Sustainability

We have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land with an eye on the long-term health of our ecosystem. Our industry is directly reliant on the land and weather. If nothing else, it’s certainly smart business to pay attention to how we interact with the environment.

Select Harvest USA has outlined four key sustainability goals we are pursuing with a target of full implementation by 2026.

1. Achieving zero waste in our orchards
2. Further reducing water used to grow almonds
3. Increase adoption of environmentally friendly pest management tools
4. Improving air quality during the almond harvest
5. Further reduction in non-renewable fuel/energy consumption

No consequential sustainability program happens overnight. It requires a long-term investment in knowledge, infrastructure and best practices. But these are investments we all must make to remain relevant in the marketplace as there are real consequences. Without belaboring the widr-ranging positive impacts a successful sustainability program can have on a business, it is worth noting that the California Almond Board is active in researching, improving and developing guidelines and best practices in each of the aforementioned sustainability areas. They have also shown that not only do their recommendations have a positive impact on the environment, but have a positive impact on growers’ bottom line.

The ABC’s [CASP](https://www.almonds.com/almond-industry/sustainability-program) program is a great place to start for those interested in building a sustainability program that works within their own business parameters. The program outlines many best practices and provides strategies for implementation. The Almond Board also regularly offer grants and financial support to growers looking to invest in long-term cost saving sustainability practices and can be a valuable partner in identifying key initiatives. We encourage all our grower partners to review the CASP program for opportunities for implementation in your own farming practices knowing you’re investing in the long-term stability of your business and our industry. No step is too small whether you have a mature sustainability plan or are looking to craft a new one. Further questions can be directed toward the Almond Board or you can reach out at info@selectharvestusa.com