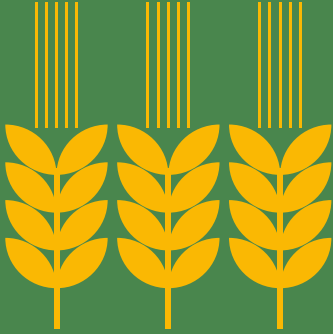


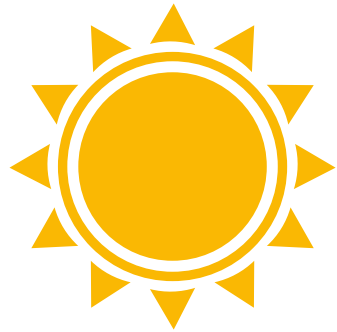
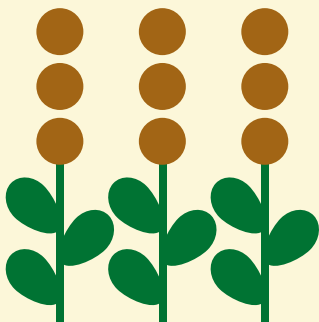


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Who we are

A vital link in the food and feed chain



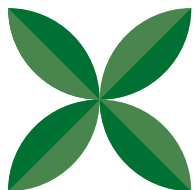
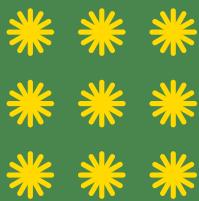
Introduction

Primary Food Processors represent a vital link in the food and feed chain, turning agricultural raw materials from farmers into a range of safe and high-quality primary food products for human consumption and feed materials destined for animals.

We process over 220 million tonnes of agricultural raw materials every year. **Primary Food Processors are the largest users of domestic cereals, starch potatoes, sugar beet and oilseeds in the EU.** They are also sizeable users of imported commodities, like cocoa, soybeans, tropical oils and, to a certain extent, high-quality wheat.



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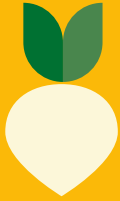


Primary Food Processors link farmers to markets, transforming agricultural crops into the ingredients necessary to produce the plant-based food consumed by millions of EU citizens every day.



- 1 The primary food processing industries in the EU **process** agricultural raw materials into **safe, consumable ingredients** and food products.
- 2 Cereal flours, sugars, starch, vegetable oils, plant-based proteins, fibres, and cocoa are some of the hundreds of **essential, high-quality ingredients** produced and supplied to the food industry and consumers daily.
- 3 Primary Food Processors play a vital role in **EU food security** by providing the **critical ingredients and food products** to the food industry and consumers, while also developing innovative products to anticipate change.

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We use nearly 100% of the agricultural raw materials we process to produce a broad range of essential plant-based ingredients, letting almost nothing go to waste.

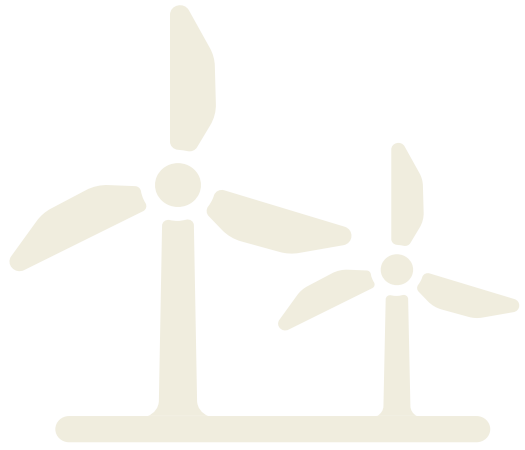


- 1 While **most of our ingredients are used in food and drink**, decades of research and development have helped us find increasingly innovative outlets and uses for the rest, with almost zero waste.
- 2 From animal feed to biofuels, bioplastics to cardboard & corrugated, pharmaceuticals and personal care products; when not used in food, the innovative **ingredients** produced play an **important role in driving the EU bioeconomy**, contributing to the EU's competitiveness.
- 3 The fibres and plant-based proteins we extract and produce play an **important role** in helping to **diversify EU diets** and make them **healthier** and more **sustainable**.

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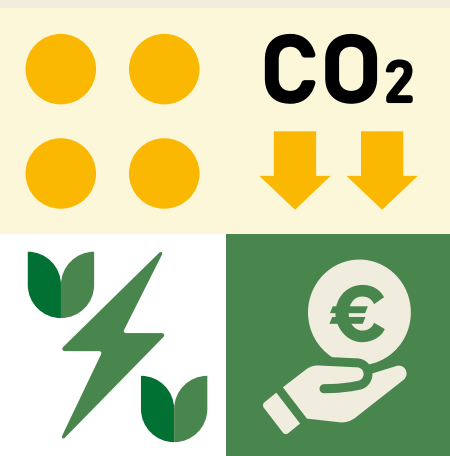


Many of our processes are energy intensive. We've developed comprehensive strategies to reduce our respective environmental footprints while continuing to deliver the plant-based products vital to our customers.



- 1 Primary Food Processors across Europe have been working for decades to cut emissions, boost **energy efficiency** and make EU food systems **more sustainable**.
- 2 We work with the European institutions to **meet environmental goals**, for example by developing **decarbonisation** roadmaps. Our sectors look after the planet by fostering biodiversity and using responsible soil management.
- 3 We look beyond environmental sustainability: we operate in strict accordance with **EU sustainable business practices** and codes of conduct including strict social sustainability standards.

The support we need...



Promotion of energy and climate policies that nurture the sustainable transition of the agri-food sector.

Because of their crucial position in the food supply chain, midway between farmers and secondary processors and consumers, Primary Food Processors will be critical in the overall decarbonisation of the food system.



An enabling Food and Trade Policy Regulatory Environment

The transition to sustainable food systems necessitates a collaborative approach involving institutions and stakeholders across various sectors.

PFP Associations

- European Association of Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS)
- European Cocoa Association (ECA)
- European Flour Milling Association (European Flour Millers)
- European Vegetable Protein Association (EUVEPRO)
- EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry (FEDIOL)
- European Starch Industry Association (Starch Europe)