



CERTIFICATION

Eligible members can apply for certification to verify their sustainability commitments.

What is certification?

Bonsucro offers a credible, metric certification process to demonstrate commitment to environmental and social sustainability in sugarcane. A Bonsucro certificate is internationally recognised and respected. By achieving a certificate, you can improve your image, achieve sustainability procurement goals, build partnerships to tackle sustainability issues together.

Two standards for certification

There are two types of Bonsucro certification– one on the production end of the supply chain and one on the trading side of the supply chain. The two work together to ensure that sugarcane production benefits producer communities, ensures people are treated fairly and creates long-lasting, traceable supply chains.

Production Standard

The Production Standard helps farmers and mills to measure their productivity alongside key environmental and social impacts. It can be used by all sugarcane mills and farms to demonstrate sustainable production, regardless of size.

Businesses that use the Bonsucro Production Standard:

- Increase efficiency
- Lower energy use
- Decrease water use
- Reduce waste
- Create a safe working environment
- Lower energy use
- Increase market viability



Chain of Custody Standard

The Chain of Custody Standard enables brands to trace sugarcane from the origin to the end product. It allows brands to make sustainability claims about their sugarcane sourcing.

The Chain of Custody Standard relates to the supply of a product including all stages, from the feedstock production to consumption. It demonstrates:

- Responsible sourcing
- Ethical trading
- Assurance of compliance
- Increased supply chain visibility





I'm a mill, why should I get certified?

There are many benefits of becoming certified as a mill. For example:

- You will receive new ways to measure your performance
- You can demonstrate to your employees that you care about sustainability
- You will prove to your buyers that you are serious about sustainability
- Workers will gain knowledge and new skills when they implement the Bonsucro Production Standard
- Certification will help to attract talented staff – and retain them.

I'm a buyer, why should I get certified?

Chain of Custody certification helps to understand your supply chains and mitigate risks. A certificate also:

- Enhances your reputation
- Helps you meet your sustainable sourcing targets with credibility
- Provides you with a narrative on sustainability that both the buyer and the seller understand
- Gives you the option to make on product claims
- Presents you with the opportunity to be ahead of the global movement – rather than having to catch up with your competitors.

WHAT NEXT?

- 1 Download the relevant documents and tools from www.bonsucro.com/certification-tools
- 2 Establish an internal team and define which parts of your business you would like to get certified
- 3 Use Bonsucro's metric indicators and perform a gap analysis to understand how your business is operating and see where you will need to make changes
- 4 Establish a roadmap to certification – define what needs to change and how you will close the gaps highlighted in the gap analysis
- 5 Schedule an audit – contact one of Bonsucro's [licensed certification bodies](#) to make an appointment
- 6 Achieve Bonsucro certification and start trading

Bonsucro accredits training providers who offer training on the Bonsucro Standards to organisations wishing to pursue certification. To find out about the latest courses, visit: www.bonsucro.com/training.

To start your certification journey, visit

