Del Monte Foods
Growers of Good®

Our Approach to Materials Management

Efficient sourcing and material management are critical to minimizing Del Monte Foods' environmental footprint and maintaining resilience in our supply chain. Inefficiencies in material use can strain natural resources, contributing to resource scarcity and amplifying environmental challenges. Additionally, reliance on certain packaging materials leaves us vulnerable to fluctuations in market availability and pricing. To address these risks, we prioritize resource conservation and recycling, maximizing the utility of production byproducts such as vegetable trimmings and juice by upcycling them, which reduces waste and enhances operational sustainability.

As part of our operations, we source both renewable and non-renewable materials, and some of these materials carry environmental and social risks. To address these impacts, we are integrating more recycled materials, adopting renewable inputs, and implementing strict policies around high-emission and non-renewable materials within our supply chain.

Policies and Commitments
Our commitment to sustainable material use includes reducing non-renewable materials in packaging and upholding commitments to reduce deforestation that applies across our supply chain. We are also increasing our reliance on recycled content, especially in packaging, to reduce the overall environmental impact.

To minimize our impact, we incorporate recycled materials into our packaging, including post-consumer recycled (PCR) resin in plastics. We also upcycle byproducts from food production, such as vegetable cuts, which are certified through the Upcycled Food Association.

Where materials in our supply chain carry environmental risks, we cooperate with suppliers to reduce non-renewable usage and strengthen sustainable sourcing practices. Our commitment to upcycling allows us to reduce waste and support circular economy principles, enhancing our operational sustainability and contributing positively to resource conservation.

Measuring Effectiveness
We measure the impact of our actions by tracking the percentage of recycled materials in our packaging, the pounds of food diverted from landfill, and emissions reductions achieved by using more recycled inputs. Our metrics include total pounds of upcycled materials, overall emissions reductions, and the stability of our material sourcing. As part of our process, we continue to address challenges in securing sufficient PCR resin and work closely with suppliers to ensure material quality. Packaging integrity testing remains a priority to maintain food safety standards, and we are actively exploring additional opportunities for upcycling.

Community and Industry Engagement

Our double materiality assessment highlighted stakeholder concerns around material use and sourcing. In response to this, we have tailored our material management practices to align with both regulatory standards and consumer expectations, continuously improving our approach to meet sustainability objectives and enhance supply chain resilience. Through ongoing engagement with stakeholders, we refine our material practices, ensuring that our actions are both impactful and transparent.