

## Particulars

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Ventura Foods, LLC
<b>Corporate Website Address</b>	<a href="http://www.venturafoods.com">http://www.venturafoods.com</a>
<b>Primary Activity or Product</b>	Manufacturer
<b>Related Company(ies)</b>	None
<b>Country Operations</b>	
<b>Membership Number</b>	4-0116-10-000-00
<b>Membership Type</b>	Ordinary Members
<b>Membership Category</b>	Consumer Goods Manufacturers
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## Related Information

### Other information on palm oil:

We have been members since 2010. We have engaged Control Union to certify our supply chain. Certification audit was September 3-5, 2013. Our auditor Judy Amaya recommended certification of our refinery and multi-site locations. Certification of our receiving ports were completed during 2012 at Kinder Morgan, Avondale, LA and IMTT Avondale, LA.

<b>Reporting Period</b>	01 July 2012 - 30 June 2013
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## Consumer Goods Manufacturers

### Operational Profile

#### 1. Main activities within manufacturing

End-product manufacturer, Ingredient manufacturer, Food Goods, Own-brand, Manufacturing on behalf of other third party brands

- Food Goods :
  - Margarine & Cooking Oil

### Operations and Certification Progress

#### 2. Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

#### Total volume of all palm oil products used in the year in your own brand products:

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#### 3.1. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year:

1080

#### 3.2. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year:

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#### 3.3. Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions used in the year:

120

#### 3.4. Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products you used in the year:

1240

#### 4. Volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified

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#### 4.1. Book & Claim

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#### 4.2. Mass Balance

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#### 4.3. Segregated

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#### 4.4. Identity Preserved

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**4.5. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used that is RSPO-certified:**

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**5. Volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:**

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**5.1. Book & Claim**

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**5.2. Mass Balance**

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**5.3. Segregated**

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**5.4. Identity Preserved**

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**5.5. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil handled that is RSPO-certified:**

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**6. Volume of all other palm-based derivatives and fractions used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:**

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**6.1. Book & Claim**

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**6.2. Mass Balance**

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**6.3. Segregated**

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**6.4. Identity Preserved**

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**6.5. Total volume of palm-based derivatives and fractions used that is RSPO-certified:**

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**7. What type of products do you use CSPO for?**

Until certification of our supply chain is approved and the mass balanced products are manufactured there are no available claims for this reporting period. We anticipate CSPO to be used in margarine, spreads, shortening and vegetable oil products manufactured for our and client stakeholder needs for retail, ingredient, processing, and commercial products.

**8. Do you ask your suppliers if the palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8?**

Yes

**Suppliers report that palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8**

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## Time-Bound Plan

**9. Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified oil palm products – own brand**

2014

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**10. Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified oil palm products from any supply chain option– own brand**

2014

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**11. Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified oil palm from physical supply chains (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) - own brand products**

2014

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**12. Do your (own brand) commitments cover your companies' global use of palm oil?**

Yes

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**13. Does your company use palm oil in products you manufacture on behalf of other companies?**

Yes

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**14. Date expected to actively communicate to promote the use of certified sustainable palm oil in other manufacturers' brands that you sell.**

2014

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**15. Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?**

USA

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**16. What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment to your own-brands (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies.**

Interim milestones were for July 2012 through June 2013 were support supply chain partners in bringing CSPO to North America. We continued to partner with RSPO member suppliers for purchases until CSPO was available in the United States. Once available we solicited bids for our supply chain certification from the five auditing bodies certified for the United States. Control Union was selected to audit our firm during September, 2012. In early November we had a pre-audit meeting with Control Union that included our ICS team, oil trading desk members and RSPO organizational contact to outline the requirements needed to certify our ICS, Refinery, and identified manufacturing facilities. During the early 2013 some traceability issues were identified that delayed our anticipated certification audit from May until September 3-5, 2013. We were recommended for Mass Balance certification. Certification number and documents have not been received as of 17/09/2013.

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## Actions for Next Reporting Period

### 17. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

On receipt of certification number we intend to begin the process of purchase and production of Mass Balance CSPO, MB CSPKO, MB Olein, & MB Stearin in a structured manner. We anticipate the production of MB products to be related customer driven demand as some firms with public commitments will be early adopters. Internal conversion of "own brands" will be subject to existing formulation, labeling and approval processes required within our firms and acceptances by client firms. We anticipate MB uptake to begin first quarter 2014. Early adoption may be possible with rapid client customer approvals.

### 18. Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

No

#### Public report of GHG emissions on operations

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## Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

### 19. If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why

Other

#### - Other reason:

Current information has been considered confidential. Organizational infrastructures and appropriate platform for disclosure by a private firm have been considered recently. CSR development is currently being discussed within our senior leadership team.

## Trademark Related

### 20. Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on any of your products?

No

#### If yes, when will you start?

2015

### 21. Do you undertake or support any other projects related to sustainable palm oil that have not been captured in this report?

Yes

## Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

### 22. Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C?

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical conduct and human rights
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement

**- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints policy**

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**- Land use rights policy**

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**- Ethical conduct and human rights policy**

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**- Labour rights policy**

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**- Stakeholder engagement policy**

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**23. What steps will your organization take to minimize its resource footprints?**

We continue to support and hold ourselves accountable to our Statement of Stewardship. We have a well developed Utility Management Initiative and other internal programs that target efficient and responsible operations. Source, waste, & effluent reduction and efficiency increases are also targets of our VF Camp or Operations Excellence initiatives.

**24. What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct using business-applicable regulations and industry practices?**

We continue to support and hold ourselves accountable to our Statement of Stewardship. We support the principles of SA8000 though our industry is not one of those listed the guidelines provide structure for industrial standards. We also have SQF Level 2 certification of our production sites And we participate in several third party Social Accountability audits each year supported by several forms of self assessment.

**25. Has your company supported any community programmes on its own or through partnerships? How do you benchmark the impacts of these programmes?**

There are numerous community initiatives within our firm such as: United Way, Red Cross, Relay for Life, community clean up and school fairs that are supported by our manufacturing facilities. One headquarters initiative last year saw several tonnes of electrical wastes properly recycled instead of landfilled.

**26. Are you sourcing 100% physical CSPO?**

No

**26.1. Please details your organization's plan to cover sourced palm oil and palm kernel oil, which is not yet segregated or identity preserved, through Mass Balance. If you have not committed to sourcing 100% of palm products under the Mass Balance supply chain system until the goal of 100% segregated or identity preserved CSPO can be achieved, please explain why.**

We plan to use mass balanced for the foreseeable future to provide a rapid uptake of CSPO products. 100% segregated and 100% IP may be significant future challenges for our firm due to capital requirements for additional tanks for either through the entire supply chain.

Another challenge yet to be fully explored is the variability of palm oil specifications to reach our internal product performance needs of a narrower band of performance than general palm oil param specifications related to color and melt points allow.

# Challenges

## 1. Significant economic, social or environmental obstacles

Our challenges have been getting reliable sources for RSPO CSPO and related products to the United States. Now it can be sourced two challenges seem worth discussion for the RSPO.

1. Mass Balance certification of the supply chain seems biased toward Segregated and IP. Consideration of alternative multi-site inventory methodologies may speed uptake by other firms and brand owners.

2. For Palm Oil destined for food products have significant challenges for brand owners who may want the TransFat free attribute of palm yet have one or more performance issues from current poram speficiations particularly color and melt point. Through our refinery we reprocess RBD palm oil and add Palm fractions to narrow the performance band need for our and client needs for consistent products.

Consideration should be made to allow blended fractions from CSPO sources to be added to Seg or IP CSPO or CSPKO at higher fractions than

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## 2. How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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### Cost Effective:

Yes

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### Robust:

Yes

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### Simpler to Comply to:

No

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## 3. How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets?

We have been advocates with client stakeholders for support. We are champions of the goals and processes and continue to support and uphold the code of conduct. There has been some engagement with NGOs, trade groups, and significant client education.

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