Sustainability in Action

At Cargill, we are committed to finding practical solutions to the world’s biggest sustainability challenges – connecting **people, planet and products**. By taking action in these key areas, we can nourish the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way – meeting today’s needs and those of future generations.
People

Creating a sustainable future starts with the farmers who care for the land.

It means supporting farmer training programs, benchmarking agronomic practices through independent verification programs, and engaging in the local communities where we do business.

Agriculture is how we’ll lift up women in farming communities, through programs like our Red Seaweed Promise™, which aims to promote gender equality, economic empowerment and sustainable production practices. It’s how we’ll strengthen rural communities, sourcing key commodities like corn and wheat within 300 kilometers of our factories. It’s how we’ll energize the next generation of growers, giving them a platform to drive change and inspire new ideas. By partnering with agricultural producers around the world, together we will address issues like climate change and water conservation, and sustainably source 75% of our raw materials by 2025.
We are determined to innovate, scale and implement solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable water use and support the resilience of farmers.

We’ve pledged a 10% reduction in our Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 2025, and a 30% reduction in our Scope 3 emissions by 2030. Fortunately, we’re not starting from scratch. Instead, we’re partnering with farmers to adopt best practices that keep soil healthy and conserve water.

We’re also implementing innovative ways to reduce our carbon footprint as we produce and transport food, including improving energy efficiency at our production plants, investing in renewable energy, adopting lower-emission transport options and optimizing our supply chain networks to reduce kilometers travelled.

Scope 1 emissions: Direct emissions from owned or controlled sources.
Scope 2 emissions: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy.
Scope 3 emissions: All indirect emissions that occur in the value chain, including both upstream and downstream.
For example, we see opportunities to replace petroleum-based products with more sustainable options. Our nature-derived industrial binders and coatings offer many industrial applications new, plant-based options. By 2025, these alternatives to petroleum-based ingredients will account for 30% of the products we sell.

Throughout our production plants, we’re also minimizing waste, ensuring that we get maximum use from all the materials we employ. Circularity is our watchword, as we strive to transform 99% of the raw materials we use into value-added ingredients for food and bioindustrial uses.

Our work in these core areas aligns with U.N.’s Sustainable Development Goals, which were established in 2015 with the aim of ending poverty, addressing climate change and ensuring prosperity for all.