

## **Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. Environmental Policy**

We have an obligation to our customers, employees and shareholders to protect the environment. We believe that sound environmental management is crucial to our business success. It is also an integral part of our mission and values and helps to define Del Monte Fresh Produce as a responsible company.

In maintaining this commitment, we adhere to the following goals and guidelines. We seek to:

- Meet or exceed the requirements of applicable laws, regulations and codes of practice regarding responsible environmental stewardship.
- Balance our use of agrochemicals and our need to maintain production. Integrated pest management strategies are the cornerstone of our pest management practices throughout our operations.
- Conserve raw materials and non-renewable natural resources by eliminating or reducing waste, and by recycling and reusing materials and natural resources.
- Protect the biodiversity of sensitive areas within and near our operations, including a commitment that virgin forest will not be exploited in the establishment of new agricultural production areas.
- Collaborate with our growers to improve their environmental performance by encouraging them to meet our standards, and by assisting in our growers' environmental improvement efforts.
- Continuously improve environmental management systems by monitoring environmental performance, and by integrating environmental considerations into our business decision and planning activities.
- Work cooperatively with responsible outside organizations, suppliers and our customers to improve our collective ability to protect the environment.

Del Monte Fresh Produce understands and supports this policy, and recognizes that it is an integral part of our ongoing efforts if we are to maintain our position as a leader in the fresh and fresh-cut produce industries.

### **Implementing Responsible Waste Management**

We dispose of our waste in an appropriate manner. In recent years, we have incorporated innovative techniques into our production operations to dispose of the waste we generate. Plastic field bags used to protect the banana bunches are recycled and fruit stalks are returned to the farms as organic fertilizer. Del Monte Fresh Produce complies with state and federal regulations concerning the management of waste products and materials. In some developing nations, where appropriate laws have not been executed by local governments, we cooperate with international authorities to implement responsible

environmental management programs.

### **Exercising Strict Chemical Control**

We use only agricultural chemicals approved by regulatory agencies in producing and receiving countries. With the objective of preserving the ecological balance, we exercise strict controls over the agricultural chemicals that are utilized for production. Before being applied in our plantations, these products must comply with the regulations imposed in the areas of human health and environmental impact by the appropriate regulatory agencies of the producing countries. We maintain a pesticide control office, which monitors the use of all agricultural chemicals. The use of these products is consistent with integrated pest management, which calls for agrochemical application only when required, and at minimal levels. We also dedicate resources to research programs to reduce the reliance on agricultural chemicals, and to improve application technology. Our goal is to make a contribution to the preservation of nature's delicate balance and to produce safe, wholesome fruit.

### **Preserving the Rainforest**

Our policy is to preserve primary rainforests for future generations. We conduct our operations without destroying a single hectare of this priceless resource. Our plantations have been established on soils of clear agricultural potential. Furthermore, we have developed significant reforestation projects along major riverbanks and in other areas. We observe national regulations regarding forest preservation. Finally, we make every effort to ensure that the wood used for the pallets on which our fruit is carried is from managed or cultivated woodland.

### **Protecting the Environment**

We actively participate in the Banana Environmental Commission, a joint government industry forum that issues guidelines to maintain a balance between fruit production and the environment.