



University Visit to Balsu Factory

A group of 40 students and faculty members from Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture visited the Balsu Factory. The participants examined the operation and production processes of the factory and received information about exports, quality and sustainability.

Balsu officials underlined the importance of climate change, changing economic conditions and food security. They also emphasized the critical role of agricultural engineers in sustainable hazelnut agriculture. The visit provided students with the opportunity to put their academic knowledge into practice and establish contact with the sector, contributing to their academic and career development.





Special Event for Mother's Day from Balsu

Balsu celebrated Mother's Day with a special program. More than 80 women attended the event, which was also attended by Giresun Municipality Women's Counseling Center, Giresun Municipality Provincial Health Directorate, Piraziz District Governor and Piraziz Mayor. During the program, Balsu's sustainability efforts in the region were presented and discussed the collaboration within the scope of [the new circular](#) issued by the Presidency for seasonal migrant agricultural workers.

We Participated in FLA's "Harvesting the Future" Project Trainer Training

Balsu actively participated in the three-day trainer training organized as part of the second phase of the Harvesting the Future Project. During this training, we updated our knowledge on topics such as "Decent Working Conditions," "Developing Training Skills," and "Good Agricultural Practices."

The aim of the training was to enhance our skills in communicating with workers, farmers, and agricultural labour intermediaries, as well as in providing training to these groups. Through this training program, we believe we will contribute to ensuring that those working in the agricultural sector have respectful and sustainable working conditions that uphold human rights.





A University Visit was organized within the scope of In A Nutshell Project Winter Term Activities

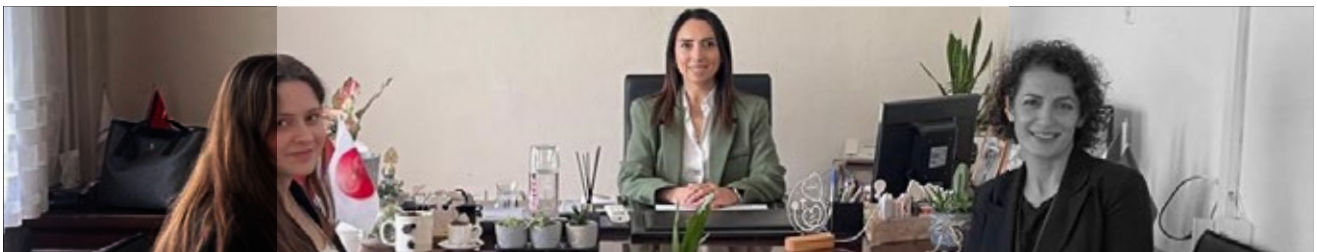
A visit to Dicle University was organized as part of the “In A Nutshell Project” carried out by the Young Lives Foundation and Balsu. The project, carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, aims to contribute to the eradication of child labour in seasonal agriculture.

The students were welcomed by the Department of Health, Culture and Sports and were shown around the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Law and Student Life Centre. This visit aims to increase students' interest in academic fields and strengthen their motivation to continue their education.

Stakeholder Visits Held as Part of the Sustainable Hazelnut Villages Project

The Sustainable Hazelnut Villages Project, an international project funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and aimed at combating child labor, has been ongoing in the region where Balsu operates since 2022. This project is conducted in partnership with the Rainforest Alliance.

Prior to the committee meeting in June, discussions were held with the Ferizli District Governorship, District Directorate of Agriculture, and other stakeholders regarding the role of the committee as the responsible leadership body for preventing child labour and improving worker welfare. Additionally, the circular on Seasonal Agricultural Workers was addressed, emphasizing the importance of local authorities in its implementation.





Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Control: Trap Project

In the district of Tirebolu in Giresun, a project for the deployment of [handmade traps to combat brown marmorated stink bugs](#) has been initiated. Balsu, in collaboration with Altun Gıda and the Tirebolu District Directorate of Agriculture, provided training and support to 50 farmers as part of the project, leading to the installation of handmade traps. These traps, positioned in 50 different locations, will enable us to conduct daily monitoring on a district level. Handmade traps will contribute to the spread of sustainable agricultural practices in the region by providing a natural and effective pest control method. [Please click to watch the video.](#)

New Sustainable Agriculture Project in Zonguldak Province

["The Value of Türkiye: Enhancing Çaycuma's Hazelnuts"](#) project realized in collaboration with Çaycuma District Agriculture and Balsu, started with the delivery of equipment to the project farmers at a special ceremony. This project is the third good agricultural practices project we have implemented in Türkiye in collaboration with the private sector and the ministry. We congratulate our farmers for recognizing the importance of sustainable agriculture and taking this step. Within the scope of this project, our goal is to enhance quality and productivity in agriculture by reaching hazelnut products grown with proper techniques, registered, and certified.

