UTZ HAZELNUT PROGRAM

UTZ is the first independent, third party sustainability label working in the hazelnut sector. The UTZ hazelnut program brings together a strong coalition of over 100 members worldwide to increase the sustainability of the hazelnut sector.

WHY HAZELNUTS?

Low productivity is a problem for many hazelnut farmers and this is a sector that has been associated with child labor and poor conditions for migrant workers. In parallel, we focus on the prevention and elimination of child labor on UTZ certified farms. Child labor is a complex problem that we cannot tackle on our own. We are working with other local and international organizations, finding ways to collaborate and complement our program. More info can be found in the program overview (also available in Turkish).

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

We are working with many of the major supply chain actors and producers in the hazelnut sector. Over 150 hazelnut products have an UTZ logo on their package and 6,549 farmers appreciate the focus on good practices connected to 80% of the largest exporters.

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https://utz.org/what-we-offer/sector-change/child-labor/
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WORLD WIDE PROGRAM

Turkey produces three quarters of the world’s hazelnuts. Therefore, our efforts and commitment are focused on the countries around the Black Sea. Nevertheless, to truly enable sector change, the Hazelnut Program has opened up to other countries as well.

MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES AT WORLDWIDE LEVEL (IN SHELL)

OUTLOOK

Certified hazelnuts are here to stay, also in the merged UTZ – Rainforest Alliance organization.

We look forward to increasing the demand for sustainable hazelnuts and scaling up the program in the field, reaching out to more farmers in the years to come from countries all over the world.

JOIN THE PROGRAM

All producers, farmer or farmer groups that want to sell UTZ Certified hazelnuts can become a member. Find out how & what you can expect in only three steps on https://utz.org/join-utz/.

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