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Together we make life better

Valio will be a part of the solution to global challenges of sustainability.

We at Valio produce healthy food to fuel everyday life, and we bring people together. In doing so, we create jobs for thousands. Food production is based on the resources nature gives us. We are aware of our environmental and climate impacts, and it is our responsibility to reduce them. At the same time, we are determined to improve animal welfare. We are part of the solution to sustainability challenges. Here we present some of our work.

Towards carbon-neutral dairy 2035

Our goal is to cut milk's carbon footprint in Finland to zero by 2035. The focus of our work is on reducing emissions, not offsetting them. Carbon-neutral milk means that at least the same amount of emissions is reduced and removed from the atmosphere as is generated on the dairy farm, in transportation, at the plant, in the manufacturing of packaging, and elsewhere along milk's journey.

We will move towards our 2035 goal along three routes in particular: We bind more carbon dioxide into grass fields than now, we

use manure to produce biogas, which is a replacement for fossil fuels in transportation, and we reduce emissions from peatlands drained from wetlands. Towards the end of the chain, the climate impacts are reduced through energy-efficiency improvements at plants, optimised transport routes, eco-friendly packaging, and reduced waste in production, at the store and in the consumer's home.

Improving animal welfare

We are proud of the work done over the years at dairy farms to improve animal welfare. In 2019, about 95 percent of the milk was from farms that receive a sustainability bonus. Preventive animal healthcare, like regular healthcare visits by a veterinarian, is one of the prerequisites for the bonus. By the end of 2020, all dairy farms must commit to the sustainability bonus requirements.

Responsible sourcing and food safety

The three most important areas of responsible sourcing are food safety, social responsi-

bility, and environmental responsibility. We verify the quality, safety and origin of all the raw materials and packaging materials we source. Also our suppliers and subcontractors have committed to our responsible way of operating.

Nutrition agreements on sugar and salt

The aim of the Finnish Government's Nutrition Committee's Nutrition Agreement Model is to encourage food service operators to promote high nutritional quality in diets. The three agreements we have signed are to help people reduce their salt and sugar use, as well as to make lower-salt recipe choices.

- Reducing salt with the minerals in milk: Valio ValSa® milk salt replacing regular salt in cheeses and spreads
- Adding the amount of salt to all Valio's own recipes at Valio.fi (completed, almost 5 000 recipes)
- During 2015–2020, we will double the number of products that are unflavoured, sugar-free, and with 20 to 50% less sugar than before ●