

Kerry Group



Sustainability Programme
GOLD MEMBER
2020



Since the commissioning of the first dairy and ingredients plant in Listowel, Ireland

in 1972, Kerry has grown to become the industry's leading provider of technology based Taste & Nutrition solutions for the food, beverage and pharmaceutical markets. Its broad technology foundation, customer-centric business model, and industry-leading integrated solutions capability make Kerry the co-creation partner of choice.

Kerry is also an industry-leading manufacturer of chilled food products primarily to the Irish and UK markets. Kerry employs over 26,000 people globally, including over 1,000 food scientists, and its global presence extends across 148 manufacturing facilities in 32 countries.

Spotlight Target Area: Carbon Emissions

Kerry Group's heritage is rooted in sustainable development with a founding vision of creating a more viable future for farmers in South West Ireland. That commitment to economic growth, balanced with broader stakeholder needs is enshrined in their mission statement to this day. The Kerry Group are a founding member of the Origin Green programme.

All Kerry's Origin Green sites are certified under ISO 14001, an internationally recognised environmental management standard. Kerry's Origin Green plan targets ongoing environmental improvements across their 6 major processing facilities in Ireland as part of broader commitments under their Group-wide Beyond the Horizon strategy. This includes a Science Based Target for carbon reduction and an ambition to be Net Zero before 2050.

“ We are really proud of the progress made across our Origin Green sites to date and their contribution to our Gold Member Status. ”

Pat Murphy, CEO Primary Dairy

Exemplary Performance Target Areas

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 8

Raw Material Sourcing	Supplier Certification	★
	Primary Producer Sustainability	
	Packaging	★
	Water	★
Manufacturing Process	Waste	★
	Energy/Emissions	★
	Biodiversity	
	Employee Wellbeing	★
Social Sustainability	Community Engagement	★
	Health & Nutrition	★
	Diversity & Inclusion	

Kerry's Origin Green charter included targets in the following: Supplier Certification, Packaging, Water, Waste, Energy/ Emissions, Employee Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Health & Nutrition.

Exceeding Targets

As part of the Group's new sustainability strategy, Beyond the Horizon, Kerry aims to reach over two billion people with sustainable nutrition solutions by 2030. Kerry will achieve this by continuing to partner with its customers across the globe to create a world of sustainable nutrition.

As a user of electricity, fossil fuels and natural resources their greatest direct influence on climate change is through their use of these resources. As such, the Group set a Target of a 21% reduction in Carbon Intensity (tonnes CO₂ e /tonne finished product) over a 3 year period 2017 – 2019 versus a 2013 baseline.



This target relates to 6 sites Scope 1 (direct from energy generation) and Scope 2 emissions (indirect from purchased electricity and heat) by 2020.

In 2019, Kerry concluded their 3-year Origin Green plan and the Group's Towards 2020 programme with a really strong performance on carbon intensity. They significantly exceeded their stated target of 21%, achieving more than double that goal, with a 45% reduction by year end. Kerry's 2019 emissions data is independently verified by Jacob's in accordance with AA1000 AS.