



Bonsucro Certification

Bonsucro (Better Sugar Cane Initiative) is the first independent certification program for the sugarcane industry developed through a multi-stakeholder, global consultation process. It recognizes responsibly produced sugar and sugar derivatives like ethanol and gives equal weight to environmental, social and economic performance. Bonsucro is supported by organizations including World Wildlife Fund, Ethical-Sugar, The Coca-Cola Company and Kraft.



Bonsucro is a single certification system for sugar production that can be applied to the sale of raw sugar and of ethanol. This allows integrated mills to freely switch between the two while qualifying for sustainability requirements in both supply chains.

Benefits of Certification

Certification gives sugar producers access to large scale buyers who demonstrate a preference to certified suppliers in order to achieve their corporate social responsibility goals.

Bonsucro certification for ethanol meets European Union biofuel requirements for sustainability under the Renewable Energy Directive (RED).

Biofuels have great potential to ease dependence on fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, however, some production methods have been shown to have negative consequences for the environment and the poor. Certification allows producers to differentiate their products on social and environmental performance criteria, and therefore to allow consumers to make more informed choices when they make their purchases. Certification helps sugar and ethanol mills demonstrate that their products have met key social and environmental metrics and have committed to sustainable production.

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for information about becoming certified or locating certified products:

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Who should get certified?

Sugar and ethanol mills and their supplying cane growers are evaluated against the Bonsucro Production Standard. The Bonsucro Chain of Custody Standard is used to evaluate downstream processors. Together, these standards ensure buyers throughout the supply chain that the sugar cane products can be tracked to a certified source.

Expertise in Sustainability Certification

SCS is a global leader in independent social and environmental certification of products. Our experienced staff provides timely and professional certification services in sustainable agriculture, forestry, fisheries and fair labor, and has been doing so for over 26 years. SCS is applying its expertise to the certification of sugar cane and its derivative products and has become one of the first certification bodies accredited by Bonsucro. Based in the United States, SCS has affiliate offices in major sugar producing regions in South America, Asia and Australia.

Certification Process

1. Complete SCS certification application;
2. Approve certification proposal and sign SCS services agreement;
3. Conduct optional preliminary assessment to identify gaps in conformance;
4. Register with Bonsucro's on-line management system;
5. Conduct on-site assessment of mill operations and cane production practices against Bonsucro Production Standard;
6. Report writing and expert review of assessment findings;
7. Certification decision and issuance of Bonsucro certificate, if approved.

GET STARTED!

Questions regarding certification of sugar or biofuels can be answered by our expert staff who are available to guide you step-by-step through the process.

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