

Oil palm in Colombia

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It is the most productive oilseed on earth; **one planted hectare produces between 6 and 10 times more oil than other oilseeds.** Colombia is the fourth-largest producer of palm oil globally and the first in the Americas

158 Municipalities in
21 Departments

7,552 Producers

75% small-scale
23% medium-scale
31% women

74 Palm oil mills

1.84 Million Tons CPO production

8.3 Million Tons fresh fruit bunches production

313,000 Tons palm kernel production

Production value
USD **1.8 Billion**

The oil palm is the **most productive oilseed in the world**, utilizing just 8% of the planted area while contributing to **35% of the world's production**

12.1% of the agricultural GDP in Colombia.

5th place in agricultural exports
96% of the local oils and fats production

Per capita consumption
28 kg crude palm oil

214 Certified producers in sustainability standards

30% CPO production holds a sustainability certificate

10% palm oil production certified under the APSColombia standard



596 Thousand planted hectares

84% in production
16% immature area

1.35 Million Tons

of palm oil sold in the domestic market

73% of national production

490,000 Tons

export market sales of palm oil declared to FEP

27% of national production

31.4 Thousand Tons

of palm kernel oil sold in the domestic market

90.8 Thousand Tons

export market sales of palm kernel oil declared to FEP

197,000

direct and indirect jobs

Palm Oil in Colombia is NOT a driver of DEFORESTATION



First sector in Colombian agriculture with a real-time satellite deforestation monitoring system.

18.5 Million hectares monitored at the national level

(16% of the national territory)

99% of the area cultivated with oil palm in Colombia is deforestation-free (2011-2023)*



The Colombian palm oil sector exceeds CORSIA's minimum emissions reduction threshold (10%), showcasing the significant potential for the advanced low-emission biofuels market

	% GHG emissions reduction according to CORSIA methodology		Carbon footprint for crude palm oil
	Indonesia /Malaysia	Colombia	
Open ponds	-	9.5-87.2%	182 Kg CO ₂ e/Ton APC*** (Open ponds)
Closed ponds	14%	40.8-116.3%	-666 Kg CO ₂ e/Ton APC (Closed ponds)

*Source: Information on deforestation associated with oil palm of the national deforestation for 2019 (IDEAM, 2022) and the Information Report 2011-2023 Satelligence (2023)

**Direct Land Use Changes

***Source: GHG Balance by Palm oil Mills 2021