

# Sustainability Assurance

Your Source for Food & Ag Sustainability Certification



## Who we are

We are an independent assurance firm that specializes in providing certifications and independent, third-party assurance to growers, processors, food companies, land managers, and agricultural investment firms. Alongside our parent firm, Pinion, we have unparalleled expertise in the food and agricultural industries.

## Why assurance is critical

By engaging with an independent, third-party verifier, your company can:

- ▶ **Increase credibility** of company claims and reporting through external review.
- ▶ **Bolster trust** in your organization and enable stakeholders to rely on company claims and reporting for decision-making.
- ▶ **Strengthen management systems** through review of internal management processes and decision-making.
- ▶ **Gain a competitive edge** by driving internal and external value through verified sustainability reporting.

Verification can be leveraged through communication with customers, investors, and other stakeholders, solidifying your commitment to not only reporting current adherence to sustainability standards and protocols, but also striving for continuous improvement.

## What we do

### Third-Party Independent Verification

- ▶ **ADVISORY** We provide independent verification through “readiness reviews,” which are consultative assessments of current performance to a selected standard, program, or framework.
- ▶ **ON-SITE VISITS** We engage with managers on site to compare their current practices with the applicable standard and determine alignment of policies and procedures in preparation for future assurance.
- ▶ **GAP ANALYSIS** We identify gaps in conformance and create a gap analysis report that enables management to address key improvement areas to better align with the standard.

### Sustainability Assurance

- ▶ **VALIDATION** We provide third-party verification of conformance to sustainability standards and verification of data reported under leading sustainability protocols.
- ▶ **INDEPENDENCE** We maintain independence as third-party auditors. This empowers our clients to work together through the entire implementation of your sustainability initiative.
- ▶ **CERTIFICATIONS** Averum is a certification body for a number of sustainability standards. By becoming certified to a recognized standard, your company can demonstrate commitment to sustainability goals and objectives.

Averum is the primary assurance provider for the **Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard (LH FMS)**, and the sole U.S. verifier for the **Sustainable Dairy Partnership (SDP)**.

**How to get started?**  
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