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Introduction

At BASF Agricultural Solutions, sustainability is a long-standing commitment built on over two decades of expertise. In 2020, we formalized this commitment through four clear sustainability goals aimed at supporting farmers in their transition to a more sustainable future for agriculture. Today, BASF Agricultural Solutions continues to serve as a trusted partner to farmers by delivering science-based, data-driven solutions across all key areas of our business. Our diverse portfolio supports farmers while unlocking new opportunities for growth. We remain committed to advancing sustainability while making measurable progress toward our 2030 sustainability targets. As a leader in agriculture, our sustainability commitments are clear and focused across four key areas. We advance climate-smart farming by supporting farmers in becoming more carbon efficient and resilient to changing weather conditions. Through sustainable solutions, we are systematically increasing the share of offerings that meet defined sustainability criteria. Our digital farming commitment enhances resource efficiency with data-driven technologies, while smart stewardship ensures the safe and responsible use of our products, we are striving for zero farming incidents that impact human health and the environment. Strong partnerships underpin each of these efforts, reinforcing our collective progress toward a more sustainable agricultural future.

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Agricultural Production	Environmental	***Objective 3***: A climate neutral food chain in Europe by 2050	We support farmers to become more carbon efficient and resilient to volatile weather conditions We have set ourselves a target of **30% reduction in greenhouse gas (CO_2, N_2O, CH_4)** emissions per ton of crop produced **by 2030** in wheat, soy, rice, canola and corn compared with standard farming approaches.	As a critical step to reach our climate-smart agriculture target, we initiated a **Global Carbon Field Trial Program** to continue identifying practices that support farming to become more carbon efficient and resilient. For the crops defined in the target, field trials were established to demonstrate combinations of sustainable practices, innovative products, and digital solutions that reduce emissions and/or increase yield compared to standard practices. In our recent report we have demonstrated that **30% reduction** in greenhouse gas intensity in farming is possible. Reaching this target* varied by crop and region and required tailored climate-smart approaches. Through our **Global Carbon Farming Program**, we're implementing projects around the world, bringing together farmers, value chain partners, and internationally recognized certifiers to decarbonize agricultural value chains and drive a long-term sustainable future for agriculture and society. Recently, in close partnership with the malting company Boortmalt, we generated the **first Verified Impact Units (VIUs**) in Europe. As a result, a	Regarding our **Global Carbon Farming Program**, we take our field insights as an additional component of our **new sustainability business models** that reward farmers for their carbon efficiency efforts. Through global partnerships we're supporting farmers access carbon markets, adopt climate-smart agricultural practices, and generate verified climate impacts. Our active projects globally: • CO2e optimized barley in collaboration with Boortmalt in Ireland • Insetting project with Simpsons Malt in the UK Climate Partner Agriculture "KlimaPartner • Landwirtschaft" collaboration with RWZ Raiffeisen in Germany • Biofuel Carbon Intensity Project in US • Carbon Offsetting pilot in collaboration with Cérèsia • NEWGREEN rice insetting project, Japan More information on the Global Carbon Farming Program

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				reduction of 2.3 tons of CO_2 savings per hectare was achieved and emissions were reduced by nearly 90% per hectare, bringing barley production significantly closer to net zero. We look at **Climate-Smart Agriculture** holistically, beyond carbon efficiency: soil health and biodiversity protection to best foster resilience in agriculture. We **are pursuing open dialogue with agri-food system stakeholders** to share knowledge and increase capacity building and scale-up on both topics. So far, we have joined the **United Nations Food Systems Summit's (UN FSS**) and the **Zero Hunger Pledg**e, the **Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH**) and the **Global Soil Health Program**, as well as multiple **World Business Council on Sustainable Development** (WBCSD) working groups. We additionally engage in international business initiatives, such as SBCOP30. We are member of International Soil Carbon Industry Association (ISCIA)	More information on the Europe´s first Verified Impact Units: Joint News Release: Journey towards net-zero barley production: BASF and Boortmalt produce first Verified Impact Units in Europe More information on our Global Carbon Field Trial Program: Carbon Field Trial Program | BASF Agricultural Solutions Global More information on our recent Global Carbon Field Trial Report: BASF_Global-Carbon-Field-Trials-Report_2024--1-.pdf More information on digital farming solutions supporting our climate smart farming approach and the (also relevant for Objective 4). More information on our new collaboration project with RWZ on a pilot farm in Germany to demonstrate the Climate Smart Farming approach Partnership agreement signed with IRRI for rice to reduce (GHG) emissions from rice production.

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Agricultural Production	Environmental	***Objective 4***: An optimized circular and resource efficient food chain in Europe	We aim to bring digital technologies to more than 400 million hectares of farmland globally and cumulatively by 2030.	**Around 24 million** hectares are managed globally with xarvio® FIELD MANAGER and xarvio® HEALTHY FIELDS. We have **cumulatively covered 95m** ha as of mid-2025. We are continuously implementing the Digital Farming sustainability concept and corresponding initiatives. Our priority is to extend our Go-to-Market partner network. Our partners range from, Input Dealers, Machine Manufacturers, Agronomic Advisors, Farm Management Systems, and Food Chain. We provide Decision Support Systems (e.g., Agrigenius Vite for wine grapes) and sustainability assessment solutions for specialty crops (currently with a focus on Mediterranean countries). **The coverage of this initiative was 300kha in 2023**	Technologies such as **smart sprayers and drones** will complement and further enhance the benefits of Decision Support Systems (DSSs) such as xarvio® FIELD MANAGER. **With digital farming, farmers can achieve the same or more yield, while reducing environmental impact**. **Regulations on smart farming usage in agriculture and on more sustainable farming practices could increase the slow uptake of available digital products**.

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Agricultural Production	Environmental, Social & Governance	***Objective 5***: Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all	*Point 1* We will annually increase sales share of solutions with substantial sustainability contribution by 7%. *Point 2* We will ensure safe use of our agricultural solutions products with right stewardship.	*Point 1:* We have exceeded our target of a 7 percent increase in our share of sustainable solutions with substantial sustainability contribution. We have successfully assessed and integrated the acquired Seeds & Traits and Vegetable Seeds portfolios into our sustainability criteria. We will continue along the same lines, ensuring our target is also met in the upcoming years and gradually moving our portfolio towards more Sustainable Solutions. *Point 2:* We are bringing to the market a range of tools to progress towards our target of striving for zero incidents related to use of our products--examples range from Pollinator Protection and Water Stewardship tools to the Kilimo SMS app to reach remotely located smallholders in Eastern African countries. More are in the pipeline.	*Point 1:* We are revising our method and target for managing our product portfolio. **In the future, the focus of our product portfolio will be even more strongly on climate protection, climate neutrality and the circular economy**. We updated our product portfolio steering methodology and our target over the course of 2022/ 2023. Our **Brazilian cooperation project with Solidaridad and Soy farmers** specifically boosts the economic growth using nature based solutions BASF and Solidaridad team up to empower Brazilian farmers to foster biodiversity

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				We are rolling out context-specific high-tech solutions, such as the easyconnect® Closed Transfer System in Europe and drone technology in LATAM and Southeastern Asia. We are also building on established elements of our product stewardship with innovative approaches to enhance effectiveness and scale up: the Global Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Initiative is an example of this. Global PPE initiative now expanding to Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, South Africa, Turkey and further Asian countries. Another is the Mobile Agricultural Clinic concept, which we have now implemented successfully in Egypt and Algeria for multiple seasons.	

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Agricultural Production	Environmental, Social & Governance	**Objective 6:** Sustainable value creation in the European food supply chain through partnership	We continuously engage with partners along the food value chain striving towards a sustainable food system.	*See additional information for examples.*	Joint News Release: Journey towards net-zero barley production: BASF and Boortmalt produce first Verified Impact Units in Europet BASF Agricultural Solutions' value chain project for sustainable, traceable cotton enabled by blockchain technology: Riso Chiaro blockchain pilot with Italian rice farms: BASF Vegetable Seeds was awarded in the Livelihoods category of India's CSR Impact Awards for its collaboration with CInI on climate smart farming for smallholders BASF has developed a successful project together with the GIZ and a number of agricultural value chain players to foster protection of the monarch butterfly in Mexico. The following page provides various examples of our engagement with smallholder farmer communities around the world. Benchmarking by the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA) on transformative steps towards a sustainable and resilient ag & food system. The latest report was released in 2023 where **BASF outperformed** many of its peers, ranking **9th out of 44** in the **agricultural input** and 18th out of 144 in the agricultural products and commodities segments.