



# European Conference: Biodiversity in Food Supply Chains

#### **Incentive Systems for Producers**

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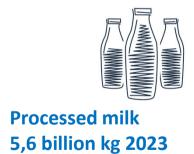
### Dairy Company DMK GmbH at a glance

Employees of over 55 nationalities





over 11000 member dairy farmers and employees in Germany and Netherlands









### Sustainability Strategy DMK 2030: four focal areas

Sustainability has been an important part of the DMK Group for many years. In which 4 themes are central.









In addition to these four themes, DMK Group is working on other sustainability themes.

These include: sustainable packaging, operational environmental and resource protection and social standards.

## Sustainability Strategy DMK 2030: four focal areas



#### **Climate protection**

- Joining SBTi
- Carbon footprint of company and product
- Energy and environmental projects in the factories
- DMK Net Zero Farms
- Milkstream Tuurlijk!
- Climate surcharge



#### **Animal welfare**

- DMK Net Zero Farms
- Milkmaster program
- Milkstream Tuurlijk!
- Milkstream
  Haltungsform 3



- DMK Biodiv. strategy
- DMK Net Zero Farms
- Milkmaster Program
- Milkstream Tuurlijk!



- Health initiative
- DMK Safety Awards
- In-service training programmes

The initiatives are supported by our ESG certifications, such as ISO 14001, SBTi, ISO 50001, SMETA, ecoVadis





- Developed by Dutch cooperative DOC Kaas together with chain partners Jumbo (second largest retailer in NL) and Uniekaas (part of DMK Group)
- Available to all members of the cooperative who can meet the conditions
- Integral programme with 5 themes, 41 criteria
- Assurance and certification by independent party (Qlip)
- Market-based surchage for dairy farmers (5 euro / 100 kg milk), offers room for further sustainability improvements
- Scalable and impact-oriented
- Further sustainability with a large group of member dairy farmers
- Programme will continue to develop





## 5 Themes



Animal health & welfare



Land use & environment



Climate



**Biodiversity** 



General







# **Biodiversity Issues**

- Filling in Gaia biodiversity yardstick: Internet tool to make dairy farmers aware of biodiversity
   <u>gaia-biodiversity-yardstick.eu</u>
   Benchmark with other dairy farmers: dairy farmers learn from each other, stimulating each other
- Minimum 30 % permanent grassland (min. 5 years): species, carbon capture
- At least 10% herb-rich grassland
- o Dairy farmers monitor the use of crop protection products. Use of glyphosate is not allowed
- Landscaping and landscape elements: Dairy farmer has at least 1 landscape element (this can consist of solitary trees, tree rows, avenues, hedges, hedgerows of orchard) - In addition, a flower strip (100m2) should be created in a visible location





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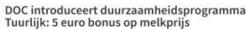
- Protection of farmland bird and wildlife: dairy farmer protects farmland bird during breeding season by marking nests and/or delayed mowing
- o Protect wildlife: using a wildlife saver or mowing from inside to outside
- Nesting / insect hotel: At least 3 nesting box/nesting opportunities and 1 insect hotel in the farm yard
- Barn swallow: At least 1 building at the farm is accessible to the barn swallow
- Only RTRS soya is fed
- Only RSPO palm oil is fed from 2030 onwards
- Only non GMO feed
- Workshops with dairy farmers: learning





1st milk collection april 2024 participating dairy farmers: 45 %





















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