

Statement on responsible sourcing



A significant part of the environmental and social impact in our value chain is upstream of our own operations. To safeguard an overall positive environmental and social impact of our sustainable solutions, we need to ensure our raw materials are sourced responsibly. Our responsible sourcing strategy focuses on our agricultural raw materials. A sustainable agricultural supply chain is essential for the communities in which we operate, as well as for our business. We focus on raw materials derived from sugarcane, soy, corn, wheat, and palm oil, which represent some 90% of our agricultural-derived raw materials by quantity.

Farming of sugarcane and oil palm has been linked to a number of serious social and environmental sustainability risks. These include forced and child labor, hazardous labor conditions, conflict over land rights, loss of biodiversity, and deforestation. Implementation of sustainable agriculture is the only way to maintain economic performance while minimizing the damage to the environment and creating thriving farming communities. For soy, corn, and wheat, which we source from the U.S., the main areas of improvement relate to land use (biodiversity and soil health), water, greenhouse gas emissions, and farmer livelihoods. Most soy and corn farmers in the U.S. use genetically modified seeds to improve yields and reduce costs. We are using derivatives from these genetically modified (GMO) crops as raw materials and can provide non-GMO alternatives if so desired.

Corbion is not directly involved in the growing, harvesting, and processing of these crops. We therefore focus our efforts on our tier-1 suppliers that source directly from farmers, and partner with them to address social and environmental issues at farm level. Our approach focuses on continuous improvement toward the implementation of the relevant sustainability standard for each of these raw materials.

Our responsible sourcing commitment also includes the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for our raw materials in line with the Paris agreement.