

The Lakes

Free Range Egg Co

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The Lakes Free Range Egg Company Ltd. – Sustainable Soy Progress Report 2026

The Lakes Free Range Egg Company (The Lakes) are proud signatories of The UK Soy Manifesto. This means we committed to achieve 100% deforestation and conversion free* (DCF) soy within our supply chain by the end of 2025 (based on a cut-off date of 2020). Our commitment is further outlined in our [Sustainable Soy Sourcing Policy available here](#).

As part of this commitment, we annually report our progress for The Lakes as a whole operation. All of the soy in our supply chain is embedded in poultry feed that is consumed at farm-level and therefore all of The Lakes soy usage is indirect.

In 2025 our upstream supply chain utilised an approximate total of 7,330 tonnes of soy product embedded within laying poultry feed. The origin of this soy varied between United States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, with a small amount from other origins. All of our soy usage was covered by one of the following certifications: CRS, RTRS, SFAP, PRO-S, ARS v4.0, or was from an area of low-risk origin. Areas of low-risk origin are as per the European Commission's Country Classification List and include countries such as Canada, North America, and China. We purchased our soy from areas of low risk of deforestation and conversion on mass balance, transitioning to a segregated supply chain within the reporting year.

By the end of 2025 we planned to transition so 100% of our soy is sourced from areas of low-risk origin through a segregated supply chain which will ensure our soy usage is free from both illegal and legal deforestation and land conversion. This is segregated throughout shipment, storage, transport, and milling to ensure our soy is never mixed with non-DCF product. The majority of our soy transitioned from mass-balance to segregated supply in July 2025 with less than a fifth of farms remaining to convert, barriers include various geopolitical issues and uncertainties.

Our soy consumption has been reduced from previous years as The Lakes have worked directly with feed suppliers, who supply our producer farms, to reduce the content of soy within our poultry rations by 58% over the last several years. Plans are in place to continue these diet changes where feasible. We are also employing different breeds of hens within our producer base that are much more efficient at converting feed. Reducing the amount of feed embedded within each egg has enabled us to maintain an absolute soy reduction year on year irrespective of an expanding producer base.

* Including both legal and illegal deforestation and land conversion. Our definitions are aligned with the Accountability Framework Initiative which can be found here: <https://accountability-framework.org/issues/deforestation-and-conversion/>