



S&A Produce Environmental Policy

To continue to adopt the principles of Integrated Farm Management (IFM) to increase biodiversity levels and mitigate the effects of agricultural production on the environment.

To use the LEAF audit, alongside energy, carbon and water auditing tools, as a method of reviewing and assessing the farms environmental performance.

To maximise fertiliser efficiency, ensuring that only as much as necessary and as little as possible is applied.

To maintain and improve soil structure, nutrition and drainage and reduce the risk of leaching, run off and soil erosion, thus improving crop health and reducing energy and inputs required.

To carry on improving water usage efficiency when irrigating crops through monitoring and management.

To investigate renewable energy sources such as bio gas and other bio fuels to reduce the carbon footprint of both the farm itself and the surrounding area.

To maintain and enhance existing wildlife habitats on the farm (e.g. hedgerow restoration) and create new habitats.

To maintain and increase current populations of both local and national Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species currently on the holding and encourage additional BAP species in the local area on to the farm (where appropriate).

To communicate to all farm staff what key species and habitats exist on the holding and what they can do to maintain and enhance them (e.g. avoiding driving on field margins to prevent disturbance to nesting bird species).

To meet all regulatory and legislative requirements including those that pertain to the protection and enhancement of water, soil and air.

To reduce the total amount of waste produced on the farm and ensure that every recycling opportunity is fully exploited.

To grow to our customers' requirements for every market we are involved in.

I have read and understood the Environmental Policy of S&A Produce and have received basic training in Integrated Farm Management (IFM).

Signed: 

Director of Soft Fruit Growing