

Environmental plan

Matth. Verdegaal B.V. applies the principles of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as the basis for its strategic policy. This environmental plan is derived from these principles and covers the following themes:

- Nature conservation in the direct surroundings of plots and premises
- Waste management
- Energy management
- Management of crop protection products and related residues
- Purchasing from sustainably certified companies

1) Nature conservation

As part of nature conservation, we aim to preserve the natural environment in the direct surroundings of our plots and premises. For cleaning the exterior of the company building, only environmentally responsible cleaning agents are used, and weeds on the yards and paved areas are treated as little as possible with chemical herbicides. If such products are necessary, we only use legally permitted products.

The control of vermin (rats, mice) takes place as far as possible in an environmentally responsible manner. Nesting sites of birds (especially swallows) are left undisturbed and, where necessary, given extra protection.

2) Waste

The waste streams have been mapped, providing insight into the existing and expected waste materials. These waste materials are collected and stored separately. Periodically, at a frequency that depends on the season, the waste materials are collected and processed by professional parties. The waste sources are specified in **Appendix B.04.01.04**.

Matth. Verdegaal has been registering the waste removed since 1 July 2020, which provides insight into the number of kilograms of agricultural waste removed and the number of collections of the residual waste wheeler bin (**Appendix B.04.01.05**).

With regard to reducing waste, we have not formulated quantitative targets. The volume of agricultural waste depends on the quantity of product and the product processing in a season. The percentage of waste depends on the quality (rejection and destruction of lots) and the cleanliness of the unsorted flower bulbs supplied. However, qualitative targets have been set, such as ensuring a stricter separation of waste materials.

3) Energy management

Through detailed registration of the meter readings and analysis of these in relation to the development of business processes over time, we are aware of our energy consumption (Appendix B.04.01.02). Based on this, we formulate our objectives to minimize energy consumption and we invest, where possible, in energy-saving measures.

Energy-saving measures 2020-2025			
Measure	Explanation	Deadline	Status
Increase percentage of purchasing from sustainable companies from 52% to 75% by 2025	Discuss sustainable entrepreneurship as a topic in procurement meetings and annual performance reviews. Improve documentation and reporting regarding purchasing from sustainable companies.	Jun-25 Dec-21	
Reduce energy consumption (under equal business conditions) by 10% by the end of 2024	See overview of energy-saving measures (Appendix B.04.01.03).	Dec-25	
Reduce waste materials	Staff use porcelain cups and glasses for coffee, tea and other refreshments.	Jun-21	
Reduce waste materials	Improved supervision and clear signage for waste separation.	Jul-21	
Purchase crates made from more sustainable materials	Research alternative purchasing sources and profitability.	Dec-25	

4) Management of crop protection products and pesticides

Our objective is to limit the use of crop and flower bulb protection products and pesticides as much as possible. Where we do use these products, we ensure that this is done in a responsible manner. The storage of these products takes place in a suitable, lockable storage area.

The management and use of these products is carried out by Mr Piet Goemans. He has sufficient knowledge and training in the field of protection and control agents and holds a spraying license (**Appendix B.04.01.06**).

5) Purchasing from sustainably certified companies

Since June 2021, the purchasing administration records which suppliers meet the qualification of a “sustainable company” and are validly certified by MPS, GAP, SGS or another certification body. The minimum standard is 25%. Measurements we have carried out show that we comfortably meet this requirement (**Appendix B.04.01.07**).

Certification	Supplier	Purchase value	%	Total			2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
							jun-21	jun-22	Mar-23	jan-24	feb-24
MPS		€ 3.360.454,00	43%								
Global G.A.P.		€ 2.218.041,00	28%	72%		Suppliers with sustainable certification	41%	46%	62%	70%	72%
GGN		€ 30.150,00	1%			Suppliers without certification or unknown	59%	54%	38%	30%	28%
None		€ 2.198.533,00	28%	28%			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Grand Total		€ 7.807.178,00	100%	100%							

The sustainability requirements are regularly discussed with (potential) suppliers.