

RTRS celebrates 10 years of certification of five producers Congratulations!

In 2022 and 2023, **Agroalas S.R.L.**, **Agropecuaria Dechamps S.R.L.**, and **Kiñewen S.A.** from Argentina; **Saag Comercial Exportadora Ltda.** from Brazil and **Desarrollo Agrícola del Paraguay S.A.** from Paraguay have celebrated a decade of uninterrupted sustainable soybean production under the **RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production**.

These five producers join the seven that had already celebrated their 10-year certification anniversary in 2021 (Aceitera General Deheza S.A., Adeco Agropecuaria S.A., Caldenes S.A. and Viluco S.A. from Argentina, and Amaggi and SLC Agrícola from Brazil).

The tenth certification anniversary of these producers marks the renewal of their commitment to sustainable production, having obtained RTRS certification for the second time.

Learn about the producers and their certified background:



Agroalas S.R.L. is an Argentine family business with establishments in Tucumán and Santiago del Estero, which excels in three activities: agricultural production of different crops, livestock farming and services, including aerial application of seeds and plant protection products. The company produces a wide variety of winter and summer crops on about 20,000 hectares per year in land of their own and leased fields: wheat, chickpeas, lentils, coriander, corn, soybeans, pastures, sorghum, various beans, sugar cane, etc. with an annual rotation policy of 50%.

In 2012, Agroalas S.R.L. obtained the RTRS certification, making a commitment to develop, implement, maintain and continuously improve Quality Management systems, by putting in place a Quality Policy and a set of objectives related to social indicators, good agricultural practices and care for the environment.



“The implementation of the RTRS Production Standard during these ten years has been favorable for the company in many ways: it promotes continuous improvement of processes and internal order, it reduced contingencies and costs, and it opened the doors to new markets”, acknowledges **Mircza Colombo**, Agroalas representative.

- First audit 8/23/2012
- Certification Scope: Production
- Average certified: 3,060 hectares and 9,034 tons
- Protected areas: 381 hectares



Desarrollo Agrícola del Paraguay S.A. is one of the leading agricultural companies in Paraguay with more than 15 years of experience, operating in the San Pedro Department. They grow soybeans and corn in four farms of their own and have 3,000 hectares of reserve land. As part of its activities, it contributes to the development of three communities in Colonia San Juan, San Pedro Poty and San Antonio, where it offers scholarships, assists in maintenance and repair work of more than 50 schools and offers training for the production of crops for self-consumption.

“Reaching 10 years of certification represents recognition of the company's efforts to improve its environmental, social and economic performance. This achievement is also a positive message for the Paraguayan soybean industry, because it shows that it is possible to produce soybeans in a sustainable and profitable manner,” says **Gustavo Lamas**, Sustainability and Institutional Coordinator of Desarrollo Agrícola del Paraguay S.A. *“RTRS certification opened up the way to new markets, such as the European Union, allowing us to meet the requirements that this implies. At the same time, we benefited from reduced production costs by improving the efficiency of processes and inputs,”* says **Lamas**.

- First audit 6/19/2013
- Certification Scope: Production
- Average certified: 11,266 hectares and 23,612 tons
- Protected areas: 3.318 hectares



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SAAG Comercial Exportadora Ltda. is a Brazilian company founded in 1997 by a group of producers from the southern region of Minas Gerais, who got together to have a storage facility for their production. SAAG has 94,000 m² and stands out for its strategic location, close to large trading centers such as Belo Horizonte (259 km), Rio de Janeiro (357 km), São Paulo (323 km) and Santos (357 km).

“RTRS certification represents for us bringing together the efforts of SAAG and its non-GMO soybean producers to seek continuous improvement and sustainability in soybean production,” states **Érica Fortuoso de Castro**, Sustainability Analyst of SAAG Comercial Exportadora Ltda.

- First audit 6/12/2013
- Certification Scope: Non-GMO Production
- Average certified: 5,854 hectares and 17,701 tons
- Protected areas: 2.540 hectares

In addition, the company has been certifying its storage plant against the RT.RS Chain of Custody Standard since 2015.

Argentine producers Agropecuaria Dechamps S.R.L. and Kiñewen S.A. are also celebrating 10 years of certification.

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Agropecuaria Dechamps S.R.L.

- First audit 7/27/2013
- Certification Scope: Soybean and Corn Production
- Average certified: 2,808 hectares and 7,551 tons
- Protected areas: 153 hectares

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Kiñewen S.A.

- First audit 11/15/2013
- Certification Scope: Production
- Average certified: 4,710 hectares and 15,033 tons



Location of producers celebrating 10 years of certification.





RTRS congratulates and celebrates 10 years of certification of these five producers who promote the development of sustainable supply chains. They are examples of a sustained commitment to responsible production, and are part of the community of RTRS certified producers that now totals more than 59.098*.



*Information recorded by RTRS until December 18, 2023.