

Our environmental commitment

At Sobeys, our sustainability strategy is primarily focused on mitigating our impact on the environment, an approach that complements our financial, community and social initiatives. This strategy goes well beyond merely complying with laws that govern our Company to include many voluntary initiatives. It's our commitment to continuous improvement as we develop corporate and individual behaviours that do not compromise the ability of future generations to prosper on the planet that we all share.

Our sustainability efforts are not separate from our core strategy; they are part of a deliberate process that balances the wellbeing of our business, customers and communities with what we must do to address our environmental impact. Our goal is to integrate sustainability across all areas of our business, focusing particularly on the areas of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and waste reduction.

As we continue to advance sustainability at Sobeys, our approach will continue to evolve. Learning from and leveraging existing initiatives, we will share best practices and evaluate all options to accelerate the adoption of solutions that make sense for our business and the environment, while acting in the best interest of the customers and communities we serve.

Reducing the environmental footprint

Goal: Reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by 15%*

Sobeys is encouraged to report that we achieved a 14.5% reduction compared to our 2008 baseline. Specific work contributing to the improvement included introducing new carbon dioxide-based refrigeration systems that both save energy and reduce greenhouse gas impacts.

Result:

14.5%
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Goal: Reduce waste to landfill by 30%*

Sobeys exceeded the waste diversion targets, improving our performance by 52% at corporate store level and by 36% at our retail support centres compared to our baseline.

Result:

52%
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*by December 31, 2013

Supply chain

Responsible Sourcing

Sobeys continues to work with private label product suppliers to ensure that their raw materials are sourced with consideration for good environmental stewardship and that their operations meet our expectation for social compliance standards. Sobeys continues to work with the global Consumer Goods Forum on deforestation issues related to the palm oil, soy, beef and pulp and paper industries. The responsible sourcing of both wild caught and farmed seafood remains a focus area for the Company.



Animal Welfare

As an associate member of the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) in Canada, we contribute to improving the treatment of agricultural animals in Canada. Recently, this has included making a commitment to source fresh pork products from sows raised through alternative housing practices by the end of 2022. We have also endorsed the veal industry's voluntary action to move to less restrictive housing by 2018 for all calves.



The above summarizes Sobeys Inc.'s progress on key sustainability goals and indicators. For the complete 2013 Sustainability scorecard, please visit www.sobeysustainability.com.