Case Study

Saltå Kvarn

CSR Ready
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Company & Country

Saltå Kvarn, Sweden

Start Up/SME, Employees

SME with 60+ Employees

Category of Industry

Organic Food Company

Website Address

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CSR Strategy

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Saltå Kvarn is an organic food company located in Järna, Sörmland. Ever since its start in 1964, they produce organic products that are processed with great care to preserve taste and nutrients.

Their raw materials come from farms that use natural chemical pesticides or fertilizers in the cultivation, providing healthy soils that in turn provide healthy and flavorful products.

They believe in good food, and that what we eat should taste good, be healthy and contribute to a planet in balance. Therefore, their products are always organic, carefully processed and produced without additives – for the sake of taste, health and the future.

Benefits of CSR

Saltå Kvarn prioritizes four key values: relationships, ecology, health and taste. Saltå Kvarn focuses on long-term relationships with suppliers, customers and consumers. Organic farming is a guiding principle for Saltå Kvarn. The company carbon offsets its shipments with tree planting and avoids additional processing that inhibits the natural nutritional properties of food.

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"I would not talk about sustainability as something separate from our core business. The different aspects of sustainability are so intertwined with everything we do. A successful business, a long-term sustainable business, must in every moment consider its impact"

Johan Ununger, CEO Saltå Kvarn.

DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY CSR INITIATIVES

For a local firm, environmental management and action towards climate are key parts of their CSR.

Carbon Offsetting

The company adopted a carbon offset for the transports and since 2009 all their transports were included in the carbon offset. The method of carbon offsetting is to plant trees to counteract the carbon emissions caused by their transport of products. Additionally, Saltå Kvarn has cut its emissions by moving its transports from truck carriers to railway and boat, contributing to a reduction of emissions by 50%.

Recycling

Saltå Kvarn presents other environmental performances of recycling, use of biofuel and waste reduction. They recycle the chaff from the oat production, which enables them to produce heat energy for the warehouse, bakery, café, kitchen and office, by incinerating them. This leads to waste reduction also.

Investing in Organic Cycle

Agriculture Since its inception in 1964, Saltå Kvarn has purchased grain from biodynamic farms. The basis of the biodynamic farm is the cycle and the high degree of self-sufficiency in feed and manure. They prioritize purchases from farms that live up to the criteria for the ecological cycle farm. These farms receive an additional payment from Saltå Kvarn compared to other organic farms.

Saltå Mill's Toolbox For the Future

The toolbox is designed with clear criteria that will facilitate and support grain growers who strive to run their farm as a regenerative ecological cycle farming. Basic criteria apply to all cereal growers. Additional criteria that show how far the farm has come in its conversion and that is defined for three different levels: Ongoing, balanced and Spearhead. In addition, there are currently 34 flexible measures to choose from, with a focus on promoting biological diversity in the agricultural landscape.

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