

# Water and wastewater

We strive constantly to identify new ways to minimise water consumption and reduce the organic matter in wastewater from our production and cleaning processes. Overall, we reduced our water consumption by 4 % in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22.

## Activities in 2022/23

- Installed a new wastewater treatment plant at our production facility in Osie, Poland, which will result in a significant reduction in chemical oxygen demand (COD) for the site.
- Increased automation of the cleaning process at our production facility in Dalsjöfors, Sweden, which is expected to reduce the use of water and chemicals and hours spent on cleaning.
- Implemented new processes and machinery to minimise water consumption when dehairing pigs at our production facility in Blans, Denmark. Similar upgrades have already been made in Essen, Germany, and are expected to be implemented at other relevant facilities.
- Improved our pilot water-recycling facility at our abattoir in Horsens, Denmark, to get the facility into full operation.
- Included water consumption effects as a consideration, when investing in new equipment. For example, when replacing a belt press at our production facility in Koło, Poland, a new press was chosen which does not use water, leading to reductions in both water consumption and running costs.

## Pinpointing new water saving potentials

By proceeding methodologically, we can map out where we can reduce the water consumption and achieve the highest impact. That is why we are continuously working to improve our data collection and validation processes. For example, with regard to monitoring water consumption, we are looking into continuous digital registration of water consumption in various production processes at each facility. This will pinpoint water-intensive processes and reduction potentials.



## Objective

We will work to identify new ways to minimise water consumption and reduce the organic matter in wastewater from our production.

## Targets

We aim to reduce water consumption at our production facilities in Denmark, Poland, Sweden, Germany and the Netherlands by 40% per tonne produced by 2029/30 relative to 2019/20.

We aim to reduce the amount of organic matter in wastewater from our production facilities in Denmark, Poland, Sweden, Germany and the Netherlands by 30% per tonne produced by 2029/30 relative to 2019/20.

## Sustainable Development Goals

We support target 6.3 and target 6.4 through efficient water utilization, increased recycling of water as well as wastewater and minimization of the emission of organic matter.

### Targets 6.3:

By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, reducing the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally.

### Targets 6.4:

By 2030, substantially increase efficient water-use and ensure sustainable withdrawal of groundwater.

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