

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: A CORNERSTONE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Bahía Blanca, June 2, 2022 - This June 5 is World Environment Day and it is a fantastic opportunity to think about the key contribution that sustainable agriculture makes to protecting the environment. Profertil, XXX, as the main Argentine fertilizer company, is an important player in the agricultural chain and works every day in that sense.

The United Nations established World Environment Day in 1973 and it is the largest global platform for environmental protection awareness, to warn about global warming and pollution affecting air, land and water.

"In our plant in Bahía Blanca, we produce with the minimum impact on the environment and we work together with the entire agricultural chain so that the same happens with our products, because we are convinced of the need to take care of the soil in order to have a sustainable food production for humanity," said Federico Veller, Profertil general manager.

Production processes aligned with environmental protection have enabled Profertil to obtain various international certifications. The company aligned its Sustainability Plan with the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations for 2030 and works every day towards achieving them.

For the company, soil care and proper crop nutrition are objectives that go hand in hand and begin with the urea production process at the Bahia plant. There, more than 60% of the energy used is from a renewable source, since it comes from the Los Teros wind farm, located in Azul, also in the province of Buenos Aires.

In addition, Profertil also accompanies the producer in that sense, promoting Best Management Practices (BMP) of fertilizers, which include determining four fundamental issues: the right dose, choosing the source for balanced nutrition, applying at the right time and in the right way.

"No-tillage, which avoids soil removal, is a key contribution that Argentina makes to the sustainability of agriculture. Our country is a global leader in this production method, which drastically reduces greenhouse gas emissions. From Profertil we also join in the development of high-tech and innovative products," added Veller.

In this respect, the company has developed eNe Total Plus, a fertilizer that allows the 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 drives their yield.

In Argentina, agriculture has been following an increasingly sustainable path in recent years, with a robust growth in the areas planted with maize and wheat, two fundamental crops for a sustainable agricultural rotation.

Last year, in the 2020/21 season, 75 million tons of wheat and maize and 45 million tons of soybeans were produced in the country. In the first two, the urea produced by Profertil is a fundamental input, both to achieve more kilos and to obtain better quality, in addition to replenishing the soil with the nutrients that the plants extract during their growth.

"The carbon footprint can be reduced through better crop and grassland yields. We make products that help achieve that and we support producers, our customers, on that path", concluded Veller.

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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