Certified Sustainably Grown
Food and Agricultural Products

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The SCS Certified Sustainably Grown mark provides independent assurance to your customers that your products are produced in accordance with stringent standards of environmental and social responsibility. Certified producers meet criteria for:

- Sustainable Crop Production
- Integrated Pest Management (Reduced Risk IPM)
- Ecosystem Protection
- Resource Conservation and Energy Efficiency
- Integrated Waste Management
- Fair Labor Practices
- Community Benefits
- Product Quality and Food Safety

THREE DECADES OF LEADERSHIP

The SCS Certified Sustainably Grown program is the latest in SCS’ long line of internationally recognized sustainability initiatives in agriculture, seafood, forestry, green building, and other industry sectors. SCS’ first sustainable agriculture standard – the VeriFlora® label for cut flowers and horticulture plants – is recognized as one of the world’s leading certification programs in this category. Our sustainable agriculture programs benefit clients in several ways:

- Improve internal planning and operations
- Identify opportunities for increased efficiency
- Establish a clear path for improvement over time
- Ensure a safe and healthy work environment for workers
- Extend the shelf life of products
- Assure customers of sustainability performance

Our history of service has given us a deep and intimate understanding of the challenges faced by our clients at each stage of production, handling, transportation and retail sales.

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SUSTAINABILITY COMPONENTS

**Sustainable Crop Production.** Steps to support a healthy agro-ecosystem and crop production.

**Integrated Pest Management (Reduced Risk IPM).** Curbed use of hazardous pesticides, and phase-in of least toxic options for pest and disease control.

**Ecosystem Protection.** Protection of fresh water bodies, wetlands and wildlife habitat, the prevention and mitigation of soil erosion and contamination, and soil carbon storage.

**Resource Conservation and Energy Efficiency.** Efficient use of irrigation, fertigation, and energy, plus reduction in greenhouse gases and amount of product packaging used.

**Integrated Waste Management.** Safe storage, handling and disposal guidance for all hazardous chemicals, as well as reductions in waste streams through recycling, use of bio-based materials, and composting.

**Fair Labor Practices.** Safe, equitable and healthy work environment, with assured employee access to key training, equipment and services to minimize short and long-term health risks.

**Community Benefits.** Local community support through preferential purchasing and hiring, infrastructure improvements, and collaborative problem-solving.

**Product Quality and Food Safety.** Independent inspection of food safety and quality control systems, as well as product tracking procedures, to ensure proper handling from farm to fork.

**SUPPORTING THE ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN**

Through our network of field offices and partners in the US, Central America, South America, Asia Pacific, and Australia, SCS provides testing, auditing, verification and certification services worldwide. Many leading brands rely on SCS’ world-class reputation as a trusted third-party auditor and certifier in both business-to-business and business-to-consumer applications.

SCS offers complete solutions for every producer in the produce industry. We perform audits to all major GFSI-based food certifications, training in HACCP, GAP, and all major food safety regimes, and testing for microbial agents, pesticides, and pathogens. These services can be bundled with our sustainable agriculture certifications.

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**SCS SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATIONS**

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