

Neal's Yard Dairy Environmental Policy

Neal's Yard Dairy recognises the importance of preserving the environment for future generations. The company will make responsible choices that minimise its negative environmental impact in its maturing, retail, wholesale and export operations, and it will encourage sustainability throughout its purchasing activities.

1. **Sustainable Sourcing:** We are committed to working with our EXISTING suppliers so that both we and they reduce our negative impact on the environment. We are working with the Sustainable Food Trust to lay the groundwork for this through a trial of their Global Farm Metric. When choosing NEW suppliers, we will consider farming and production sustainability metrics, as outlined in our Quality Statement.

2. **Energy Efficiency:** We will improve energy efficiency in our facilities and reduce energy consumption. This will involve the use of energy-efficient appliances, LED lighting, and regular energy audits to identify areas for improvement.

3. **Waste Reduction and Recycling:** We will minimise waste generation by optimising packaging materials, encouraging the use of reusable containers, and recycling packaging and materials where possible at our facilities. Our goal is to reduce landfill waste to a minimum.

4. **Water Conservation:** We will use water responsibly in our operations, monitoring consumption and implementing water-saving strategies where feasible.

5. **Transportation:** We will reduce the carbon emissions associated with our transport activities. This includes exploring alternative transportation methods such as electric vehicles and optimising delivery routes to minimise fuel consumption and carbon emissions.

6. **Support for Environmental Initiatives:** We will support initiatives that promote environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, and the environmental resilience of dairy-producing regions in the UK and Ireland.

7. **Transparency:** We will select an individual to be responsible for overseeing and reporting on our environmental initiatives. We will communicate our environmental policy, our current position, and our measurable targets internally & externally.

8. **Accountability:** We will measure a baseline of our current environmental impact and set quantitative targets for improvement. We will regularly assess our performance against these targets and communicate the results. We will comply with all relevant environmental laws and regulations.

9. **Engagement:** We will establish a forum where NYD staff can inform themselves of the company's activities. Here they will be able to learn how to contribute to NYD's efforts, and quite possibly those of society beyond the organisation.