

Our Sustainability Efforts

We are redefining dairy and food production through our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. Grounded in a full lifecycle approach, our sustainability program integrates best-in-class practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, and close resource loops, setting a new standard for the industry.

Our Sustainability Vision

We envision a holistic dairy and food manufacturing ecosystem that thrives in harmony with nature, one where every product reflects our respect for the land, the well-being of our herds, and the communities we serve.

Across our dairies, processing facilities, and extended supply chain, we commit to innovating in resource conservation, renewable energy, and regenerative practices. By partnering closely with suppliers who share our values, we deliver wholesome, natural products while safeguarding our shared environment for generations to come.

Sustainability Policy

Our Environmental Sustainability Policy applies across every facet of our operation, from our dairies and processing facilities to distribution and supplier partnerships, reflecting our commitment to responsible resource management and environmental stewardship.

Anchored by the core principles of Compliance & Integrity, Continuous Improvement, and Collaboration & Transparency, the policy details our three key commitments; Minimizing Carbon & Resource Footprint, Water Stewardship and Conservation, and Circular Economy & Waste, and outlines robust implementation, monitoring, and review processes to ensure accountability at every level of our business.

2024 Sustainability Data

Sustainability isn't just a side initiative, it's a core part of how we operate every day. In 2024, we made major strides by reducing our total greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint to 800,041 metric tons of CO₂e, with the majority tied to on-farm activities and supply chain inputs.

Through targeted action like methane capture, renewable energy use, and composting, we've avoided over 49,000 metric tons of CO₂e.

We've also invested in renewable electricity, clean fuels, and multi-stage water reuse systems, helping us reduce emissions and conserve vital natural resources across all our facilities.

Find detailed data about our sustainability efforts below.

2024 Performance at a Glance

- **Total Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint:** 800,041 mt CO₂ across Scopes 1–3
- **Scope 1 Emissions:** 241,182 mt CO₂e (30.1% of total), driven by enteric fermentation, manure management, and mobile fuels
- **Scope 2 Emissions:** 21,716 mt CO₂e (2.7% of total), partially offset by on-site renewables
- **Scope 3 Emissions:** 537,144 mt CO₂e (67.2% of total), with Purchased Goods & Services accounting for 51.7%
- **Emissions Avoided:**
 - 36,105 mt CO₂e avoided by capturing methane in biodigesters from manure
 - 9,794 mt CO₂e avoided by utilizing biogas for energy generation
 - 3,330 mt CO₂e avoided by deploying renewable diesel in our vehicle fleet
- **Renewable Electricity:** 7.7% of company-wide electricity comes from renewable sources
- **Water Withdrawals:** 4.8 billion gallons used across all facilities, 80% from dairies—over 90% of processed water is reused through multiple-stage cycling
- **Composted Solids:** 265 million lbs. of bedding and manure material composted on-site at dairies.

Three Pillars of Sustainability at Rockview Farms

1) Minimizing Carbon & Resource Footprint

Our organization strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and optimize resource use throughout all its operations—across dairies, manufacturing plants, and supply chain partners.

This includes investing in renewable energy (solar and biogas), improving energy efficiency, and encouraging responsible feed sourcing that shrinks the overall carbon footprint.

By continually measuring, benchmarking, and innovating around energy and emissions, we've built long-term resilience while staying true to our commitment to producing wholesome dairy products sustainably.

Biodigester Deployment

- One of our dairies operates a private digester capturing 95% of flush manure methane—total methane captured avoids 36,105 mt CO₂e annually—and produces biogas that avoids 9,794 mt CO₂e when used for on-site power, generating Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) & Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credits
- Two dairies have each achieved 100% manure capture, with biogas used for on-site power or pipeline injection

Renewable Electricity

- 7.7% of our total electricity demand is met by renewables, highlighted by:

- o 4 MW solar array at one dairy, offsetting ~30% of its needs
- o 2 MW solar at another dairy, delivering 94% renewable supply
- o Biogas-powered generation at a third dairy, covering 79% of on-site demand

Clean Transportation

- Fleet of 14 natural-gas trucks plus planned Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) swaps to further decarbonize logistics
- Use of renewable diesel in our fleet has avoided 3,330 mt CO₂e in 2024
- Electrification pilots: Volvo battery tractors and 115+ battery forklifts in manufacturing

2) Water Stewardship

Recognizing water as a shared and precious resource, we emphasize multi-use and recycling systems for both dairies and processing facilities. Through advanced irrigation methods, wastewater treatment, and diligent monitoring, we safeguard local water supplies, reduce consumption, and mitigate risks of scarcity or pollution.

This pillar ensures our ability to maintain high-quality products and protect the communities and ecosystems surrounding our operations.

Closed-Loop Reuse

1. Plate cooler → 2. Cow washing → 3. Barn flush → 4. Digester → 5. Lagoon → 6. Field irrigation
- Water is processed through this cycle at four of our key dairies.

Efficiency Innovations

- One dairy employs Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) sprinklers and Variable Frequency-Driven (VFD) pumps to minimize withdrawals
- Manufacturing Clean-in-Place (CIP) systems and advanced pasteurizers reduce municipal water demand

Risk Management

- Continuous compliance with water boards in drought-prone regions
- Exploring on-farm storage and Leak-Off Test (IoT) leak detection to bolster resilience

3) Circular Economy & Waste

From manure composting at the dairies to optimizing packaging design for manufacturing, we strive to minimize waste and close the loop wherever possible. We work with suppliers on responsible material sourcing and invest in techniques that promote recycling, reuse, and safe waste disposal.

By embracing circularity, we've reduced environmental impact, enhanced brand reputation, and drove greater resource efficiency throughout our value chain.

On-Farm Composting

- Separator solids from three digesters feed on-site bedding and compost, returning nutrients to soil
- ~70 million lbs. of bedding composted at one dairy supporting nutrient cycling

Packaging & Materials

- 379,200 plastic crates made from 100% recycled High-Density Polyethylene plastic
- Corrugated boxes averaged 35% recycled fiber: pursuing bio-based alternatives to reduce virgin plastic use

Waste Diversion

- Recycling and repurposing programs cut landfill volumes by 65% over 15 years
- Product recovery partnerships with food banks and animal feed drives