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## CLIMATE PLAN 2035

# AGRIAL, THE FIRST FRENCH CO-OPERATIVE TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE SBTi

The international organisation Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi) has just certified Agrial's Climate Plan 2035. By committing to halving its direct greenhouse gas emissions and reducing its total carbon footprint by 35% by 2035, Agrial has become the first French co-operative to be certified "well below 2°" by this organization promoted in particular by the UN and the NGO WWF. This global benchmark certification demonstrates that Agrial's commitments help to limit the rise in the global temperature to less than 2°C, in line with the Paris Accord.

Agrial's Climate Plan is the result of reflections initiated many years ago and aims to reduce its environmental impact throughout its value chain, from the farm to the finished products and taking in processing and transportation. At the end of 2021, Agrial submitted its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to the SBTi, based on four levers: energy, packaging and waste, transport and upstream.

This SBTi certification is a guarantee that Agrial's Climate Plan is serious and credible. SBTi is an international organization that provides an independent framework for companies and validates their goals in line with the latest advances in climate science. It bases this validation on the relevance of these companies' environmental policies, diagnoses and projects to combat climate change.

The initiative is the result of collaboration between the United Nations (UN), the World Resources Institute (WRI), the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and the NGO WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). This certification places the Co-operative among the leaders in deploying concrete and efficient mechanisms to combat climate change. Agrial thus joins the circle of large global agri-food companies already certified: Ferrero, Nestlé, Mondelez, Carrefour, Arla, McCain...



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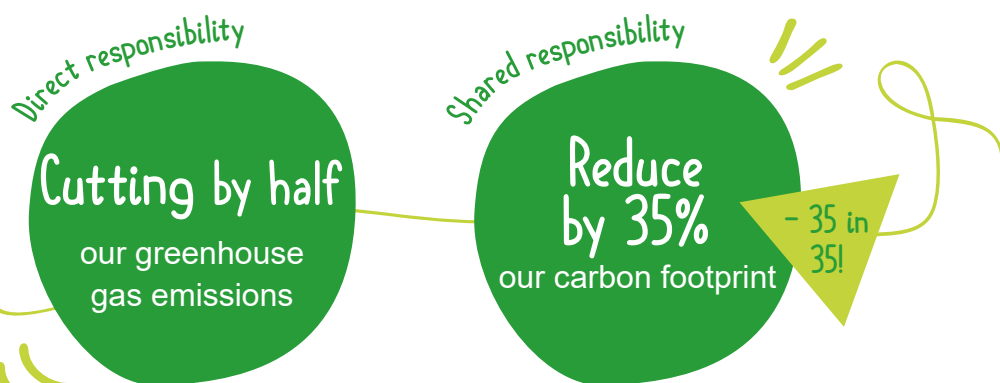
## AGRIAL'S AMBITION FOR THE CLIMATE THE 2035 TRAJECTORY

**Because farmers work the land and have always been dependent on the weather, the need to fight against climate change is obvious to our Co-operative and its farmer-members. And it is the only sector capable of storing carbon, agriculture is a big part of the solution. Preserving the climate does not mean less French agriculture, on the contrary.**

Agrial has therefore made the fight against climate change the cornerstone of its sustainable development approach. Drafted in 2021 and publicly presented to the General Meeting of 20 May 2022, Agrial's 2035 Climate Plan aims to structure this ambition throughout its value chain. It includes two major and complementary commitments:

- ▶ To halve our direct greenhouse gas emissions within our operational scope (energy, transport, packaging and waste...) by 2035
- ▶ To reduce our total carbon footprint by 35% by 2035, by reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions and through additional carbon sequestration, over the entire scope over which our Co-operative has a shared responsibility.

### Our commitments for 2035



« Given the societal and environmental challenges we face, agriculture must continue to move forward as it always has. As farmers, we expect our Co-operative to provide us with the support and solutions that will enable us to improve our agricultural practices in order to offer produce that meets rapidly changing consumer expectations. This is how farmer-members will be able to contribute to Agrial's sustainable development approach. »

#### Mickaël Lamy

A farmer in Maine et Loire (49), director and chairman of the Co-operative's Sustainable Development Committee



« Our farmer-members work with the land and the living and take care of these resources that they use so as to preserve them for future generations. This is the very essence of the farming profession. We are therefore committed to carrying out environmentally friendly activities at all levels in our value chain, from the farm to the distribution of food products and taking in produce collection and processing. »

#### Sarah Deysine

Director of the co-operative project, CSR and communication



# CLIMATE PLAN 2035

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES AND CERTIFICATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMITMENTS AND CREDIBILITY



More than 90% of our agri-food sites have at least one quality, health, safety and environmental certification, including the international standards IFS, BRC, ISO 22000, ISO 26000...

NOUS SOUTENONS  
LE PACTE MONDIAL



Since 2018, Agrial has been committed to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact, the Global Compact for corporate social responsibility. Through our commitments, we seek to contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The French Business Climate Pledge was created in 2015 at the COP21 conference in Paris with the support of the French Business organization MEDEF. It is a voluntary commitment by companies established in France that take concrete actions for a successful transition to a low-carbon economy.



The Science Based Targets global certification, a UN initiative in partnership in particular with the NGO WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature), is the reference in terms of carbon trajectories by companies through its ambition and its scientific solidity.





# THE STARTING POINT

## AGRIAL'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

**6.7 MILLION TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub>eq** IN 2019

### ► 4 major key levers:

► **UPSTREAM & RAW MATERIALS**  
5.7 million TCO<sub>2</sub>eq, i.e. 85.5% of emissions

► **PACKAGING & WASTE**  
0.4 million TCO<sub>2</sub>eq, i.e. 6% of emissions

► **TRANSPORT**  
0.2 million TCO<sub>2</sub>eq, i.e. 3% of emissions

► **ENERGY**  
0.18 million TCO<sub>2</sub>eq, i.e. 2.5% of emissions

Others (capital assets, other purchases, travel...): 0.2 million TCO<sub>2</sub>eq, i.e. 3% of emissions

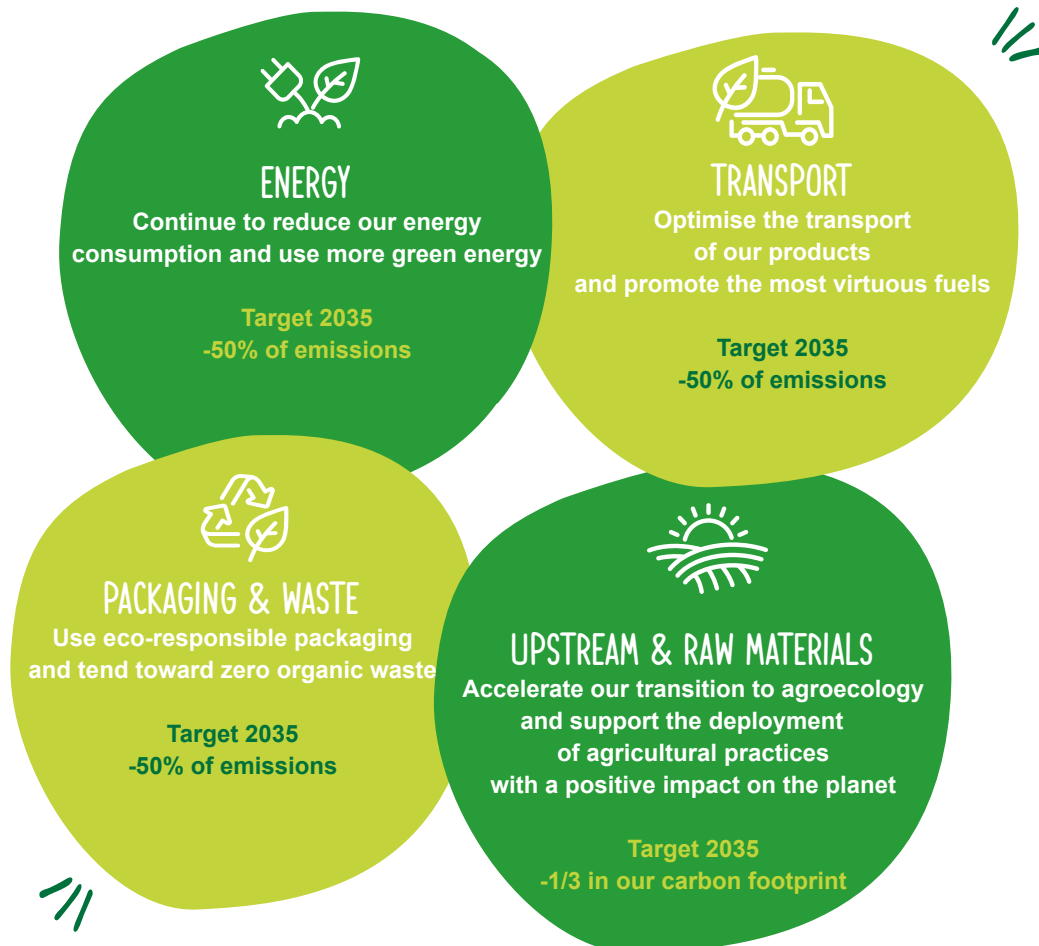
### Did you know?

There are three **main greenhouse gases**:

- . carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>),
- . methane (CH<sub>4</sub>),
- . nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).

The carbon footprint is expressed in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent: CO<sub>2</sub>eq  
(CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O are converted into CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent).

### Our commitments on four levers



# UPSTREAM

An impact  
that is already  
tangible

► **450,000  
hectares**

of biodiversity  
preservation by our  
members, nearly 40%  
of total surface areas  
(meadows, hedgerows,  
forests...)

► **50%**

of our farmer members  
already use at least one  
alternative solution to  
synthetic chemicals  
(biocontrol...)

► **More than 200**

carbon footprints performed  
with our farmer members  
for all production since 2016.



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► **In video**

The carbon footprint of  
the Sainte-Barbe GAEC (53)

**ACCELERATE OUR TRANSITION TO AGROECO-  
LOGY AND SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT  
OF AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES  
WITH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE PLANET**

## ► Agroecology according to Agrial

Agroecology is an agronomic and zootechnical challenge for the Co-operative that is now leading it to focus on implementing agricultural practices and techniques that regenerate soils, improve biodiversity and animal welfare, in order to market products with a low environmental footprint, at the same time claiming a productive and rewarding agriculture for the producers of today and tomorrow.

## A first range of animal feed with a reduced carbon footprint

Comprising 45 feeds for farm animals (cattle, pigs, poultry), the new "Low Carbon Nutrition" range amounts to approximately 90,000 tonnes of output. Its ingredients have been selected and formulated to reduce the carbon footprint of the feed itself by at least 5%, while ensuring the same nutritional quality for the animals, at no extra cost to breeders. To do this, the Co-operative's teams rely on

ECOALIM's scientific data. ECOALIM assigns each raw material a quantity of greenhouse gases emitted according to its production method, its origin and its route. This new range is thus one of the concrete solutions proposed by the Co-operative to its farmer members in order to help them develop low-carbon agriculture.

## THE CARBON FOOTPRINT – Sainte-Barbe GAEC (53)

This mixed farming-livestock operation improved its carbon footprint by 15 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>eq between 2019 and 2021. Beyond the levers it acted on (see video opposite), the Sainte-Barbe GAEC used the four indicators below:



An impact  
that is already  
tangible

► - 6.8%

in energy consumption  
since 2016

► 10%

of Agrial's energy mix is  
renewable

► 100%

renewable  
electricity in Spain  
(i.e. 10% of the Group's  
electricity  
consumption)



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► In video

The investments made on  
the site  
of the Beverages Division  
in Domagné (35)

# ENERGY

**CONTINUE TO REDUCE OUR ENERGY  
CONSUMPTION AND USE MORE  
GREEN ENERGY**

## A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

### Decarbonized 100% renewable electricity in Spain

In 2020, the Spanish sites of the Dairy and Fresh Fruit and Vegetables divisions took out an electricity contract with an operator supplying 100% green energy. Thus, the Fromandal cheese plant, the 6 vegetable sites and the 2 administrative sites benefit from decarbonized electricity.

With an annual consumption of around 40,000 MWh, Spain accounts for nearly 10% of Agrial's electricity consumption. With this electricity from 100% renewable sources, more than 9,500 T of CO<sub>2</sub> are thus avoided.



# PACKAGING AND WASTE

## USE ECO-RESPONSIBLE PACKAGING AND TEND TOWARD ZERO ORGANIC WASTE

An impact that is already tangible

► **85%** of recyclable packaging in France

► **44%** of recycled packaging in France

► **78%** of agricultural plastics from Agrial farmer members collected and recycled

► **97%** of our food waste is already recovered

► Agrial, the first Co-operative certified as a "Company standing in solidarity with Food banks"



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► In video

The recovery of packaging and waste within the Fresh Produce Division

### A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

#### The channel for the never-ending recycling of yogurt pots!

The 340,000 tons of yogurt and dairy desserts produced every year by Eurial Ultra-frais are mainly packaged in polystyrene (PS) without any recycling channels in France to date, unlike PET bottles.

In order to be able to offer 100% recyclable packaging, Agrial's Dairy division has committed to work with the PS25\* consortium to develop a successful French recycling network for PS.

The goal is that all yogurt pots made in France from PS (or similar materials) benefit from an efficient recycling alternative to incineration

from 2023.

We aim to recycle at least 70% of packaging and are relying on technical and scientific advances to transform the recycled material into a product suitable for direct contact with food, i.e. a genuine circular economy approach. The first tests started in 2020 following strong mobilisation by the stakeholders involved.

\* The PS25 consortium brings together the companies belonging to the ultra-fresh dairy products syndicate (Syndifrais) as well as other industrial players such as Michelin, Citeo...





# TRANSPORT

An impact  
that is already  
tangible

► 400 T

CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year saved thanks

to optimised grain  
transportation  
since 2019

(at constant volumes)

► 500 T

CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year saved thanks to

the implementation of an  
electric pumping system  
for 2/3rds of our upstream  
dairy fleet since 2018

► 100%

of Agrial drivers  
trained in  
eco-driving



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► In video

Advances in  
milk collection  
in the Dairy Division

## OPTIMISE THE TRANSPORT OF OUR PRODUCTS AND PROMOTE THE MOST VIRTUOUS FUELS

### A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

#### Milk collection gets up to speed with biofuel!

The Co-operative's milk collection service has been committed for many years to reducing the carbon impact of its truck fleet through various means. 99% of the distances travelled are now with trucks fitted with engines that comply with the most demanding Euro 6 environmental standard, and 60% of tanks are fitted with electric pumping systems, avoiding fuel consumption during milk pumping.

In 2021, the Dairy division crossed a new milestone by experimenting with its first two trucks running B100 biodiesel, reducing the carbon emissions associated with the trips made by more than half, i.e. the equivalent of 150 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over the year.





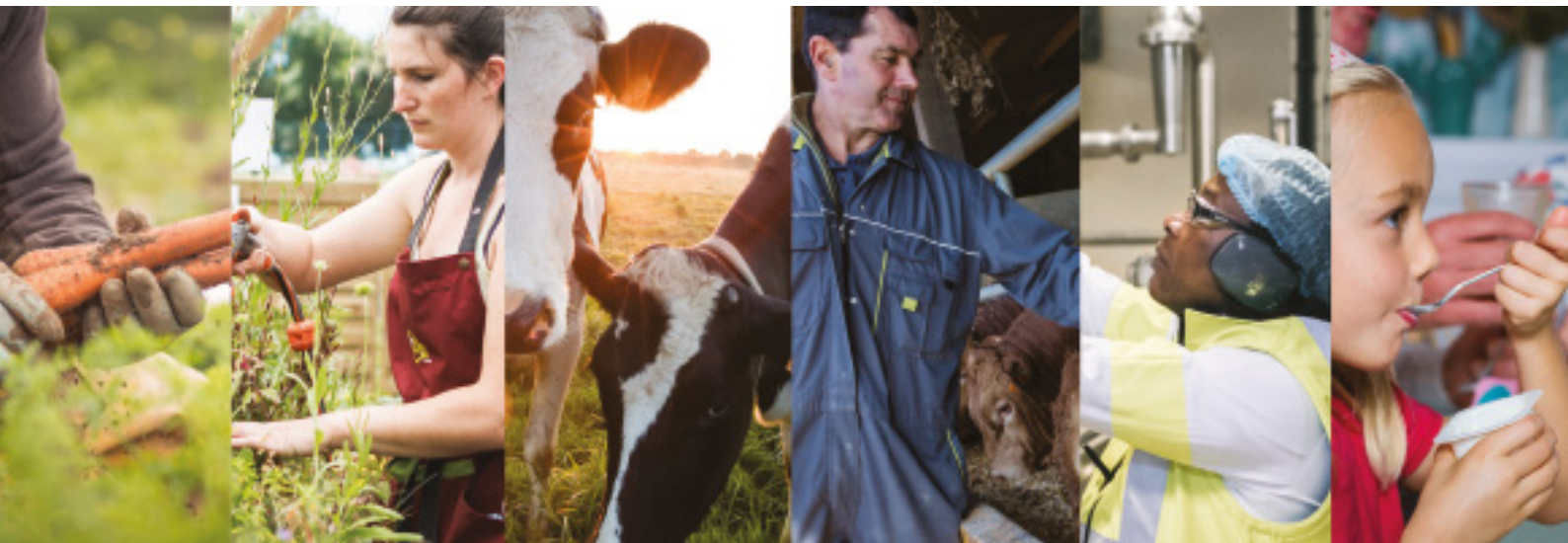
# ABOUT AGRIAL

**Agrial is a French agricultural and agrifood co-operative which supports its farmer members every day to promote and sell their products. Relying on strong brands, the Group has more than 100 production sites in 11 countries and develops its agrifood activities in the dairy, fresh produce, beverage and meat sectors.**

As a committed company, Agrial develops responsible and efficient farming, offering consumers healthy, safe and tasty food. Together, Agrial's 12,000 farmer members and 22,200 employees embody the company's values: long-termism, proximity, solidarity and boldness. In 2021, the Group generated 6.2 billion euros in turnover.

More info:

**[www.agrial.com](http://www.agrial.com)**



  
*Cultivate our roots,  
open up to the world*

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