

**Delivering On Our Commitments**

Sustainability at Sysco

# SUSTAIN

PROTECT



NOURISH



MEASURE




SUPPORT



CARE



A man wearing a red baseball cap and an orange long-sleeved shirt is shown in profile, working in a cornfield. He is holding a pair of pruning shears and appears to be tending to the corn plants. The background is filled with tall corn stalks, and the lighting suggests it might be late afternoon or early morning, with a warm, golden glow.

From local to  
global, we can  
make a difference.

At Sysco, we deliver daily on our commitment to conduct business responsibly and sustainably, recognizing how practices that provide our customers with the best quality, nutrition and service at the lowest total cost can also benefit the environment, promote economic fairness and serve society. As the largest North American distributor of food and related products, we have significant opportunities to effect change. We focus our sustainability efforts in three broad areas of our business where we can create the greatest impact: Food, Operations and Community



# PROTECT

**15 billion**

Gallons of irrigation, processing and manufacturing facility water Sysco Brand suppliers conserved using sustainable practices during the 2013 growing season.\*

**3 million**

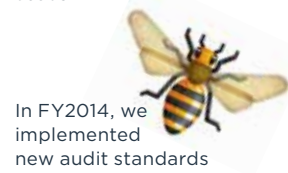
Tons of vegetative resources reused or recycled by Sysco suppliers in the 2013 growing season.\*



**Sysco's Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) covers the full range of basic and specialty crops we purchase. By the end of the 2013 growing season, this included 50 crops for 74 Sysco Brand suppliers of canned and frozen fruit, vegetables and potatoes; representing 180 food factories and nearly 900,000 acres under cultivation.**

**19 million**

Total pounds of fertilizer Sysco Brand suppliers avoided by using IPM practices in the 2013 growing season.\*



In FY2014, we implemented new audit standards in our IPM program aimed at protecting populations of bees, which are beneficial crop pollinators.

**72,000**

Tons of metal, glass, paper, plastics and oils recycled by Sysco Brand suppliers in the 2013 growing season, an increase of more than 4,500 tons over the previous year.\*

**100%**

**By 2015, Sysco has committed to sourcing 100% of its top 10 wild-caught seafood species from fisheries that are Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified, under assessment of the MSC or involved in fishery improvement projects with the World Wildlife Fund.**



**113**

Number of third-party assessments completed in FY2014 with Sysco Brand suppliers in Asia and Latin America. Our social audit program is intended to identify potential risks relating to supplier labor practices and offer solutions and training to drive improved performance.

**78**

Estimated number of fishing vessels in Ecuador that converted to circle hooks with Sysco's help between December 2013 and March 2014. Circle hooks prevent sea turtle capture during mahi mahi harvesting.

**1,000,000 lbs**

Amount of fresh Gulf Coast seafood distributed in FY2014 by Sysco's Louisiana Foods bearing tags from the non-profit Gulf Wild program signifying it was responsibly caught and could be tracked to within a 10-mile radius of its source.



**160**

In CY2014, 160 third-party animal welfare audits of Sysco suppliers were conducted with a 100 percent pass rate.



Our FreshPoint operating companies implemented technology in FY2014 that enables customers to track local purchases better and faster, with reporting and traceability by farm.



Sysco has partnered with the Produce Marketing Association to deliver Good Agricultural Practice workshops to more than 800 U.S. small farmers since 2011.



**All of our Broadline and FreshPoint locations have programs to source locally-produced items.**

*\* As reported by Sysco Brand suppliers participating in our IPM Program.*



**44 percent**

The percentage of total charitable donations given to hunger relief organizations in FY2014. Sysco donated a total of \$8.3 million through cash and in-kind contributions to non-profit organizations that address hunger relief, health and community outreach, education and development and agricultural and environmental sustainability.

**FEEDING AMERICA 6.3 million**

Pounds of product donated to Feeding America in 2014.



Committed to ending childhood hunger, we have contributed more than \$5 million to Share Our Strength since 2002.

We are also helping to fight childhood obesity through our Sysco Healthy and Positive Eating (SHAPE) program for operators in the National Restaurant Association's Kids LiveWell<sup>SM</sup> program.

**250**

Number of Guatemalan family farms in 18 producer groups who benefited from Sysco's partnership with the Guatemala Highland Value Chain Development Alliance in a year.



**COMMUNITY CARE**



**\$957 million**

In FY2014, we spent \$957 million with minority- and women-owned suppliers, compared to \$918 million in FY2013.



Our fleet includes 180 low-emission liquid natural gas trucks, and we have built LNG fuel stations at some operations. We also own 4,335 EPA-approved diesel trucks with low emission engines. Our entire fleet is equipped with auto-idle shut-off timers.

**Efficiencies**

We continually upgrade our warehouse facilities to improve energy efficiencies. In FY2014 this included the installation of computerized refrigeration controls, variable equipment speed drives, more effective freezer doors and energy-efficient, motion-controlled fluorescent and LED lighting.



**39%+**

**By the end of FY2014, our warehouse efficiency initiatives had generated energy savings in excess of 39 percent since our baseline year of 2006.**

**MEASURE**

**OPERATIONS**



Sysco annually moves more than 1,900 rail boxcars within its distribution network and ships more than 13,000 intermodal loads, striving to use providers certified by SmartWay, an Environmental Protection Agency program.

**41%**

Recycling increased 41%, or 824 tons, at our U.S. Broadline companies during the eight-month rollout of Sysco's comprehensive recycling program in 2014. Solid waste tonnage decreased by 327 tons, or 10%.

Sysco recycled more than 3,730 tons of waste, saving:

- About 63,000 trees
- 26 million gallons of water
- 29 million gallons of oil
- 2.2 million pounds of air pollutants
- 11,000 cubic yards of landfill space
- 258 million kilowatt hours of energy



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