada, and Europe. We are engaged with our suppliers and the general market by participating in multiple cross-industry working groups including [Compassion in World Farming's U.S. Working Group for Broiler Welfare](#). We are working with our suppliers to make broiler welfare improvements in line with the [Better Chicken Commitment \(BCC\)](#). We have engaged our suppliers covering 66% of Aramark's chicken purchases in the United States, Canada, and Europe to influence their progress and will continue to expand our engagement to cover additional suppliers. Aramark will continue to work with our supply chain partners and broader market towards meeting the various elements of the BCC by the year-end dates presented below. We will continue to report progress annually and remain transparent regarding any market challenges that may require us to adjust our pathway timeline.

Below we present the engagement and progress plan we are working towards in the U.S and Canada.

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Welfare Attribute	2024	2025	2026	2027
Stocking Density			★	
Litter	★			
Lighting		★		
Enrichments		★		
CAS Processing			★	
3 rd Party Auditing			★	
Higher Welfare Breeds				★

Green stars indicate the year at which Aramark is intending to fully meet each specific attribute.

As of May 2023, we can report the following progress toward improving broiler chicken welfare in the U.S.

BCC Component	% of Spend
Breed	0%
Stocking Density	<1%
Litter	57%
Lighting	<1%
Enrichment	<1%
CAS	0%
Audit	<1%

Future updates will include reporting for Canada and Europe.

“Compassion in World Farming is grateful to have a strong partnership with Aramark to improve the lives of chickens raised for meat. This public reporting demonstrates that Aramark takes this work seriously and we are excited to work alongside this food service leader to publish a roadmap to meet the Better Chicken Commitment.”

– Julia Johnson,
US Head of Food Business, Compassion in World Farming

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NO-DEFORESTATION

At Aramark, we believe preventing deforestation is imperative to the wellbeing of our global community, and so in 2019 we announced our No-Deforestation Policy (part of our Sustainable Sourcing Policy). We are on a journey to continually improve sustainable sourcing practices in partnership with our suppliers, as well as industry and NGOs. Aramark is committed to working with our partners toward No Deforestation, No Peatland Loss, and No Exploitation of people, inclusive of legal and illegal deforestation.

We are proud of our progress to date:

- Soy used in all our contracted soy oils, as well as soy used in our contracted margarines and shortenings, is sourced from regions with no deforestation risk.
- Palm oil in our contracted margarines and shortenings meets Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) standards.
- 90% of beef purchased by Aramark in the U.S. under a contract agreement was confirmed sourced from areas with no deforestation risk.
- Further details on our performance are provided in [Aramark's CDP Forestry Response](#). Further updates will be available in early 2024 when our 2023 CDP response will be available and scored.

ANTIBIOTICS STEWARDSHIP

As detailed in our Antibiotics Stewardship Policy (part of our Sustainable Sourcing Policy), we believe protecting the efficacy of antibiotics and preventing the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria is imperative to the wellbeing of our global community. We continue to work with our suppliers to reduce the use of antibiotics important to human medicine and increase our purchases of products raised with less antibiotic usage.

ENGAGING SUPPLIERS

We continue to strengthen our supplier partnerships and engagement on sustainability and sustainable sourcing.

- Since 2020, we added comprehensive sustainability questions at the RFP (request for proposals) stage for high impact categories to ensure sustainability is factored into supplier selection.
- In 2020, we rolled out a supplier sustainability assessment utilizing [EcoVadis](#) - a leader in the space of supplier surveys and scorecards. EcoVadis enables us to benchmark our suppliers and identify those leading in the sustainability space as well as those falling behind. As of late 2022 we have started using EcoVadis to also engage suppliers on improvements they can make to further evolve their sustainability programs. In 2022, we also activated the Ecovadis supplier sustainability assessment globally.
- Further engagements relating to specific issues and industries include:
 - We continue to expand our programs to engage suppliers on their actions to address climate change and deforestation.
 - Engaged with suppliers in industries such as manufacturing personal protective equipment (PPE) and textiles to drive more social responsibility.

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SOURCING ETHICALLY & INCLUSIVELY LOCAL PURCHASING

At Aramark, we define locally sourced purchases as products that are, "grown, raised, caught, manufactured or processed by a farm or an independently owned business located within 250 miles (400km) of the Aramark location."

We strive to purchase products from small-scale, community-based producers that are independently or cooperatively owned enterprises. As a global company, our size and reach give us the opportunity to influence purchasing decisions and minimize environmental impacts in hundreds of locations across our operations and in our communities.

Our commitment to purchase from local farmers and growers - within 250 miles of our locations:

- Ensures investment in businesses and services in our local communities.
- Maintains farmland and green space.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by minimizing shipping and distribution.
- Provides fresh seasonal ingredients.

In fiscal 2022, we worked with 478 local farms and sourced \$61.7 million in local products in the U.S.

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

We commit to working with small businesses and businesses owned and operated by minorities, women, and other diverse populations. These relationships help us provide more culturally authentic products, value to our clients, and support local economies. By 2025, our goal is to source 25% of our spend in the U.S. through small and diverse suppliers.

We also work to help diverse suppliers become certified by a third-party agency. Our partner in this endeavor, Certify My Company, is a certified women-owned business enterprise (WBE) and disabled-owned business enterprise (DOBE). Progress within our Supplier Diversity program as of fiscal 2022 include:

- 55% of our diverse suppliers in the U.S. are certified by a third-party diversity agency.
- \$1.2 Billion Economic Impact attributed to Aramark Supplier Diversity spend program.
- 6,894 Jobs supported through supplier diversity program.
- Completed four mentoring and capacity building programs with over 40 minority- and women-owned businesses participating.
- Launched a three-year grant to The Fruit Guys Community Fund (TFGCF), to support Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) nonprofit farms.
- During the 2022 and 2023 grant cycles, the Aramark partnership has enabled TFGCF to award grants to 20 BIPOC farmers across 13 states. You can read more [here](#).