

Policy Statement

Albert Bartlett growers, processors, and packers of fresh potatoes and added value products are committed to minimising the impact of our activities on the environment. This environmental policy applies to the business units within Albert Bartlett & Sons (Airdrie) Ltd., as shown in Appendix 1. Due their capacity and scale, our Airdrie, Boston, Jersey, and Westwick sites are the most significant focus areas for our environmental targets. Our commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and our commitment to reduce our absolute greenhouse gas emissions applies to all business units. In addition, Albert Bartlett undertakes to:

- Continually develop and improve its environmental policies, practices, and performance.
- Specify the most energy and water efficient equipment, including pumps and motors, where feasible.
- Set and review environmental performance objectives and targets.
- Work with its suppliers to minimise the impact of their operations on the environment through a quality purchasing policy.

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Our environmental targets are aligned with the UN SDGs, including:

- SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- SDG 15: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Further information can be found at: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Albert Bartlett Environmental Strategy

The pillars of our environmental strategy are:

- Take action against climate change
- Implement good water stewardship
- Protect & enhance biodiversity
- Maximise recycling and minimise waste
- Purchase packaging and ingredients responsibly



Our commitments and targets relating to these pillars are detailed on pages 2-4.

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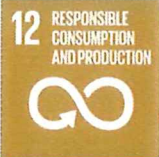
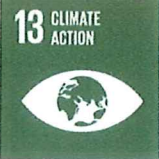

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UN Sustainable Development Goals

As the UK's leading supplier of potatoes, we have an opportunity and responsibility to lead the way to a more climate and nature friendly food system, and we aim to work with our customers and suppliers to achieve this in a way that is environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. Our environmental targets are in line with the UN SDGs, and we require our subsidiaries and value chain to operate in line with the below goals and targets. Further information about the UN SDGs and targets can be found here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

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|  <p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p> | <p>SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</p> <p>Target 6.4 By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity</p> |
|  <p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> | <p>SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p> <p>Target 12.3 By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.</p> <p>Target 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse.</p> |
|  <p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p> | <p>SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p> <p>Target 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning.</p> |
|  <p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p> | <p>SDG 15: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p> <p>Target 15.1 Ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains, and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements.</p> |

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TAKE ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

The latest climate science from the IPCC – described by the UN as “code red for humanity” – shows it is still possible to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C, but we are dangerously close to that threshold. Albert Bartlett’s near-term targets have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). This demonstrates that we’re committed to preventing the worst impacts of climate change by limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and we’re following a defined path to reduce our energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in line with the Paris Agreement goals.

- Albert Bartlett commits to meet the below targets from FY 2020/21 base year:
 - Reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 42% by FY2030.
 - Reduce absolute scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased goods and services, fuel- and energy-related activities, upstream transportation and distribution, waste generated in operations and downstream transportation and distribution 42% within the same timeframe.
 - Reduce absolute Scope 1 and 3 FLAG GHG emissions 30.3% by 2030.
- We’re committed to cutting emissions in line with 1.5°C and reaching net-zero by 2040 and aim to have an SBTi approved net-zero target by the end of 2025.

IMPLEMENT GOOD WATER STEWARDSHIP

As supporters of the WRAP Water Roadmap, Albert Bartlett is committed to sourcing our ingredients from areas with sustainable water management and we're passionate about ensuring that there is an equitable supply of water for local habitats, communities, and our operations and supply chain. Water resources are under increasing pressure from over-abstraction and pollution as well as climate change impacts and the loss of freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity. According to The Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), water security is one of the most material climate-related risks relevant to the food industry. To mitigate this risk, we will:

- Monitor internal and external water usage from all significant hotspots* in our Airdrie, Boston, Jersey, and Westwick Operations and ensure that the quality of effluent discharged is safe and meets required legal standards. *May require additional (sub)metering.
- Ensure efficient and sustainable water use in our operations through good water management practices including ongoing maintenance to prevent leaks, investment in solutions which improve efficiency, reusing water where possible, and staff engagement to eliminate avoidable water waste.
- Improve our understanding of our supply chain water risk hotspots in Norfolk and Lincolnshire by continuing to use the WWF Water Risk Filter at least annually.
- Support collective action / stewardship projects in strategically important sourcing locations and work with local experts to deliver solutions which mitigate risk.
- Aim to monitor and improve water use per tonne across our potato supply base – we already monitor water use per tonne from our Scottish growers.

PROTECT AND ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY

We're committed to protecting the local biodiversity and wildlife throughout our value chain which provide us with ecosystem services such as food, natural pollination, clean air and water, decomposition of wastes, and flood control. We're passionate about supporting the development of industry wide solutions which lead to positive change in an impactful, practical, and affordable way.

- In our Airdrie Operations we're following a biodiversity action plan made in collaboration with the Scottish Wildlife Trust, which is reviewed by experts at least annually.
- We're consulting with external companies for advice relating to biodiversity actions at our Boston and Westwick sites and will have updated our biodiversity action plan for both sites by the end of 2024.
- We recognise LEAF Marque certification as integral to sustainable farming practices and are adopting it throughout our potato supply base.
- We're developing a soil health and biodiversity strategy for our value chain.

MAXIMISE RECYCLING AND MINIMISE WASTE

The resources on our planet are finite and precious, and their excessive extraction and manufacture can lead to pollution, carbon emissions, and negative impacts on biodiversity. We're passionate about prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse wherever possible in our operations, and two of our top priorities are to reduce our food waste in alignment with Wrap's Food Waste Reduction Roadmap, and to reduce the amount of single use plastic packaging we use.

- We aim to reduce our food waste per tonne by 50% by 2030 against a 2020 baseline.
- We're reducing the amount of packaging we use and aiming to use recyclable packaging which includes recycled content wherever possible.

- We're working with our packaging suppliers to develop new opportunities to reduce the impact of our packaging through value engineering, including gauge and pack size reduction.
- We're developing a plan for eliminating avoidable waste by 2030. This will include key milestones for each site and details of how this objective will be achieved.

PURCHASE PACKAGING AND INGREDIENTS RESPONSIBLY

Our environmental footprint extends beyond our own operations and we're passionate about working with our suppliers to achieve shared environmental objectives which would not be possible without collaboration. We're committed to stakeholder engagement and capacity building on environmental issues and have used a risk assessment process to select our priority suppliers. We're following a Carbon and Sustainability Transition Plan to reduce our emissions and bring our colleagues, suppliers, service providers, and customers on the journey to net-zero:

- We commit that 52% of our suppliers by emissions covering purchased goods and services and upstream transportation and distribution, will have science-based targets by FY2028.
- Our potato suppliers are currently being carbon audited and we will monitor progress as part of our carbon emissions reduction roadmap.
- We commit to maintaining no deforestation across our primary deforestation-linked commodities.

Environmental Management Systems

We aim to take our environmental action beyond regulatory compliance when there is an opportunity to further reduce harm or have a positive impact.

- We're committed to complying with the regulations and mandatory standards which protect local ecosystems from our handling, storage, and disposal of waste and trade effluent, and control of hazardous substances, as well as any other industrial activities that may impact the environment as detailed in our Environmental Aspect, Impacts, and Legal Register.
- We've implemented a robust Environmental Management System – we are working to the ISO 14001 standard at our Airdrie and Boston Operations and are aiming to align our Westwick Operations by the end of 2025.
- We're going to implement the ISO 50001 energy management system standard in our operations, starting with certification at our Airdrie site in 2025.
- Our suppliers must have measures in place as appropriate to ensure they comply with all relevant regulations and mandatory environmental standards.
- We continuously review training requirements to ensure our colleagues have the environmental awareness needed to deliver their role in a way that supports the achievement of our environmental objectives.

Appendix 1 - Albert Bartlett Company Structure

All business units within Albert Bartlett & Sons (Airdrie) Ltd. are included in this environmental policy, as shown **below**. While most of our targets apply to the whole group, some targets have been tailored to the capacity and scale of our different sites.

Albert Bartlett Holdings Group of Companies: Live trading companies as of 1st Jun 2023, including Maincrop Holdings Ltd and The Jersey Royal Company Ltd (both acquired in March 2024).

