



Royal A-ware's climate targets

Science Based Target initiatives

The Science Based Targets initiative is an organisation that drives corporate climate actions. The SBTi helped us to set science-based emission reduction targets. It shows us how much we need to reduce our GHG emissions to align with the Paris Agreement.

Royal A-ware has committed to set near-term company-wide emission reductions in line with climate science through the SBTi. In 2023, we developed and submitted our targets. In August 2024, our commitment was officially approved by the SBTi, confirming that our targets align with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

‘As a family business, we don't think in years, but in generations. That is also the starting point of our sustainability strategy. We organise our supply chains in a way that we remain a financially healthy family business while minimising the environmental and social impact,’ says Jan Anker, CEO of Royal A-ware.

Science-based climate targets

Together with our dairy farmers across the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Spain, we have set science-based climate targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across our value chain. These targets cover scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and have been approved by the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi). <https://www.royal-aware.com/en/royal-a-ware-first-dutch-family-run-dairy-company-with-sbti-approval.html> and <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/target-dashboard>.

Our commitment to meet the 1.5°C target is to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 80% by 2030, compared to a 2021 baseline. Additionally, Royal A-ware aims to increase its annual sourcing of renewable electricity to 100% by 2030. Royal A-ware is also committed to reducing scope 3 GHG emissions by 51.6% per tonne of product sold by 2030, relative to the 2021 base year.

Reaching these goals requires close collaboration with our dairy farmers and partners, as well as continuous innovation throughout our operations. By working together, we are helping to secure a more sustainable future for dairy and our family business.



Scope 1 and 2

In 2023, the total carbon footprint of Royal A-ware was 2,424,025.98 tCO₂e. Of this 3.12% originated from our operations (scope 1 and 2). The emissions in scope 1 and 2 results from energy consumption at our production sites. The emissions outside of our operations accounted for 96.88% (scope 3). These emissions arise from purchased goods and services (e.g. raw milk from our dairy farmers and packaging materials), the extraction and production of fuels, external transportation, and waste treatment from sites.

In 2024, the total carbon footprint from our organisations was 2,531,247.15 tCO₂e. The increase in footprint is due to the growth in the number of production locations and, therefore, our total production volume. Of this, 3.32% came from our operations (scope 1 and 2), and 96.68% were emissions that occurred outside of our operations (scope 3).

In 2025, the total carbon footprint was 3,802,807 tCO₂e. Of this 0.86% originated from our operations scope 1 and 2. The emissions in these two scopes have decreased significantly, despite our acquisition of several new production, due to our switch to 80% renewable electricity usage.



Scope 3

As part of our efforts to reduce Scope 3 emissions, we have identified several sources of emissions across the value chain, including emissions generated by consumers when using our products. These encompass activities such as transportation to and from supermarkets, refrigeration, and dishwashing. While these consumer behaviours fall outside our direct control, we actively seek to reduce associated emissions through product and packaging innovations that improve sustainability.

Our target is to reduce our Scope 3 GHG emissions by 51.6% per tonne of product sold by 2030, compared to the 2021 base year.

In 2025 we have used a more detailed breakdown in milk streams inflow and products sold. This has resulted in a more realistic representation of our emissions, therefore 2024 scope 3 emissions are no longer comparable to our 2025 emissions. Because of the big change to scope 3 and the growth of our company our base year has been recalculated.



FLAG

Our goal is to reduce our scope 3 FLAG GHG emissions by 41% per ton of fat and protein corrected milk in 2030.

At Royal A-ware, we are committed to advancing the sustainability of the dairy value chain. To this end, we launched our initiative, “**Koe Bewust**”, which places a strong emphasis on animal welfare. Through the implementation of dedicated milk programs such as “**Beter voor**” and “**Koe Bewust**”, we have significantly reduced our FLAG (Forest, Land, and Agriculture) emissions.

To support our dairy farmers in keeping abreast of developments in biodiversity and sustainability, we have established the Dairy Academy in the Netherlands and Belgium. Whether online or on-farm, dairy farmers can attend workshops and webinars, or participate in field trips and knowledge days on a variety of topics related to running a dairy farm. This gives them tools to optimise their business operations and expand in a future-proof manner.

We want to prevent deforestation and aim for deforestation-free supply chains. To this end, we comply with European deforestation law. This legislation prohibits European companies from importing, exporting, or marketing products that contribute to deforestation worldwide.

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