

RTRS Producers Celebrate 10 Years of Certification Congratulations and Thank You!

In 2021, the **Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS)** celebrates 10 years of certification of six RTRS producers under the **RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production**.

Implementation of the **RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production** began in 2006, and in 2011 **Aceitera General Deheza, Adeco Agropecuaria S.A, Caldenes S.A. and Viluco from Argentina, and Amaggi and SLC Agrícola from Brazil** obtained for the first time the RTRS certificate for responsible soy production.

This tenth anniversary means that these producers were first RTRS certified for 5 years, and then decided to renew their commitment to sustainability and to re-certify for another 5 years. *“For RTRS this achievement is something to celebrate and to be proud of, because every year during ten years these producers confirmed their commitment to a sustainable value chain and to RTRS in its dual role as a multi-sectoral space and as a certification tool,”* said Marcelo Visconti, RTRS Executive Director.

The experience of these six RTRS certified producers is diverse.



Viluco is the first producer company to be certified against RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production. For Viluco, certifying RTRS means participating and actively contributing to this process that leads to a paradigm shift towards responsible business, in which they were pioneers in the north of Argentina.

The company runs twelve farms with a total of 29,000 planted hectares in the provinces of Catamarca, Salta, Santiago del Estero and Tucumán. Viluco grows different kinds of crops annually in specific agro-ecological areas, thus enhancing productive efficiency. They also work to achieve a long-term sustainable production system, which implies implementing specific actions intended to balance productivity, profitability and

environmental care, delivering safe quality products in compliance with responsible production standards. Georeferenced plots enable them to track and monitor existing flora and fauna of the native forest areas that are preserved in their farm units. In addition, to reduce threats to wildlife, they implement measures to control access to people and prevent hunting.

“We are proud to be the first Argentine company to obtain certification in 2011 and the second in the world to be certified against RTRS standard, one of the highest certification standards for sustainable soy production,” stated Agustina Lucci, Viluco’s Sustainability Manager.

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Certification Scope: Production

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Amaggi is a Brazilian company based in Cuiabá (Mato Grosso, Brazil) that works on the entire supply chain. Amaggi specializes in commodities derived from agribusiness; corn, cotton and soybeans, they also generate and sell electricity, transport soybeans and corn, and produce fertilizers. Amaggi is the largest private soybean producer in the world.

It has been a member of RTRS since 2014.

“We had the first RTRS certified farm in the world and this is reason for us to be very proud. This spirit has always driven us to permanently evolve in our productive practices, in caring for the environment and in our relationship with the communities where AMAGGI carries out its activities. Today, AMAGGI is one of the largest players in RTRS certified soy in the world, which reaffirms our commitment to a sustainable value chain” commented Juliana de Lavor Lopes, Director of ESG, Communication and Compliance at AMAGGI.

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Scope of its certification: EU RED

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Adecoagro is an agribusiness company engaged in food and renewable energy production. In their farms and industrial plants, they produce soy, rice, peanuts, dairy products, sugar, ethanol and renewable electricity.

Adecoagro has developed a sustainable production model based on three aspects: economic, social and environmental development. For the company, RTRS certification means a recognition of their production, which includes implementing good practices to protect natural resources and taking care of their people's health and safety and engaging with local communities. Certification is an opportunity to improve internal processes, which in turn improves performance in matters related to sustainability. Finally, international recognition of the standard also facilitates communication of these achievements.

“Over these past years RTRS allowed us to share our soy production model with stakeholders in a sustainable way, reaffirming our commitment to environmental care and to the communities in which we are present,” said Alejandro López Moriena, Sustainability Director of Adeco Agropecuaria S.A.

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Certification Scope: Production

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Aceitera General Deheza S.A. is an integrated agroindustrial complex, whose main activity is the production of vegetable protein meals and pellets, edible vegetable oils, refined glycerin and biodiesel production. The industrial cluster includes a network of storage facilities and commercial offices in eight Argentine provinces: Buenos Aires, Chaco, Córdoba, Entre Ríos, Salta, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero and Tucumán. In addition, they have an organized industrial structure in seven establishments distributed in three Argentine provinces: Córdoba, San Luis and Santa Fe.

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Certification Scope: Multisite, EU RED, Chain of Custody



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An agroindustrial business that has been present in the agri-livestock industry for more than 65 years in Argentina Caldenes applies a quality management system to ensure sustainable production, using the best management practices, good agricultural practices and good livestock practices. Certifying RTRS allowed them to organize internally as a company, formalize processes, consistently measure and evaluate specific production indicators and work on maintaining or improving them. It also enabled them to incorporate and comply with good business, environmental and agricultural management practices, to deliver ongoing training and create a work philosophy based on continuous improvement in all areas.

It is an RTRS Member since 2017

“Working together with RTRS for a more sustainable value chain for ten years encouraged us to adopt an attitude of continuous improvement. Because it allows us to set specific, quantifiable, achievable but challenging annual goals, which contributes to individual and group motivation, celebrating together the achievement of each stage, enjoying the process, and being aware of the fact that we are working for a better agriculture. The key is to set clear objectives, to practice perseverance, to be persistent, ambitious and to look for teamwork, always bearing in mind that what is not measured cannot be improved, measuring is the first step to control and improve and go into the virtuous circle of certifications; plan, do, check, act, towards the search for continuous improvement, the emblem of certification” said the team from Caldenes S.A.

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Certification Scope: Production, EU RED

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Founded in 1977 in Brazil by the SLC Group, it is one of the world’s largest producers of grains and fibers engaged in the production of cotton, soy and corn. It is organized in 16 Production Units strategically located in six Brazilian states, extending over a total of 457,699 hectares in the 2018/19 growing year. Its business model is based on a large-scale modern production system, standardization of production units, state-of-the-art technology, rigorous cost control and socio-environmental responsibility.

It has been an RTRS Member since 2007.

“In the last 10 years, the RTRS certification has established itself as the main standard for soybean production worldwide, differentiating itself from other standards by involving the different actors in the production chain, from planting to the final product, ensuring to the consumer that the product they purchase is the result of good agricultural practices, fair labor relations and a low environmental impact”, commented Tiago Agne, Sustainability Manager of SLC Agrícola.

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Certification Scope: Production, EU RED

