

PROFERTIL DEEPENS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE WHEAT CHAIN AND SUSTAINABILITY

Bahía Blanca, May 23, 2022 - At the start of a new wheat campaign, the crop chain already has two free manuals available that will contribute to work in an increasingly sustainable way. The manuals were launched within the framework of the Argentine Carbon Neutral Program (PACN) and with the important participation of Profertil as the main fertilizer company in Argentina.

The PACN Wheat Sector Round Table recently launched a manual for calculating the carbon balance for wheat and another on good environmental practices, developed by a group of experts from INTA and INTI, since they cover the entire chain, from field production to the industrial sector.

The PACN includes sectorial roundtables with the participation of producers, entities, companies and chambers from each of the production links in the value chain.

The first manual will make it possible to know the carbon footprint generated by each link in the chain, from planting to the moment a packet of noodles leaves the factory. It is a tool that allows producers, for example, to upload all their practices and know the emissions they generate, in order to calculate the impact their production has on the environment.

The second manual is a management guide with good practices that have a positive impact on the reduction of carbon emissions, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. Both are available free of charge and can be requested from the PACN secretariat.

Sabine Papendieck, general coordinator of PACN, said that "the participation of a company like Profertil is key for the calculation and management of the carbon equivalent balance per product, since this approach requires the environmental profiles of all inputs, from the cradle to the port of export or domestic distribution channel".

Mario Suffriti, commercial manager of the company, stated that "our participation in this initiative is fully in line with the objective we have as a company to be an active part of the transformation of agriculture towards an activity that generates less and less greenhouse gas emissions".

In this sense, Profertil has been generating very concrete facts. In terms of products, it developed eNe Total Plus, a fertilizer that allows maximum use of surface-applied nitrogen, since it avoids volatilization losses.

As fertilizer doses increase, this product reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 21% and boosts the increase in carbon sequestration through crops, as it increases their yield. Regarding net emissions, in terms of kilos of grain produced, it is 40% more efficient than other fertilizers.

On the other hand, in the manufacturing of its products, Profertil has been using more wind energy for the operation of the plant. Currently, almost 70% of the plant's energy needs come from the Los Teros wind farm, owned by YPF Luz.

"With concrete facts we demonstrate the commitment of Profertil to the achievement of these objectives. Therefore, we believe that, as a fundamental company in the wheat chain, our vision is particularly important in the Wheat Sector Roundtable, in the PACN", added Suffriti.

The development of validated sectorial manuals will allow any producer or entrepreneur to achieve, through the implementation of the necessary measures, successful environmental certification, granted through the certifying entities registered with PACN. In turn, PACN develops a system of seals as a mark of sustainability, ending with the carbon neutral seal.

As Suffriti said, "these tools were developed to respond to the demands that already exist today on wheat products from different external markets. In addition, when there is a market for carbon credits in Argentina, as there already is in other parts of the world, those who have complied with these standards will be ready to add a new valuable product to their production".

About Profertil

It is a company devoted to the production of the fertilizers needed to optimize crop yields in a sustainable manner. Integrated in equal parts by YPF and Nutrien Inc, it has been operating its production plant in the port of Ingeniero White for 21 years. There, it produces 1,320,000 tons of granulated urea annually, the main nitrogen fertilizer for the soil. In addition, it sells other fertilizers and prepares tailor-made mixtures to provide each territory and crop with the nutrition required. It has administrative offices in Bahía Blanca and Buenos Aires, in addition to logistics terminals in Bahía Blanca, Necochea, San Nicolás and Puerto General San Martín (Santa Fe). It has 362 direct employees, 1,500 indirect employees and more than 850 active suppliers.

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