

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Hunts Food Group Ltd

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Hunts Food Group Ltd is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2035.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions.

Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2019/20

Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.

In line with our B Corp accreditation Hunts Food Group has developed a plan to reduce our carbon emissions to zero by 2035.

Hunt's Food Group's base line year was measured at a time when turnover was £89.3m with fewer vehicles in the fleet and less warehouse space included in the operation than in the current year ending March 2024 figures. Despite a year-on-year increase in the number of vehicles and warehouse space, Hunt's carbon footprint has decreased by 1158 tCO₂e which is equivalent to a 17% overall reduction.

The base line year predated any carbon reduction investments made by the company to date. The business have developed carbon emission reduction initiatives to include investment in large scale roof based solar, milage reducing route planning technologies and most recently a re-wilding project on 15 acres of farmland to encourage the preservation of wildlife in the countryside with a wildflower meadow, tree planning, hedgerow planting and low intensive livestock grazing.

Baseline year emissions: 2019/2020	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	4,614 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	1,854 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	Not measured
Total Emissions	6,468t (72.5t tCO ₂ e per £1m turn over)

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2024/2025	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	4,101 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	1,209 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	Not measured
Total Emissions	5,310 tCO ₂ e (47.1 tCO ₂ e per £1m turnover)

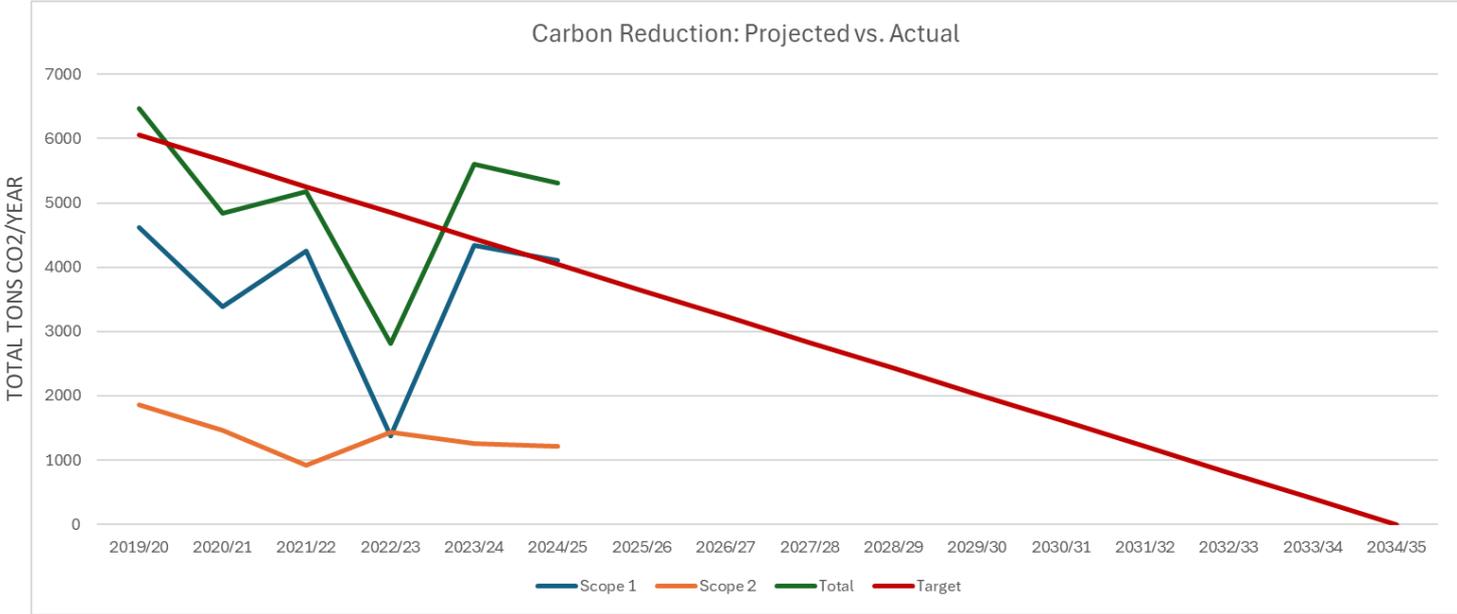
Emissions reduction targets

Hunts committed to an emissions reduction target in October 2022 of achieving net zero emissions by 2035.

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

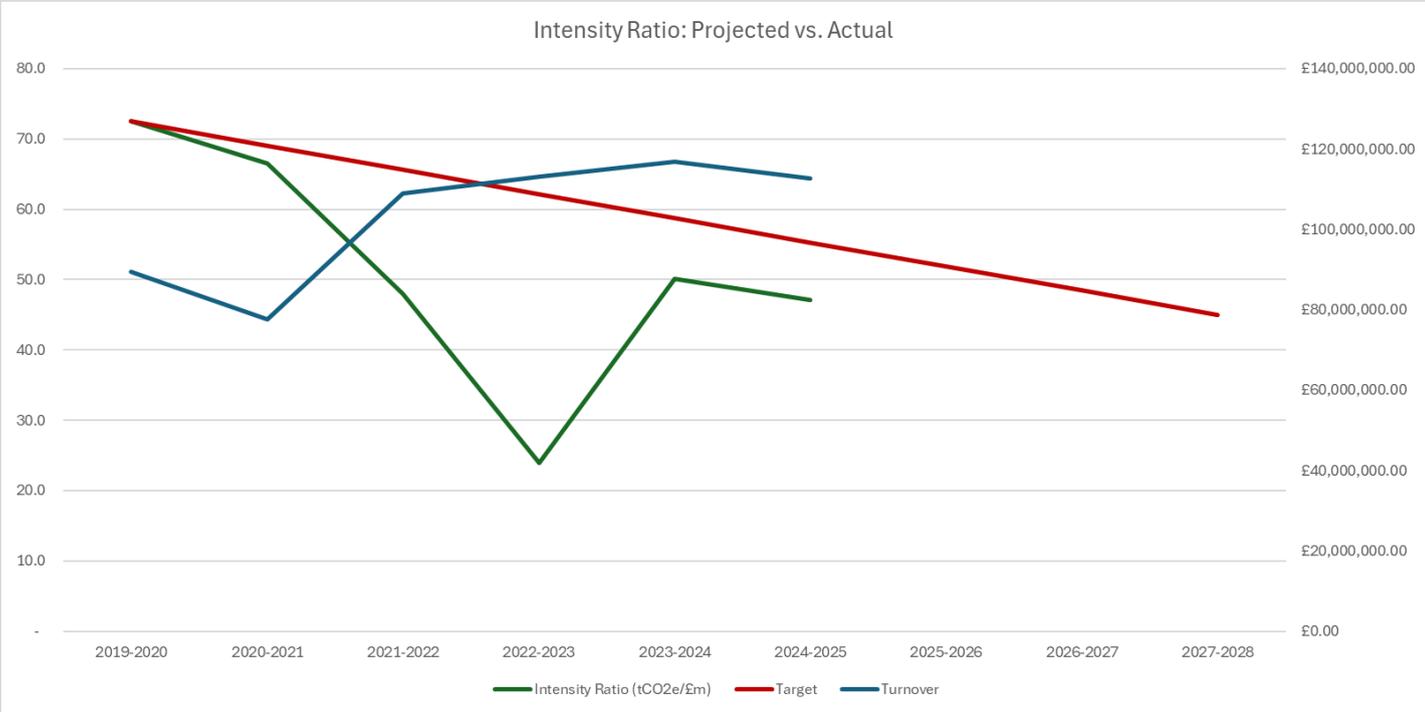
We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 2000 tCO₂e by 2029/30. This is a reduction of 62% which currently exceeds progress required to meet the 2035 net zero target.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:



We have also set a three-year target to reach an intensity ratio of 45tCO2 per £1 million of sales by March 2028. We have remained below target since we began recording our carbon footprint, currently at 14.9% below target.

Progress against this target can be seen in the graph below:



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2019/20 baseline. By 2022/23 the carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equated to 3,659t tCO₂e, a 56% reduction against the 2019/20 baseline:

- Installation of Solar panels generating 1.7m KWh per year (25% of annual usage)
- Introduction of HVO diesel to our HGV fleet which is a biofuel which burns significantly cleaner than diesel. HVO has reduced the emissions of vehicles it's used in by 76%
- Purchase of premium zero carbon grid energy to power our cold stores
- Removal of energy intensive blast freezing processes
- Investment in efficient Euro 6 engines in new vehicle purchases
- Investment in route optimisation technology to reduce miles driven
- Re-wilding 15 acres of farmland with trees, hedges & wildflower meadows
- A move of all company cars to electric or hybrid
- Replacement of lighting with energy efficient LED alternatives with motion sensing

An increase in our carbon footprint can be seen again from 2023/24, this is due to the following:

- Not being able to secure electricity contracts for premium zero carbon grid energy to power our cold stores and other facilities.
- The HVO diesel also becoming unobtainable

Hunt's Food Group have found alternative measures to decrease our carbon footprint in the latest financial year (2024/25) to try to realign with our reduction targets. We have witnessed the following energy changes in comparison to 2023/24:

- Natural Gas: 8% decrease (used for space heating and hot water)
- Diesel: 5% decrease
- Unleaded: 21% decrease; reflects shift to hybrid/electric vehicles
- Electricity: 4% decrease
- Solar: 1% increase in generation

This is as a result of a number of factors, such as, the installation of newer and more efficient equipment, less milage driven, less charging of electric vehicles needed, and improved and more accurate record keeping.

To keep in line with our projections and targets, we have a number of measures we intend to implement in coming years. This includes but is not limited to:

- The commissioning of a new refrigeration system at our headquarters, where the majority of the temperature-controlled areas are. Switching to the new CO2 refrigeration system will be more efficient than the outdated equipment we have in place currently.
- Introduce electric vehicles into our HGV and van delivery fleet
- Hunt's is currently undertaking a feasibility study to introduce a wind turbine to produce renewable energy directly into our buildings on suitable sites
- We plan to use our family dairy farm to generate energy via anaerobic digestion from cow slurry
- More solar panels will be installed with a target to generate 40% of our energy from renewable sources
- All new buildings and extensions will be designed with renewable energy options in mind, for example, built fit with solar panels.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard¹ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard³.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:



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Bethany Mitchell

Date: 09/07/2025

¹<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

²<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

³<https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>