



Sustainability and Phenological Monitoring in Hazelnut Farming

At Balsu, we continue our efforts in sustainable agriculture and phenological monitoring to improve the quality and yield of hazelnut production. In our trials conducted at 100 plots in the Western Black Sea region, we aim to strengthen the soil and increase resistance against pests through Bacterial Enzyme applications. Our Seaweed applications, on the other hand, enhance soil health and support plant growth. Based on initial results, similar studies have been initiated in the Eastern Black Sea region.

Additionally, we regularly monitor the phenological stages of hazelnut plants, such as pollination, fertilization, and fruit development, across 6 provinces and 30 districts. These observations provide guidance to farmers for taking timely and accurate actions.





ISO 14064 Standard Verification Completed

In alignment with our commitment to achieving environmental sustainability goals and contributing to combating climate change, we successfully completed [our 2023 greenhouse gas emission calculation and reporting efforts](#).

Throughout this process, we invested in projects focusing on renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, and logistics optimization. By 2025, we plan to share our emission reduction commitments globally through the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

Leadership in Sustainable Supply Chains

Balsu was highlighted in the [Fair Labor Association's \(FLA\) 25-year report](#) for its exemplary efforts in combating child labor and improving the conditions of seasonal agricultural workers. Through our Child Labor Monitoring and Remediation System, at-risk children are directed to safe environments and given better access to educational opportunities.

Additionally, as part of the "Harvesting the Future Project," we collaborated with stakeholders to discuss the effectiveness of grievance mechanisms and share field experiences. These efforts position Balsu as a leader in developing social responsibility processes and fostering a more sustainable supply chain.

Building a fair labor future

25 years of the Fair Labor Association





Participation in ILO Türkiye's Seminar and Steering Committee Meeting on Due Diligence and Combating Child Labor

We participated on behalf of the Istanbul Hazelnut and Products Exporters' Association in the steering committee meeting of the project titled "Eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labor in Seasonal Hazelnut Harvesting", conducted by International Labour Organization Turkey and the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. During the meeting, we emphasized the importance of supply chain mapping and efficient resource utilization, sharing field observations from ongoing projects.

At the "[Awareness Seminar on Due Diligence in Combating Child Labor for Human Rights and Decent Work](#)," we discussed the impact of child labor and environmental issues in global supply chains and explored the implications of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (EU CSDDD).

We strongly believe in the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders in the fight against child labor and will continue to raise awareness on this critical issue.





YLF & B.E.S.T Program Visits to Public Institutions in Harvest Provinces

As part of the B.E.S.T Program, Balsu collaborated with the Young Lives Foundation to engage with public institutions and local authorities in Sakarya, Düzce, Ordu, and Samsun provinces. During these visits, we shared updates on the 2024 harvest season activities and emphasized the importance of committee meetings, aiming to strengthen efforts related to seasonal agricultural workers and child labor.

These visits are part of Balsu's efforts to enhance local coordination and contribute to sustainable supply chain goals and addressing societal issues.

