



B Lab Statement on Fazenda da Toca Orgânicos' B Corp Certification

B Lab's independent Standards Advisory Council has rendered the following decision and guidance regarding eligibility for B Corp Certification for agribusiness producers in Brazil:

Companies in the Brazilian agribusiness production industry operating in the Amazon, Cerrado & Atlantic forest biomes¹ are eligible for B Corp Certification as long as they meet the following requirements:

1. **Deforestation:** *Company is compliant with the Brazilian Forest Code (CAR, APP, RL & PRA requirements) including but not limited to no illegal deforestation since July 2008, as stipulated in the Forest Code. Further, the company has a formalized no-conversion policy for natural ecosystems for their own operations and future plans mentioning a cut-off date of Jan 1, 2020² (or before).*
2. **Land conflicts:** *The company complies with all pertinent Brazilian legislation including not operating on lands designated as protected areas or indigenous areas. The company has adequate and formalized policies and processes to uphold the rights of historic land owners and avoid land disputes. This could include a formal commitment to respecting land rights of indigenous peoples and practices such as identification and assessment of protected areas, indigenous lands and other areas of natural and cultural significance in the company's vicinity, dialogue and engagement with communities, grievance mechanisms for community members as well as evidence of having resolved any disputes in the past.*
3. **Additional Requirements Specifically for Cattle Ranches:** *Companies have formalized policies and processes in place to at least pursue the mitigation of risks of deforestation/land conversion, land encroachment and conflicts, and forced labor for feed and livestock suppliers along with ongoing monitoring. This could include practices such as supplier screening based on location, documentation and G4 agreement criteria, supply chain mapping, supplier code of conduct, audits for verification, geospatial monitoring, etc. for at least significant direct suppliers that are producers and potentially for indirect suppliers.*

Companies meeting the above requirements will be required to make transparent their practices on the above topics on their B Corp profile, as well as other relevant practices

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https://data.globalforestwatch.org/datasets/54ec099791644be4b273d9d8a853d452_4?geometry=-173.406%2C-41.791%2C64.602%2C15.259

² To meet this requirement, a company cannot have converted land after January 1st 2020 and needs to have a formal no-conversion policy that states that no-conversion is permitted at least from January 1st 2020, even if the policy is instituted retroactively.



including their management of labor rights (which, while material to the industry, is covered through the standard certification requirements and thus not called out separately above). Companies will also undergo a background check to independently affirm that there are no flags regarding the above topics, including a review of any recent and significant land acquisition, deforestation and land conversion practices in the last few years.

*Companies having certifications such as the RTRS, RFA, FSC, RSPO that cover their **entire** production will be meeting the above requirements. These requirements apply to agribusiness producers and exclude natural forest management companies, for whom a separate process may be required in the absence of FSC certification.*

Fazenda da Toca Orgânicos is required to disclose a summary of its practices in the above mentioned areas as a part of its B Corp Certification. For more information on the review process, please refer to B Lab's position statement on Agribusiness Producers in Brazil and B Corp Certification [here](#).

Summary of company

Fazenda da Toca Orgânicas is an agricultural production company in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, with farms located in the Cerrado region. The company operates about 2,300 hectares of land in total. Although their main product is chicken eggs, they also produce whole grains.

In 2022, the company consumed 4.16 thousand tons of organic corn and 1.5 thousand tons of organic soybeans, thus avoiding the dumping of more than 13.7 thousand liters of pesticides into the environment. 80% of the corn consumed by Toca was produced by Rizoma Agro (also belonging to the Toca Farm Group, whose production systems, in addition to being organic, are regenerative). In other words, they are not only free of agrochemicals, but also conducted through a series of techniques and management that sequester carbon, promote biodiversity and favor water retention.

Fazenda da Toca's egg cartons are made of molded pulp, a 100% biodegradable and recyclable material. Through a partnership with Eureciclo, which specializes in solid waste management, the company ensures the recycling of the entire mass equivalent to egg cases. In 2022, the company generated 207.9 tons of packaging.

Fazenda da Toca Orgânicos' Policies and Practices

Fazenda da Toca Orgânicos complies with local and national legislation and follows the Forest Code and has never received fines for non-compliance with IBAMA (Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Resources). They hold a validated CAR license for all of their farms and annually renew other regulatory licenses such as the APF, ADA (IBAMA), ITR (tax compliance), and INCRA (land registry). Between 25% to



35% of the lands of Fazenda da Toca are protected, divided between Permanent Preservation Areas and legal reserves.

Fazenda da Toca Orgânicos has a variety of sustainable certifications for the products it produces. All its products are [Orgânico Brasil certified by IBD](#). This certification verifies if the company is compliant with the Brazilian Forest Code and all other pertinent legal requirements, including not operating on lands designated as protected areas of indigenous areas.

Their eggs are [Humane Certified by Humane Farm Animal Care \(HFAC\)](#). The grains (corn, soybeans) used in the production for the manufacture of poultry feed are also [certified organic](#).

Deforestation

Toca Organic Farm has an environmental protection policy that defines the company's overall approach to environmental management and the specific sustainable practices followed.

Within its Commitment to Deforestation- and Conversion-Free Soy, the company affirmed its overall commitment to the non-conversion of native ecosystems. The company has the commitment to ensure its entire soy supply chain is aligned with their deforestation and land conversion-free until 2025. The cut-off date considered in this commitment for applicable non-conversion policy applicable to its suppliers is of 2008 for suppliers based in the Amazon region and 2020 for those in Cerrado. Fazenda da Toca claims to apply the same policy for their own land acquisitions and leases. The company does not have a formal policy stating that.

Fazenda da Toca was already a B Corp by the time B Lab Global published its [Risk Standards for Agribusiness Producers in Brazil](#). In order to keep its status as a B Corp, Fazenda da Toca has until its next recertification to meet this requirement by developing an internal policy that is in alignment with B Lab's requirements for Agribusiness Producers in Brazil.

Land Conflicts

The lands of Fazenda da Toca are located about 150km away from the Aribá indigenous area, located in Avaí/SP, and 10km from the Itirapina Ecological Station. The company complies with all relevant Brazilian legislation, including non-operation on lands designated as protected areas or indigenous areas, and is committed to doing so. The company has had no land disputes with neighboring communities.

The company currently does not have policies and processes to uphold the rights of historic landowners and avoid land disputes. Fazenda da Toca was already a B Corp by the time B Lab Global published its [Risk Standards for Agribusiness Producers in Brazil](#).



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Management of Labor Rights

The company does not employ any temporary workers and follows labor laws for its full-time workers. They also carry out actions to improve the professional lives of their employees, such as health and safety consulting, training, and the provision of courses, and health and dental care plans. They have an employee labor policy, a salary policy, and a company Code of Conduct that outlines the rules and regulations that must be adhered to, as well as details of a grievance mechanism for reporting any corrupt practices.