

## Sustainable Agriculture & Biodiversity

As a food retailer that generates 77% of its turnover from the sale of farmed products, Migros considers ensuring uninterrupted food production and sustainably protecting biodiversity in agricultural production to be high-priority issues for the company. Drawing on both global knowledge and local expertise, Migros explores ways and takes action to protect natural habitats, combat deforestation, and reduce risks to biodiversity. The company gives the utmost attention to these issues when setting new stores and complies fully with all pertinent laws and regulations when applying for permits and licenses. Migros continuously strives to comply fully with all the

environmental principles set out in the **United Nations Environment Program's Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP)**.

Migros has adopted and published a **Biodiversity Policy**. Under this policy, the company commits itself to working with producers to support regenerative, organic, and good agricultural practices and to minimizing direct threats to biodiversity. 31% of the fresh produce that Migros procured in 2024 organic-farming, regenerative-farming, and/or GAP certifications attesting to its sustainability. The company aims to increase this percentage to 50% by 2030.

### Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - Vegetative Production

The Türkiye Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has published a set of regulations concerning Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) principles and procedures. Migros was the country's first food retailer to offer consumers food products conforming to those regulations. For agricultural products to qualify for GAP certification, those who cultivate or produce them must have the products audited and verified compliant with mandatory production, analysis, and traceability requirements. GAP certification requires a fully-controlled and end-to-end traceable production model that records and verifies all stages of agricultural production, handling, processing, storage, and distribution as well as each stage's impact on human and environmental health. For farmed crops, a fertilizer regimen is determined on the basis of soil analyses and measures are taken to ensure that fertilizers are applied at the right time and in optimal amounts. This approach helps to prevent the overuse of fertilizers, which can impair soil structure and quality.

Migros has been promoting GAP awareness and adoption among farmers since 2010. The company offers shoppers a range of fresh produce conforming to 327 GAP criteria. Over the last 14 years Migros has procured a total of 1.7 tons of GAP-certified produce. In 2024, Migros continued its efforts to expand GAP production, working with 262 suppliers and stocking its shelves and bins with 107 GAP-certified fruit and vegetable products. In 2024, the company's tonnage-based GAP-certified

fresh-produce procurements were up by the 10% target set for the year. Migros is aiming to increase its GAP-certified fresh-produce procurements by another 10% in 2025.

### Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - Animal Production

Migros has been offering its customers chicken and turkey meat products that are certified compliant with 316 GAP criteria governing livestock production since 2013. Working with producers who have been awarded GAP certification contributes not only to Migros' process sustainability but also to the wellbeing of farmed livestock. This is because GAP principles are intended to ensure the health and welfare of livestock raised for food as well as the complete traceability of every stage of production. During 2024 Migros procured close to 40 thousand tons of GAP-certified chicken and turkey meat.

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### Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - Aquaculture

Migros launched its Good Fish Project in 2022 to ensure the sustainability and traceability of seafood production processes. Under this project, the company encourages producers of farmed fish to apply and qualify for GAP certification. Only those whose operations and products conform to 193 criteria mandated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry are awarded GAP certification.

Migros has set itself the goal of selling only sustainability-certified (GAP, Global GAP, IFS etc.) farmed fresh seabream and seabass in its stores by end-2030. As of end-2024, this percentage was 30%.

### Practices to Protect Bees

During 2024, Migros gave great importance to projects and activities aimed at protecting bees and making beekeeping more sustainable. Ministry of National Education-certified beekeeping courses are conducted by Migros Family Clubs in partnership with Public Education Centers and County Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Offices. Since their inception, 924 people have attended and successfully completed these courses. Course content focuses not only on proper beekeeping methods but also on good agricultural practices and the critical ecological importance of bees. In 2024, 145 newly-certified beekeepers were given a beekeeping starter's kit and guidance support. Since 2022, Migros has reached more than 6 thousand people through 282 activities that it has undertaken to make people aware of the vital importance of bees to ecological balances. These

activities go beyond training. On the occasion of 20 May World Bee Day observances, Migros partners with commercial honey brands in the conduct of seminars, promotional events, and activities at its headquarters; discounts and special Money Club deals are offered on honey products sold in Migros stores; videos are published on MigrosTV to increase people's awareness of the importance of bees as well as the healthful benefits of honey.

### Regenerative Agriculture Practices

Regenerative agriculture refers to a set of farming practices that aim to restore soil organic matter and revitalize biodiversity, thereby contributing to reversing climate change. Aware of the positive impacts of regenerative agriculture on biodiversity and ecosystems, Migros has worked to promote adopting these practices. Partnering with academic consultants, Migros has developed the Regenerative Agriculture Certification Criteria and made them available to farmers after receiving approval from the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE). These criteria provide farmers with a framework aimed at maintaining long-term soil fertility and enhancing carbon sequestration capacity. Within this scope, projects launched in various regions incorporate innovative methods such as intercropping to improve soil productivity, increase organic matter content, and enhance the soil's capacity to capture and store carbon.

### Leeks Project

Migros has initiated a three-year regenerative agriculture project with a farmer that grows leeks in İzmir's Torbalı township. Under this project, researchers are looking to determine if sowing

broccoli along with leeks in the same field can make the soil more fertile and enhance its carbon capture and storage capacity. As part of the project, broccoli is being interplanted among the leeks to enhance soil nutrient levels and carbon retention. Data collected from this project will enable researchers to determine how soil fertility changes over time and also how the method affects productivity, crop quality, and ecological wellbeing.

### Green Lentils Project

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Green lentils are sown as an alternative rotation crop in fields used for sugar beet cultivation. Besides improving soil health and fertility, this method also promotes biodiversity while also increasing local green lentil production. After harvest, the lentils are sold as a Migros private-label product to customers in stores all over the country. Growing green lentils as an intercrop is also being tested as a possible regenerative agriculture method under this project.

Through projects like these, Migros demonstrates the feasibility of cultivation models that increase productivity and generate sustainable earnings for farmers while also protecting natural ecosystems.

### Local Sesame, Local Production Project

In 2024, Migros launched the Local Sesame, Local Production project with the aim of strengthening the local agricultural economy and promoting sustainable farming practices. Under this project, a network of farmers (90% of whom are women) in the Çukurova region of southeastern Türkiye have begun growing sesame again under contract with a Migros guarantee to purchase their harvests. Project participants are also being provided with training and technical support addressing pre-cultivation, harvesting, and drying processes and issues. In addition to locally grown sesame, tahini and halva products made from local sesame have also been made available for sale in Migros stores.

### Tastes of Anatolia (Anadolu Lezzetleri) Project

“Tastes of Anatolia (Anadolu Lezzetleri)” is the name of a project that Migros is carrying out both to protect biodiversity and to support local cultural heritages. Under this project, Migros identifies endangered heirloom cultivars all over Türkiye and ensures that they get passed on to future generations. In 2024, 51 unique “Tastes of Anatolia (Anadolu Lezzetleri)” branded products were procured in 25 localities across every region of the country and offered for sale in about 450 Migros stores. In order to preserve Anatolia's rich agricultural heritage, Migros continues to support local producers and encourage the transformation of seeds into products that are distinguished by their local and cultural characteristics.

### Combating Deforestation

Migros has identified combating deforestation as a key priority within its 2024 environmental objectives. In this context, the company supports afforestation projects and engages in collaborations that contribute to the preservation of existing forest areas.

In 2024, Migros worked with the Aegean Forest Foundation in support of its reforestation projects. Olives grown by the foundation are sold in Migros stores, with proceeds from the sales donated to pay for the planting of new trees. To date, Migros has contributed towards the planting of more than 600 thousand trees in various ways while also supporting efforts to rehabilitate and expand forested areas in different parts of the country. Partnering with Migros Wholesale customers, the company has

supported the scattering of 8,450 seed bombs in projects aimed at dispersing seeds directly into the natural environment. Thanks to the reforestation and afforestation projects that it undertakes and to the collaborations that it enters into with others to combat deforestation, Migros not only contributes to carbon emissions reduction but also to ecological system sustainability and integrity.

### Practices to Reduce Paper Use

Migros helps combat deforestation by reducing paper waste and increasing its use of sustainability-certified materials; paper waste that is generated is sent for recycling. In line with this:

- Migros reduced paper consumption in stores by 1,324 tons in 2024. It achieved this by digitizing operational processes; by retaining store copies of cash register receipts only in electronic format; by using electronic tags and labels; by digitalizing the issuance and display of online shopping delivery forms, information slips, and invoices; by processing Migros Money loyalty card applications through its [www.money.com.tr](http://www.money.com.tr) website.
- Of the paper that had to be used for operational reasons such purposes as labels, letterhead, business cards, cardboard boxes, and cash register rolls, 1,190 tons were certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) as having been sourced from forests that are sustainably-managed for industrial use.
- Migros prevented the harvesting of 420,114 trees by collecting and recycling paper, cardboard, and wood waste generated in the conduct of its operations.