

## **ADM Statement**

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Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) procures agricultural commodities from around the world. In regions at risk for deforestation and/or human rights violations, we are especially diligent in ensuring our operations meet strict codes of conduct. Contrary to the portrayal in the recent *New York Times* [editorial](#) by Leila Salazar-Lopez, ADM has worked for years to prevent forest loss, while protecting the human rights of people along the supply chain through our No-Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation—or No DPE—Policy. Our goal is to ensure the protection of important natural ecosystems while leveraging our role as a major merchandiser of sustainable crops with a traceable supply chain. Separately, we have a Respect for Human Rights Policy, which protects the human rights of individuals along the agricultural value chain.

Since 2006, we have been a signatory of the Amazon Soy Moratorium, and we are a founding member of the Soy Working Group. As such, we do not source from newly deforested areas in the Amazon published by INPE (the Brazilian National Space Research Institute). Every year, a third-party auditor confirms we are in compliance. Consistent with the October 2018 [statement made by ABIOVE](#)—which has represented companies that process oilseeds and produce meal, vegetable oil and biodiesel in Brazil—we intend to maintain the Amazon Soy Moratorium.

ADM is also a member of the GTC—Grupo de Trabalho do Cerrado, or Cerrado Working Group—a multi-stakeholder initiative aiming to reduce deforestation in the shortest timeframe possible while promoting socio-economic development. Additionally, we are part of the MATOPIBA Coalition, a group of stakeholders organized under the United Nation’s Green Commodities program, working collectively on a landscape approach in the states of Maranhao, Tocantins, Piaui and Bahia. In addition, we are one of the founding members of the Soft Commodities Forum, a global platform convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) for the purpose of advancing collective action around common sustainability challenges.

Just as we are committed to finding innovative, new ways to feed the world’s growing population, we are committed to doing our part to protect the world’s natural resources. We regularly publish progress reports, traceability scores and updates to our action plans online. More information is available on our [Sustainability Progress Tracker](#) on our company’s website, [www.ADM.com](http://www.ADM.com).