

KEPAK UK SOY MANIFESTO COMMITMENT

PROGRESS REPORT 2023

During 2023 Kepak has undertaken a range of activities to support our commitment to the UK Soy Manifesto. Our senior management team and the wider business are aware of our commitments and progress via our Sustainability Meetings and internal staff newsletters.

Soy Reporting

- Completed annual retail reporting for meat products sold to 10 retailer customers.
- Provided soy information on our supply chain to a further 14 customers.

UK Beef & Lamb Suppliers

- Provided input to 16 industry meetings focussed on Soy to ensure that the needs of UK beef and sheep farmers will be met in terms of access to vDCF soy by the end of 2025. We have been pleased to support EFECA and AIC in their work towards developing a framework for the future sourcing and certification of vDCF soy for ruminant diets from 2025 and continue to work closely with them in this area.
- Liaised with wider industry stakeholders including Welsh Government, Hybu Cig Cymru and others to share knowledge and encourage commitment towards the sourcing of DCF soy by 2025.
- Continued to survey our Kepak beef and lamb supply base to determine the extent of soy use and to help inform/direct activity.
 - During 2023, an additional 166 farms were audited.
 - Of the 475 beef farms surveyed to date only 23% of beef suppliers use soy/feed containing soy
- Continued to communicate the importance of sustainable soy to our beef and lamb suppliers via our dedicated Kepak business Update and highlighted Kepak's endeavours in this area on their behalf.

Purchased Meats (UK & ROI)

- Established a communication process with our Purchased meat suppliers to communicate our Soy commitments, to flag the up-and-coming legislative changes and encourage them to take steps to comply.
- Established a system for collecting and assessing the data on soy within our supply base.
- Of the 67 companies supplying meat to Kepak
 - 38 do not use any soy in their operations (57%)
 - 3 did not know (4%)
 - Of those that do use soy (39%)
 - 6 key suppliers are Manifesto Signatories (23%) and
 - 6 have publicly available soy policies (23%)

During 2024 we will:

- Continue to our work with our supply base and as part of the industry stakeholder groups to support the industry move to DCF soy by 2025.
- Continue to provide information to EFECA to help facilitate support the move to vDCF soy for the UK ruminant sector by January 2025.
- Work collaboratively across the industry to ensure that the mechanisms are in place that will enable we and other businesses to comply with UK and EU-DR requirements by January 2025
- Continue to progress our work with purchased meat suppliers and extend this to include other relevant purchased ingredients.