

# Sustainably Grown® Certification





SCS Sustainably Grown® is among the world's foremost sustainable agriculture standards. It provides agricultural producers with a detailed roadmap to satisfy the growing market for sustainable products. Simultaneously, it provides customers with assurance that products meet environmental standards second to none, that farm workers and farm communities are protected and engaged, and that the farm is economically resilient.

## Key Features

- Recognizes leadership in environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic stability
- No added price premiums to buyers and no costly, high barriers to entry
- Helps companies map risks in supply chains and identify opportunities for improvement
- Tiered conformance structure supports wide latitude of practice, while stimulating continuing improvement
- Consistently ranked among highest social and environmental standards in independent surveys
- Provides synergies with food safety programs (e.g., GLOBALG.A.P.)
- Highly professionally audit staff managed under SCS Quality System
- Certified companies may communicate their sustainability achievements with the distinctive SCS Kingfisher mark

# Sustainably Grown Framework

## Environmental

- Production Systems
- Soil Resources
- Water Resources
- Air Resources and Climate
- Ecosystem Protection
- Energy Efficiency
- Integrated Waste Management

## Social

- Work Agreements
- Wages, Benefits and working hours
- Child and Voluntary Labor
- Non-Discrimination and F of A
- Human Resource Management
- Health and Safety
- Community Relations

## Economic

- Business Accounting and Planning
- Continuity and Resilience
- Community Engagement
- Product Quality and Safety



# Benchmarking and Accreditations



## Global Social Compliance Programme (GSCP)

Benchmarked to GSCP Reference Code and Audit Process and Methodology Reference Tools, representing international best practice in sustainable supply chains and social auditing.



## Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI)

Achieved Silver level equivalence to SAI Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) tool, covering content, governance, and verification.



## Sustainability Initiative Fruit and Vegetables (SIFAV)

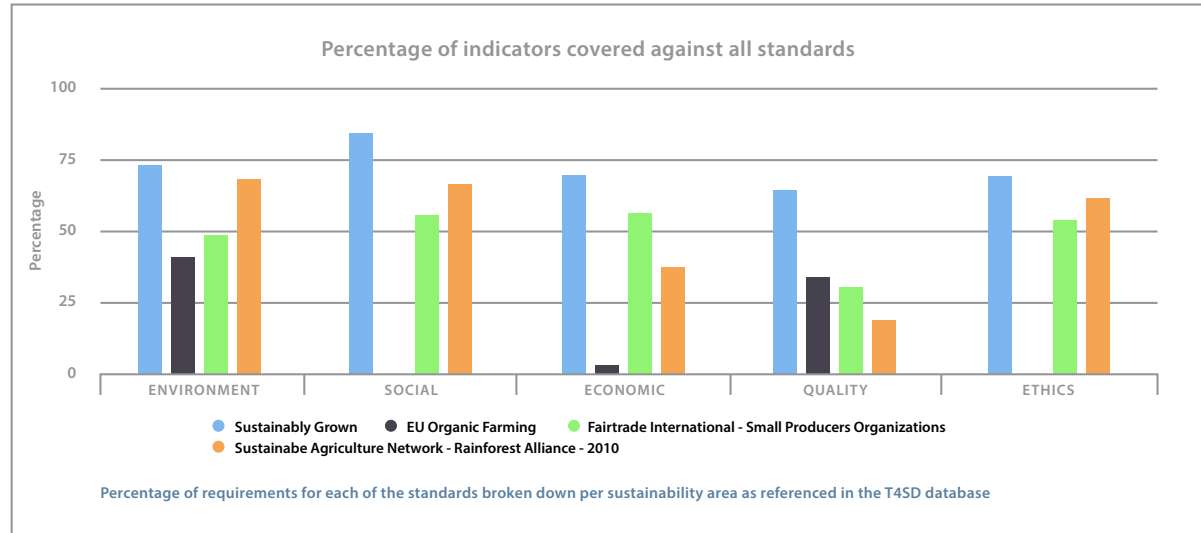
Included in the SIFAV Basket of Standards, based on conformance with Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) criteria.



## American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Accredited as eligible eco-labeling certification scheme owner and standards developer under the requirements of ISO 14020 and ISO 14024

# Sustainably Grown® Performance



Comparing Sustainably Grown® to EU Organic, Fairtrade International, and Rainforest Alliance. Source: ITC Standards Map – [sustainabilitymap.org](http://sustainabilitymap.org)

**Sustainably Grown** covers a broad range of sustainability issues and has more indicators for each sustainability category than other leading certification programs.



# About SCS Global Services

SCS has been a global leader in third-party quality, environmental and sustainability verification, certification, auditing, and testing for more than three decades. Its programs span a cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in food and agriculture, natural resource extraction, energy, manufacturing, green building, and more.

SCS has a long track record of successful food and agriculture standards development and custom supply chain initiatives, such as the Starbucks C.A.F.E. Practices, Numi Tea Fair Labor Program, Ferrero Farming Values, Nature Conservancy 4R Program, and Equitable Food Initiative. SCS is a chartered benefit corporation, reflecting its commitment to socially and environmentally responsible business practices.

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