



## **Silver medal: Hochwald Group achieves an above-average score in the EcoVadis sustainability rating**

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Hochwald was audited by EcoVadis and awarded the silver medal for its sustainability efforts in the areas of environment, occupational safety & human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. The cooperative dairy scored above average across all fields and is in the top 25% of companies receiving an EcoVadis rating overall.

This award underlines the importance of sustainability along the entire value chain – from farmer to consumer – and demonstrates further progress in sustainability management. The award testifies to the Hochwald Group's efforts to continuously improve all processes against the backdrop of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and to ambitiously commit to creating a transparent as well as ecologically and socially sustainable supply chain.

"The award is an important milestone for us. As part of the agricultural economy, the dairy industry – like many other sectors – is facing considerable challenges due to climate change. In 2017, Hochwald had already embarked on its own sustainability strategy and also initiated and implemented many measures, particularly in the field of raw material production," explains Detlef Latka, CEO of Hochwald Foods GmbH.

Since sustainable business practices can be multifaceted, EcoVadis has defined four core topics to be examined in its extensive analysis of companies: Environment (work processes and products), labour and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. These four dimensions assess, for example, energy demand and emissions, or the reuse of products until the end of their useful life. Other areas of focus include the protection of employees and their working conditions, compliance with anti-corruption regulations and the other partners along the value chain.

### *About Hochwald Foods GmbH:*

*Hochwald Foods GmbH is based in Thalfang, Rhineland-Palatinate. Its production facilities in Germany and the Netherlands cover the entire spectrum of dairy products. Hochwald owns well-known brands such as Bärenmarke, Lünebest, Glücksklee, Elinas and Hochwald, as well as trademarks and international brands such as Bonny. [www.hochwald.de](http://www.hochwald.de)*

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