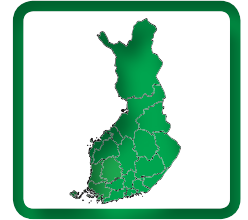


In Finland,

safe food and certified wood are produced for responsible consumers

Clean and safe food with no salmonella bacterium is produced in Finland. Antibiotics are used only for curing sick animals. Domestic animals have enough space and their wellbeing is taken care of. In agri-environmental programs biodiversity is on focus. Production is traceable. Forests are managed sustainably and responsibly, according to the requirements of the PEFC certification.



United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 12 is challenging our consumption and production habits. Agriculture and forestry are regulated by many norms concerning foodstuff, production, environment and nature protection. Production is also regularly controlled. Safety and traceability of foodstuff are secured from fields up to tables. Appreciation of food that is produced in Finland from Finnish raw materials, as well as directing consumption to domestic products, is increasing sustainability of production.



Environmental sustainability of production has been highlighted more vigorously than economical or social sustainability. Strict regulatory bureaucracy exhausts farmers and weakens social

sustainability of production.

Food and wood producers are advised to use methods, in which natural resources are utilized ever more effectively, and emissions are reduced. For instance, fertilizer placement, common here, is in many countries still rare, although it reduces emissions to water and air. Using pesticides is strictly controlled in Finland. Finnish fields are also liked by pollinators. Due to sustainable forestry, our agriculture and forestry are carbon neutral.

By consuming Finnish products we are watery responsible. For instance, potato needs 1/20 of water compared to rice, and we use only 2/5 of water per kilogram of beef, compared to beef produced in South-America.

In Finland, antibiotics are given to domestic animals clearly less per kilogram of livestock body weight than in most European countries (ESVAC 2017 report). Farm animal health care prevents diseases, which also reduces the need of medication. MTK supports farmers in contributing to animal wellbeing.

Environmental sustainability

MTK has drawn up **environmental promises** as a part of responsible agricultural and forestry production.

MTK is a pioneer in working for production ways paying attention to animal wellbeing and in developing farm animal health care.

Economical sustainability

Production must be profitable, so that a farm can invest on sustainability. A responsible consumer verifies the product origin and favors domestic products, and is willing to pay for quality.

Social sustainability

MTK works for contributing to farmers' and forest owners' wellbeing at work. By appreciating the quality of Finnish products, we also appreciate producers.