Sustainability and M&S Supply Chains

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SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS: WHY DO THEY MATTER TO US?

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Why Now

The gangsters on England’s doorstep

In the bleak flatlands of East Anglia, migrant workers are controlled by criminal gangs, and some are forced to commit crimes to pay off their debts. This is what happened on the doorstep of some of your neighbours.

Climate change rate to turn southern Spain to desert by 2100, report warns

Mediterranean ecosystems will change to a state unprecedented in the past 10,000 years unless temperature rises are held to within 1.5°C, say scientists.

Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Marks & Spencer launch investigations after undercover probe exposes terrible conditions of migrant apple-packers

Focus on quality and brand positioning rather than volume for the moment

South Africa: Extreme drought and heat has left its mark on cherry volumes

Harvesting of the cherries for the Cherry Time brand from OutDoit will start with low volumes this week.

Weather Update: Heavy rain, flooding expected in Western Cape

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Avocado shortage fuels 'black market' crime wave in New Zealand

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Plastic microbeads removed to help protect marine life.

762,000 workers in the M&S clothing and home supply chain trained by M&S since 2010 (116,000 more than 2014/15)

91,000 people helped by M&S Global Community Programme in last 12 months

42% percentage of M&S cotton from sustainable sources

82% percentage of UK & ROI operational waste from M&S stores, warehouses and offices that is recycled in some way

28% percentage of M&S leather sourced from Leather Working Group certified tanneries

99% percentage of wood used in M&S products, packaging and buildings from FSC, recycled or sources that protect forests and communities

24 number of towns and cities that will benefit from a Spark Something Good customer and employee volunteering event over 24 months

Zero carbon emissions from M&S operations for four years in a row

2.7 million number of used and unwanted garments donated to Oxfam by M&S customers through the Shwopping scheme in 2015/16

100% percentage of electricity used to power UK and Ireland stores from renewable sources

2,002 work placements for young people who face barriers to employment in 2015/16
ATTRIBUTES: HOTSPOTS, PROGRESS AND ROADMAPS

Life-cycle stage
- Farmers and producers
- Manufacturing
- Packaging
- Transport
- Consumer
- Health

Current attributes by hotspot:
- 10% packaging reduction
- Home compostable film
- Life extension
- NOT A HOTSPOT
Water

- 1 in 8 Produce suppliers in areas of critical water risk
- 80% suppliers operating in high water stress area
Water savings on Hugh Lowe Farms

The LEAF Sustainable Farming Review allows us to measure how much water we use per kilo of produce. Through measuring our water use we have decided to move quite a lot of our production from grow bags to pots and have invested in a highly skilled irrigation team with the newest irrigation technology.

The lower volume of substrate in the pots and the increased accuracy of application has reduced water usage (litres applied/ha/day) by 50% without reducing berry yield or quality.
Climate

- Asda research – only 5% of their fresh produce will not be affected by climate
  - Need for more water
  - Need to look at Changing varieties that are tolerant to heat, pests, salinity
  - Impacts on nutrients and soil erosion
- 2016 set to be world's hottest year on record
Workers & Human Rights

Empowering responsible supply chains

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M&S MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2015/16

This statement has been published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that Marks & Spencer plc, its parent company, Marks & Spencer Group plc, and its subsidiary companies ('M&S') have taken to prevent modern slavery in its business and supply chains.

Introduction

M&S is committed to conducting our business in an ethical and responsible manner. We are a leading international retailer with over 750 stores and 1,400 partners worldwide. We are proud to be members of Sedex Global Membership and have over 28 programmes, including 31,000 bank accounts opened, 3,000,000 CACs opened, 300,000 audits completed, 100,000 improvements in the supply chain, and 1,000 training workshops delivered.

Our business and supply chains

We believe in the power of partnerships and collaborate with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders to drive positive change in the fashion industry. We aim to improve the conditions of workers in our supply chains by implementing best practices and monitoring compliance with our standards.

Partners and commercial partners

We have a proud record of supporting the UK’s first slavery-free supplier, sourcing sustainable materials like organic cotton, recycled polyester, and wool, and sourcing more than 60% of our cotton from organic sources.

Awards and recognition

We have been recognized for our commitment to ethical supply chain management and sustainability. Our experiences have been widely shared and have helped us to learn and improve our practices.

M&S in the community

We are committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate. We have signed the UNGlobal compact and the Children's Rights Declaration, and have been recognized for our work in providing education, healthcare, and other support to those in need.

Conclusion

We remain committed to our ethical and responsible supply chain practices and will continue to work towards improving conditions for workers in our supply chains.

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How can we work better together to drive sustainable agriculture forward?

1. A compelling business case for farmers
2. Sharing best practice and data to solve these systemic issues together
3. Bringing sustainable farming to life for customers

...Ideas welcome!