

Carbon neutrality declaration: eggs

In March 2021 Morrisons set a company ambition to source from farms collectively achieving net zero and supplying their manufacturing division (i.e. Woodheads, Chippindale Foods and WM Growers Ltd - now contained within Myton Food Group). Within the ambition, they stated a desire to have customers go with us on the journey by buying into products which had reached a net zero status on farms and within our supply chain. This ambition started a substantial programme of activity (which followed pilot work in 2020), working with over 40 project farmers round the country on their own paths to net zero.

In 2023, through its manufacturing site Chippindale Foods (now managed under Myton Food Group), Morrisons were the first food business to gain BSI's carbon neutral accreditation for a range of eggs produced on UK farms. The range was termed 'Better for our Planet' eggs. This statement gives an update on the progress of emissions reduction for the Carbon Neutral eggs, including the steps Myton Food Group is taking to manage its own emissions footprint.

Criteria	Detailed Response		
a) Statement of commitment from top management	At Myton Food Group,our purpose is to be the most trusted partner; enabling our customers, colleagues and farmers to grow and win in their businesses and working lives. We do this through creating sustainable, quality products made with passion and innovation, delivered at pace.		
	We recognise the inherent connection between climate and food manufacturing, and our responsibility to contribute positively to the communities and ecosystems in which we operate. 'Be Sustainable' is one of our core values, embedding environmental responsibility within our sites and across our supply chains. The Board is responsible for approving policies and commitments related to sustainability, including the target to be net zero by 2035.		
b) Provides a framework for setting a carbon neutrality pathway	The framework is established through a series of foundational steps, including the publication of independent Sustainability reports and working with independent consultants (3Keel) for a companywide Scope 3 assessment. The ongoing pathway involves specific decarbonisation workstreams, such as facility energy efficiency and revisions to the egg product's feed plan, to achieve and maintain carbon neutrality.		



c) Is appropriate to the purpose and context of the entity	The commitment is tailored to Myton Food Group, a manufacturing business, and addresses the specific context of a prominent product. It focuses on tackling operational Scope 1 and 2 emissions, and critically, the most significant <i>product</i> emission source: the on-farm feed and soya supply chain. The plan is subject to a robust, cradle-to-grave BSI verification process.			
d) Identifies the scope and boundary of the subject	The plan defines two clear boundaries: the entity boundary is set as 'net zero' in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2035. The product boundary for the 'Better for our Planet Eggs' is defined as cradle to grave (including all farm and manufacturing inputs), with a current baseline of 268.75 tonnes CO2e for the reporting period.			
e) Establishes a carbon neutrality management team	Accountability for achieving sustainability targets at Myton Food Group is delegated from the Board to the Technical and Sustainability Director , with delivery of the Better for Our Planet Eggs managed by the Sustainability Projects Team at Chippindale Foods, supported by the central Myton Sustainability Team . All related capital expenditure and investment decisions are managed and approved by the Board			
f) Ensures that the plan is integrated into the entity's various levels of governance and business processes	Integration is ensured as the plan is part of a sustainability governance framework that was approved at Board level to ensure effective delivery of actions to achieve the target of net zero in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2035. The commitment is also embedded within the company culture by making ' Be sustainable ' one of the six core values in the new vision and values framework. Investments that support the plan are subject to the company's formal CASC capital approval process .			
g) Ensures that the strategic direction of the entity is compatible	The plan is fully compatible with the strategic direction of Myton Food Group, which is moving towards increased self-governance to allow the increased commercial success of products like Bette for our Planet Eggs to more customers.			
h) Ensures that the resources needed to implement the plan are available	The commitment to resource allocation is demonstrated by actions already taken: a sustainability team , investment in technology for energy measurement, installation of solar panels at five manufacturing sites, and contracting of consultancy to conduct a full Scope 1, 2, and 3 inventory.			
i) Communicates the importance of reducing GHG emissions	Communication is executed via internal communication channels and externally to stakeholders. The company publishes an annual Sustainability Report , detailing successes and plans. Farmers involved in this project are aware of the need to			



	continually reduce GHG emissions, as demonstrated by the reductions achieved.
j) Ensures continual improvement and minimizes offsetting	Continual improvement is evident through a 22.59% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 emissions between FY2022-2023 - FY 2023-2024 at Myton Food Group overall, and a reduction of 36.48% for the Chippindale Foods site for the same time period. GHG Removals are being enhanced through long-term plans to increase the use of Vetch as a cover crop and allocate 35 Ha for permanent Wild bird planting. The use of offsetting has been managed down from 340 tonnes (Year 1) to 269 tonnes (Year 3), demonstrating a commitment to minimisation.
k) Ensures that significant negative effects of the plan on the environment and society are taken into account	The plan acknowledges a need to improve data accuracy and consistency between farms therefore working towards improvements with external parties. Currently there are no truly carbon free alternatives to Soya as a complete source of protein available or suitable for feeding to laying hens in the UK, therefore there will always be emissions associated with the feed element of this footprint.

The carbon neutrality management plan

Chippindales 'Better for the Planet Egg' product was first successfully verified as carbon neutral by BSI and awarded the relevant BSI kite mark.

At this assessment the entire assessment for this product is within Myton Food Group (previously under Morrisons), using three farms.

Chippindales has been working closely with Eggbase to calculate the environmental impact of egg production through the majority of its supplier farms since 2020. In 2022 University of Cambridge acted as a trusted third party to verify all the calculations and data sources used within the calculations to support a claim for a carbon neutral egg. This was supported by a full cradle to grave verification from the British Standards Institute in which the British Standards Institute Carbon Neutral Kite Mark was awarded in Dec 2023 for the Better for Our Planet Egg product. All calculations and data usage has been scrutinised and verified by BSI to ensure no double accounting.

Resources are allocated to Better for the Planet Eggs in line with the sustainability governance structure. This is headed by the Technical & Sustainability Director, with the Chippendales Sustainability team driving the delivery plan, supported by the central sustainability team.



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a) Statement from top management of commitment, identifying those responsible	Myton Food Group and its board are committed to achieve 'net zero' in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2035 and maintain the carbon neutral certification for Better for our Planet Eggs.			
b) A description of the subject and its boundary	The subject is the 'Better for Our Planet Egg' product, which has been independently verified by BSI. The boundary of the product carbon footprint is cradle to grave, covering all stages from raw material (feed) through to manufacturing and the end of life of the product, as guided by the PCR for <i>Birds' eggs in shell, fresh</i> . This covers Cradle (Pullets onto farm) to Gate 1 (Myton), Gate 1 (Myton) to Gate 2 (Retail customer), Gate 2 (Retail customer) to Grave (Inc Consumer use)			
c) A timescale for implementing and achieving carbon neutrality	The target date for achieving the Myton Food Group entity's goal of net zero for its Scope 1 and 2 emissions is 2035 .			
d) The base period and the target year	The period for the product's carbon footprint quantification used in the report is 23/10/2023 to 22/10/2024 . The target year for the entity's net zero Scope 1 and 2 is 2035 , from a baseline of 2019.			
e) The baseline	The baseline has been established in two forms: Absolute Baseline (Product): 268.76 tonnes CO2e (for the 23/10/2023 - 22/10/2024 period). Intensity Baseline (Product): 1.32 kg of CO2e per 1kg of egg . The entity baseline is FY 2019			
f) The methodology used for the carbon footprint quantification	The carbon footprint quantification methodology followed the guidelines of the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting and was aligned with ISO 140068. The data and calculations underwent independent verification by Eggbase, Map of Agriculture, and the University of Cambridge.			



g) The carbon				
neutrality pathway				
including short- and				
long-term targets				

The **long-term target** remains the achievement of 'net zero' in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2035, supported by ongoing long-term changes to feed and land management. These will be achieved by identifying and reducing emissions at farm and manufacturing sites, continuously monitoring and improving efficiency throughout each stage, implementing offsetting only as required for residual emissions.

h) The type of GHG emission reduction targets

The entity's goal of 'net zero' in Scope 1 and 2 by 2035 is an **absolute** target. The product's performance is tracked using an **intensity** target of kg of CO2e per 1kg of egg.

i) Activities foreseen to achieve and maintain GHG emission reductions including assumptions and rationale for reduction activities Activities planned include: **improved data management and metering**, **optimising equipment set-points**, replacing lighting with more efficient **LEDs**, and on-farm supply chain changes such as **maintaining Soy-free status** in hen feed and **swapping out less sustainable crops (Rape and Barley) for Oats**.

j) Activities foreseen to maintain and enhance GHG removals

Activities to enhance GHG removals include reducing/eliminating soy from the hen diets, trees and undersowing crops with crops which sequester carbon and nitrogen, installing solar panels, establishing an additional 35 Ha of permanent wild bird planting, and continuing to work with Map of Agriculture for soil carbon sequestration mapping.

k) The intended quantity of each type of carbon credit to be used

The plan's core intent is to **minimize** the use of offsetting. The historical quantities of purchased offsets are reported as **340** tonnes (Year 1), 242 tonnes (Year 2), and 269 tonnes (Year 3), indicating a trend toward reduction over the full period. Offsets will continue to be Gold Standard removals offsets.

I) Indicators for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness

Product-level monitoring involves tracking farm performance on a **4-weekly basis**, which includes the grade and volume of eggs received to link operational efficiency to the carbon footprint.



m) Proposed safeguards for avoiding adverse impacts on the environment and society The plan also acknowledges the need for **more soil specific information** to improve the accuracy in carbon sequestration calculations and better manage land-based activities.

Data storage and governance

The responsibility of the provision and storage of data with reference to this carbon footprints study is the responsibility of the Manufacturing Technical and Sustainability Director. Any such data will be stored for a minimum of 6 years

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