



Sunflower Seeds & Oil
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Sustainability Impact at Source



Our impact on farmer's livelihood and beyond

SunComo is Tradin Organic's processing facility in Silistra, Bulgaria, for organic sunflower products: seeds, kernels, oil, chips and feed cakes.

Since 2007, Tradin and its partners have worked with local sunflower farmers in Eastern Europe. This partnership led to the establishment of SunComo Foods Bulgaria in 2012, and in 2018, we increased our efforts to support Eastern European farmers in converting to organic practices through training and educational programs.

To this day, our local team helps farmers with organic solutions, optimizing crop rotations, implementing no-till practices, and pest control. The facility creates over 80 permanent jobs, undergoes regular social audits, and generates a significant portion of its energy on-site through solar panels and biomass installations using the sunflower shells left over after processing to generate steam for the processing.



Going Beyond Organic

Creating resilient, equitable, and environmentally-secure food system

Driving sustainable and market driven development at source

Measurable social and environmental impact for farmers, workers, and communities worldwide.

Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

14,000

hectares of organic certified land

On-site renewable energy production
(solar and biomass)

Circular production
process with waste valorization
(feed and biomass)

87

permanent employees

Distinct sourcing
from farmers across Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova

Sedex SMETA
audits regularly

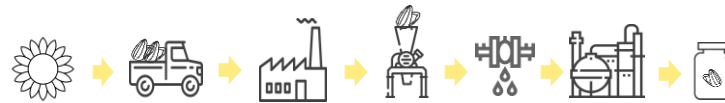


Full traceability and High-Quality

From Farm to Factory to Customer



Our integrated supply chain guarantees **full traceability, organic integrity and high-quality sunflower products**. Seeds are purchased after they are tested to be residue-free. In the facility, they are cleaned and separated on size and processed into the various products. The kernels are packed in a low oxygen environment with carbon dioxide to ensure there can be no infestation or quality deterioration after production. The processed sunflower seeds, kernels, oil, chips and feed cakes are sold across the world.



Social and Environmental Impact

Community development

- SunComo has a CSR-budget of 5000 BGN to support community initiatives in the nearby village Kalipetrovo. Every year, a representative of the company visit the Municipality to discuss and agree on specific plans for the year.
- The team also joined the national Clean Up the Planet Day in 2023.



Certifications

- Our sunflower production complies with international organic regulations.
- Our certifications and audits guarantee that our organic sunflower products are produced with the highest environmental, food safety & quality standards.



Organic agriculture

- Our team includes agronomists and sourcing experts that organize training, field visits, educational courses and workshops to support farmers in finding organic solutions and optimization.
- Crop rotations introduced include organic wheat, corn, peas and millet. We always look for opportunities to buy these rotation crops too.
- Other support has focused on implementing no-till practices and organic ways of fending off insects.

