

# DANONE FOREST POLICY UPDATES ON KEY CATEGORIES March 2019

Danone is committed to eliminating deforestation from its supply chain by 2020. We signed the New York Declaration on Forests and support the Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) resolution to achieve zero net deforestation in key commodity sectors by end 2020.

In addition, we issued our Forest Policy in 2012. To clarify our global strategies on key materials and ingredients, we issued our Paper & Board Policy in 2012, Soy Policy in 2014, and Palm Oil Policy in 2015. We are participating in alliances that further collaboration and progress towards zero deforestation, including: the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO); the Palm Oil Innovation Group (POIG); the Southeast Asia Alliance for Sustainable for Palm Oil (SASPO); the North America Sustainable Palm Oil Network (NASPON); and Roundtable on Sustainable Soy (RTRS).

The update below provides a snapshot of where we are on our roadmaps to date.<sup>1</sup>

### **CATTLE: FRESH MILK**

Our approach to milk sourcing is both:

- regenerative, meaning we promote farming practices that improve the health of local ecosystems by strengthening soil carbon sequestration, reducing water use and preserving biodiversity; and
- local, meaning we work directly with 58,000 dairy farms, over 90% of which own fewer than ten cows.

In 2018, we sourced around 5,223K tons of fresh milk. The sourcing breakdown by region is as follows:

30% from Europe

26% from CIS<sup>2</sup>

15% from USA and Canada

14% from Africa

13% from LATAM

1,1% from Asia/Middle East

Below is more detailed information by country.

In Brazil and Argentina, where there is a risk of deforestation, we source milk exclusively regions which are not at risk, namely:

- Ceará and Minas Gerais regions in Brazil; and
- Abasto Sur, Mar y Sierras and occasionally elsewhere in the Buenos Aires and Sante Fe province in Argentina.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Volumes listed are based on 2018 data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States

Region	Countries	% of dairy farms in	
		Danone supply chain	
Africa	Algeria	1,3%	
Africa	Egypt	4,4%	
Africa	Morocco	86,6%	
Africa	South Africa	0,02%	
AME	Turkey	0,18%	
CIS	Russia	0,5%	
CIS	Ukraine	0,1%	
EUR	Belgium	0,2%	
EUR	France	3,3%	
EUR	Germany	0,6%	
EUR	Poland	0,3%	
EUR	Romania	0,3%	
EUR	Spain	0,4%	
Latam	Argentina	0,2%	
Latam	Brazil	0,4%	
Latam	Mexico	0,5%	
Noram	Canada	0,1%	
Noram		0,7%	
	USA		

# SOY

# **Direct sourcing**

Danone sources 72K tons of soybeans directly, for use in our plant-based products in Europe (Alpro) and North America, from areas that are not at risk for deforestation.

- 60% of soybeans used by Alpro are grown in Europe (France, Austria, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium), and the remaining 40% come from Canada. 100% of Alpro soybeans are ProTerra certified, covering environmental, social and non-GMO criteria. About 20% are also organic, and 80% are conventional.
- Soybeans used by Danone North America are grown in the United States; over 2/3 of are non-GMO Project Verified and 1/3 are Certified Organic. The specific origin is as follows:

	Volume (lbs)	Processing Origin	
Non-GMO Beans	19,273,197	Deshler, OH & Mule Shoe, TX	
<b>Organic Beans</b>	8,581,860	Deshler, OH	

# **Indirect sourcing**

Danone uses an estimated 900K tons indirectly for cow feed (though soy represents less than 5% of the feed rations for Danone dairy cows, which are mostly grass- and grain-fed).

Soy used for animal feeding in the United States and Latin America is purchased locally from regions that are low-risk for deforestation.

- 100% of soy purchased in the United States is grown there.
- Regarding Latin America:
  - Brazil: 100% of soy used by the farms where we source milk comes from Minas Gerais State (not a zone at risk for deforestation, with no HCS or HCV). Soy used for 85% of milk we source comes from the Central de Compras facility managed by Danone Brazil, which traces and maintains documentation on soy origin (See Annex 1 for a full list of municipalities). Our aim is for 100% of the milk farmers in our supply chain to use this facility.
  - Argentina: 100% of soy used for animal feed is grown in the Buenos Aires province, which is not at risk for deforestation. See Annex 2 for list for locations of soy grown by the largest supplier (cooperative) to the farms where we source milk.

Danone led a traceability exercise with Transparency for Sustainable Economies (Trase) to determine the risk linked to soy imported to Europe, Russia and Africa for animal feeding. Based on this study, we estimate that 20% of the soy used for animal feeding in Europe, Russia and Africa is imported from zones where there is a risk of deforestation. Our strategy to minimize this risk is to work with farmers to transition to local soy/soy alternatives. We aim to achieve this transition by December 31, 2020.

At the end of 2020, if there are still soy volumes used by dairy farmers in our supply chain which could be coming from zones at risk, Danone will continue its efforts to localize animal feed production, while working with RTRS to purchase credits that support the transition to sustainable soy.

### **PAPER**

Danone sources around 580K tons of paper and board each year.

71% of paper we use (415K t) is recycled, as our first preference is for recycled fibers. When this is not the case, we aim to buy our virgin paper from certified sources, in line with the Danone Paper & Forest policy.

We have a strong preference for the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certification, but this certification is not available in all countries. In these cases, we work with our suppliers to select certifications that are aligned with our own policy and ensure that forests are managed in a sustainable manner. In total, 72% of the virgin paper we purchase (=118kt of 165kt) is certified (FSC, SFI, PEFC, etc). The remaining uncertified volumes are due in large part to the 2017 acquisition of WhiteWave, which were not certified but which we are moving towards PEFC certification.

Our focus has been in large part on recycled and certified fibers as a protection against deforestation, but we are working towards full traceability for our virgin paper supply. To date we confirm that our virgin volumes (certified and uncertified) are coming from the following countries:

- 70.039t are from the US (=42 %)
- 11.388 are from Sweden (=6,9%)
- 6.495 t are from Finland/Sweden (3,9%)
- 6.478 t are from Brazil (3,9%)
- 5.559 t are from Russia (=3,4%)
- 1.656 t are from Germany (=1%)
- 1.684 t are from Canada (=1%)

- 905t are from Poland (=0,6%)
- 44t from south Africa (0,03%)
- 773 t are from UK (0,5%)
- 593 t are from Austria (0,4%)
- 493 t are from France (0,3%)
- 114 t are from Thailand (0,1%)
- 186 t are from Netherlands (0,1%)
- 120t are from Columbia (0,1%)
- 144t are from China (0,1%)
- 58 t are from Mexico (0,04%)

### **PALM OIL**

Danone consumes around 71K tons of palm oil and palm oil derivatives worldwide per year (2018 figure), making us a relatively small consumer in the consumer goods sector.

For its Specialized Nutrition products, Danone sources 100% physically segregated palm oil certified by RPSO, meaning it is traceable to plantation level. For palm oil used in the United States, linked to the 2017 acquisition of WhiteWave, we source 100% RSPO mass balance palm oil.

Danone published its supply chain details (tiers 1 suppliers and mills) previously, as part of its commitment to transparency: see <a href="https://www.danone.com/content/dam/danone-corp/about-us-impact/policies-and-commitments/en/2018/2015\_Palm\_Oil\_Policy\_Updated2018.pdf">https://www.danone.com/content/dam/danone-corp/about-us-impact/policies-and-commitments/en/2018/2015\_Palm\_Oil\_Policy\_Updated2018.pdf</a>

When allegations of noncompliance against palm oil producers arise, we carry out an investigation with support from internal and external experts. If the producers are confirmed as noncompliant, we work with our Tier 1 suppliers to suspend them until they demonstrate concrete progress vis-à-vis our Palm Oil Policy.

We are awaiting an updated mapping from our partner Earthworm (formerly The Forest Trust) and will update this information.

ANNEX 1: Municipalities where soy used for Central de Compras animal feed is sourced

ABADIA DOS DOURADOS				
ABAETE				
ABRE CAMPO				
ACAIACA				
AGUA COMPRIDA				
AGUANIL				
AIURUOCA				
ALEM PARAIBA				
ALFENAS				
ALPINOPOLIS				
ALTEROSA				
ALVINOPOLIS				
ANDRADAS				
ANDRELANDIA				
ANTONIO CARLOS				
ARACUAI				
ARAGUARI				
ARAPORA				
ARAPUA				
ARAXA				
ARCEBURGO				
ARCOS				
AREADO				
ARINOS				
BAMBUI				
BANDEIRA DO SUL				
BARAO DE COCAIS				
BELO HORIZONTE				
BETIM				
BIQUINHAS				
BOA ESPERANCA				
BOM DESPACHO				
BOM JESUS DA PENHA				
BOM SUCESSO				
BONFIM				
BONFINOPOLIS DE MINA				
BONITO DE MINAS				
BORDA DA MATA				
BRASILANDIA DE MINAS				
BRASOPOLIS				
BRUMADINHO				

BURITIS			
BURITIZEIRO			
CABECEIRA GRANDE			
CACHOEIRA DOURADA			
CACHOEIRA DOURADA  CAETANOPOLIS			
CALDAS			
CAMBUQUIRA			
CAMPANHA			
CAMPINA VERDE			
CAMPO BELO			
CAMPO FLORIDO			
CAMPOS ALTOS			
CANA VERDE			
CANAA			
CANAPOLIS			
CANDEIAS			
CAPETINGA			
CAPINOPOLIS			
CARANAIBA			
CARANDAI			
CARATINGA			
CARMO DA CACHOEIRA			
CARMO DA MATA			
CARMO DE MINAS			
CARMO DO CAJURU			
CARMO DO PARANAIBA			
CARMO DO RIO CLARO			
CARMOPOLIS DE MINAS			
CARRANCAS			
CASA GRANDE			
CASCALHO RICO			
CASSIA			
CAXAMBU			
CENTRALINA			
CHAPADA GAUCHA			
CLAUDIO			
COMENDADOR GOMES			
CONCEICAO DAS ALAGOA			
CONCEICAO DO RIO VER			
CONQUISTA			
CONTAGEM COQUEIRAL			
CORDISLANDIA			
COROMANDEL			
COROMANDEL			
CORONEL XAVIER CHAVE			

CRISTAIS			
CRUZEIRO DA FORTALEZ			
CRUZILIA			
CURVELO			
DELFINOPOLIS			
DELTA			
DESCOBERTO			
DESTERRO DE ENTRE RI			
DIVINOPOLIS			
DIVISA NOVA			
DOM BOSCO			
DOM SILVERIO			
DOURADOQUARA			
ELOI MENDES			
ENTRE RIOS DE MINAS			
ESMERALDAS			
ESTRELA DO SUL			
EXTREMA			
FELIXLANDIA			
FORMIGA			
FORMOSO			
FRONTEIRA			
FRUTAL			
GRUPIARA			
GUAPE			
GUARDA-MOR			
GUAXUPE			
GUIMARANIA			
GURINHATA			
IBIA			
IBIAI			
IBIRACI			
IGARAPE			
IGARATINGA			
IGUATAMA			
IJACI			
ILICINEA			
INDIANOPOLIS			
INGAI			
INHAUMA			
IPATINGA			
IPIACU			
IRAI DE MINAS			
ITABIRA			
ITABIRITO			
ITACARAMBI			

ITAGUARA			
ITAMOGU			
ITAMOGI			
ITAMONTE ITANHANDU			
ITAPAGIPE			
ITAPAGIPE			
ITAU DE MINAS			
ITAUNA			
ITUIUTABA			
ITUMIRIM			
ITURAMA			
ITUTINGA			
JACUI			
JACUTINGA			
JAIBA			
JANAUBA			
JEQUITAI			
JESUANIA			
JOANESIA			
JOAO PINHEIRO			
JURUAIA			
LAGAMAR			
LAGOA DA PRATA			
LAGOA DOURADA			
LAGOA FORMOSA			
LAGOA GRANDE			
LASSANCE			
LAVRAS			
LIBERDADE			
LIMEIRA DO OESTE			
LUMINARIAS			
LUZ			
MACHADO			
MADRE DE DEUS DE MIN			
MANGA			
MANHUACU			
MARAVILHAS			
MARIANA			
MARIO CAMPOS			
MARTINHO CAMPOS			
MATEUS LEME			
MATIAS CARDOSO			
MATUTINA			
MEDEIROS			
MINAS NOVAS			
MINDURI			

MOEMA		
MOEMA		
MONSENHOR PAULO  MONTALVANIA		
MONTE ALEGRE DE MINA		
MONTE ALEGRE DE MINA		
MONTE SANTO DE MINAS		
MONTE SIAO MONTES CLAROS		
MORADA NOVA DE MINAS		
MORRO DA GARCA		
MUTUM		
MUZAMBINHO		
NANUQUE		
NATALANDIA		
NAZARENO		
NEPOMUCENO		
NOVA PONTE		
NOVA SERRANA		
OLIVEIRA		
ORATORIOS PAINS		
PAPAGAIOS		
PARA DE MINAS		
PARACATU		
PARAGUACU		
PARAOPEBA		
PASSA QUATRO		
PASSOS		
PATOS DE MINAS		
PATROCINIO		
PEDRA DO ANTA		
PEDRA DO INDAIA		
PEDRINOPOLIS		
PERDIGAO		
PERDIZES		
PERDOES		
PIEDADE DE CARATINGA		
PIEDADE DO RIO GRAND		
PIMENTA		
PIRAJUBA		
PIRANGUINHO		
PIRAPORA		
PITANGUI		
PIUMHI		
PLANURA		
POCOS DE CALDAS		
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POMPEU			
PONTE NOVA			
POUSO ALEGRE			
POUSO ALTO			
PRADOS			
PRATA			
PRATAPOLIS			
PRATINHA			
PRESIDENTE OLEGARIO			
RAUL SOARES			
RIACHINHO			
RIBEIRAO DAS NEVES			
RIBEIRAO VERMELHO			
RIO CASCA			
RIO PARANAIBA			
RITAPOLIS			
ROMARIA			
SACRAMENTO			
SALINAS			
SANTA BARBARA DO TUG			
SANTA FE DE MINAS			
SANTA JULIANA			
SANTA LUZIA			
SANTA MARGARIDA			
SANTA RITA DE CALDAS			
SANTA RITA DO SAPUCA			
SANTA VITORIA			
SANTO ANTONIO DO MON			
SAO BENTO ABADE			
SAO FRANCISCO			
SAO FRANCISCO DE SAL			
SAO GONCALO DO ABAET			
SAO GONCALO DO PARA			
SAO GONCALO DO SAPUC			
SAO GOTARDO			
SAO JOAO BATISTA DO			
SAO JOAO DEL REI			
SAO JOAQUIM DE BICAS			
SAO ROMAO			
SAO ROQUE DE MINAS			
SAO SEBASTIAO DO OES			
SAO SEBASTIAO DO PAR			
SAO SEBASTIAO DO RIO			
SAO THOME DAS LETRAS			
SAO TIAGO			
SAO TOMAS DE AQUINO			
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SAO VICENTE DE MINAS		
SERRA DA SAUDADE		
SERRA DO SALITRE		
SETE LAGOAS		
SOLEDADE DE MINAS		
TAIOBEIRAS		
TAPARUBA		
TAPIRA		
TIRADENTES		
TIROS		
TOLEDO		
TOMBOS		
TRES CORACOES		
TRES MARIAS		
TRES PONTAS		
TUMIRITINGA		
TUPACIGUARA		
UBERABA		
UBERLANDIA		
UNAI		
URUANA DE MINAS		
URUCUIA		
VARGINHA		
VARJAO DE MINAS		
VARZEA DA PALMA		
VAZANTE		
VERDELANDIA		
VERISSIMO		
VIRGEM DA LAPA		
VIRGINIA		
VISCONDE DO RIO BRAN		

ANNEX 2:

Municipalities where soy used for animal feed by the largest supplier to our farms in Argentina is sourced

ORIGEN	TONS	(%)	kms a Planta
Tandil	480	41,74%	30
Rauch	186	16,17%	92
Benito Juarez	210	18,26%	80
Azul	120	10,43%	115
Ayacucho	65	5,65%	65
Balcarce	89	7,74%	105
TOTAL	1.150	Tons	Prom pond 65,8