

2.1 HOCHLAND COOPERATES WITH MILK SUPPLIERS

Hochland Polska works with around 400 family dairy farms. The purchasing region comprises provinces – Lubelskie, Podlaskie and Mazowieckie. We buy milk within a radius of approximately 100 km from the Węgrów plant. In addition to those involved in milk analysis and billing, the Milk Supplier Cooperation Department has a group of five coordinators who work with suppliers on a daily basis to improve production by improving milk quality, ensuring appropriate hygiene standards and animal welfare.

Hochland's milk suppliers are implementing solutions that improve energy efficiency, independence and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the economics of the farm by, among other things, installing on-farm wastewater treatment plants, photovoltaics or heat recovery, obtained during cooling process of milk. The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve farm economics. It is also important to Hochland Polska that the welfare of the breeding animals – the dairy cows – is at the highest possible level.



PURPOSE: ANIMAL WELFARE

KPI: 70% OF FARMS IN “LEVEL A” TO 2025

Year 2024 ended with a very good result:

73% of farms meet the criteria for the A (most stringent) cow welfare standard according to the principles developed by Hochland Polska in cooperation with the Polish Milk Chamber, farmers and other milk purchasers.

The Milk Supplier Relations Department focuses on activities to ensure:

- access to feed, water and salt,
- improving the environment in the following areas:

- barn, milking parlour, grazing,
- health care,
- management and care of the herd.

The Company's support for the development of milk production and developed the welfare rules contribute to improving animal welfare on farms supplying milk to Hochland production facilities.