

# Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA)

Verify Your Commitment to Sustainable Agriculture

Developed by the SAI Platform, the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) program is a globally recognized framework used to evaluate and improve on-farm sustainability practices. FSA provides:

- A comprehensive assessment of farm-level sustainability
- Recognition through tiered performance levels
- Support for sustainable sourcing goals
- Benchmarking against existing standards and schemes

Used in 60+ countries and available in 19 languages, FSA is applicable to individual farms or entire supply chain regions across various food and beverage agricultural ingredients.

**Food companies** use the FSA Tool to measure sustainability across their supply chains. **Farms** earn recognition based on verified performance levels.

## Why choose FSA Verification?

## **For Food Companies**

- Demonstrate commitment to responsible sourcing
- Meet growing consumer demand for sustainable products
- Strengthen supplier relationships through shared sustainability goals
- Align with industry sustainability standards
- Access valuable data to report on sustainability progress

#### **For Farms**

- Earn market recognition for sustainable practices
- Identify opportunities for continuous improvement
- Reduce audit fatigue through SAI Platform's benchmarking
- Access new markets requiring sustainability verification
- Demonstrate your commitment to environmental stewardship

#### **FSA Performance Levels**

FSA offers three tiers of recognition based on your level of conformance:

TIER	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Overview	A solid base of good farming practices	Sustainable farming practices recognized by leading companies	Exceptional farming practices at the forefront of sustainability
Criteria Requirements	100% Essentials + 75% Basic	100% Essentials + 80% Basic + 50% Advanced	100% Essentials + 100% Basic + 75% Advanced

### **Verification Process**

- **1. Request Instructions:** Request initial guidance to begin the verification process
- 2. Complete Self-Assessment: Complete the comprehensive self-assessment questionnaire
- 3. Documentation Review: Review guidance and supporting documents with assistance
- 4. Third-Party Audit: Schedule and undergo verification by qualified auditors
- 5. Address Deviations: Review any identified areas for improvement during the Audit Review Meeting
- 6. Receive Report: Obtain a detailed report of audit findings and your verified Performance Level
- 7. Letter of Attestation: Receive official documentation of your successful third-party verification process in accordance with FSA 3.0

## Why choose SCS as your verifier?

## SCS brings unparalleled expertise in sustainable agriculture certification:

- Over 40 years of leadership in sustainable agriculture certification
- Auditors worldwide for cost-effective, localized service
- Experts in FSA and multiple benchmarked certifications
- Bundled services available for efficient multi-program compliance

#### SCS helps you:

- Evaluate operations
- Set sustainability goals
- Implement responsible sourcing strategies
- Achieve credible third-party verification



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