



Frequently Asked Questions – Fresh produce

a. Background and purpose for Crop 2022 revision

As Sysco expands our Sustainable Agriculture Program into fresh produce, we are revising the Environmental Indicator Report (EIR) that is required of Sysco suppliers. Changes will be effective for the 2022 crop year, reported in the 2023 calendar year.

The primary reason for revision is to ensure applicability to fresh produce crops while maintaining relevance to canned and frozen produce and continuing to meet Sysco's need to measure the impacts of our Sustainable Agriculture Program. Other goals of the revision include:

- Incorporate the latest developments in sustainability and sustainable agriculture
- Enable Sysco to report meaningful metrics including those reported in our annual CSR report
- Improve the clarity of questions that have the highest rates of misreported data
- Retain the value of data collected prior to this revision in order to enable data analyses
- Remove questions with low reporting and little ongoing value to Sysco

An open comment period was provided to Sysco fresh produce suppliers in fall 2022, and feedback was considered in the revisions.

b. Revisions not made for crop 2022

Allowing suppliers to report data for multiple crops in a single questionnaire was considered but decided against, because it would prevent the ability to analyze data by crop and compare new reporting with 18 years of historical data. Therefore, values reported for facilities (waste, water) that process more than one crop should continue to be proportionately allocated across the crops handled in the facility. Similarly, irrigation water use conservation should also be reported by crop by allocating across crops grown on the same irrigation system as needed.

c. How do I access the EIR Report?

To access and submit the EIR report you need to first login to your [Azzule Supply Chain site](#), go to your Sysco EIR 2022 Crop Year Compliance Grid to complete the report. For more detailed explanation review [Completing the Environmental Indicator](#) Report in the Quick Guide.

b. Can I save the report and complete it later?

Yes! As an added feature the 2022 crop year Environmental Indicator Report now has a "Save Draft" feature so that you can save and revisit your report at a later date and time.



c. Can I download this report and review it offline?

Yes! We have added a downloadable “Blank Template” within the report for you to download and review offline. Follow the steps to access the report within your Azzule Supply Chain site EIR 2022 Crop Year Compliance Grid and on the bottom left-hand side you will see an option for “Blank Template” where you can download an excel version of the report to review offline. You will still need to complete the report within the grid but can use your excel as reference.

d. I can't submit my report. What am I missing?

The report must have all required fields completed. Check your report for any flagged questions or explanation boxes that require answers.

e. I don't see my product in the dropdown. How can I find it?

The list for “Crop Processed” is available and can be referenced in the product list below. If you do not see your crop listed, you can contact support@azzule.com. Only one “Crop Processed” can be selected for a report.

f. How many crop reports should I complete?

Fresh Produce category suppliers are requested to submit one report for one produce category per parent company for 2022. Moving forward, this will change to one report per crop per growing region.

g. Which crop should I report on?

Fresh Produce crops requested for reporting 2022 are as follows:

- Fresh Tomatoes
- Fresh Mushrooms
- Leafy Greens Commodity: Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts, Green Leaf, Red Leaf, Spring Mix, Spinach, Whole Head multi-leaf
- Fresh Vegetables: Broccoli, Cauliflower.

h. Does different product cut styles require two reports?

Product cut styles do not require separate reports. For example: Fresh Mushrooms packed in two styles such as whole and sliced can be reported under Fresh Mushrooms in one report.

i. I have two growing regions for Romaine Lettuce; Yuma and Salinas- should I report them separately?

The report should be submitted per growing region.

For Fresh Produce category, this year, one report for one crop with one or more growers in one growing region is requested.



j. I supply Romaine Hearts and Red Leaf in Sysco Brand. How many reports should I complete?

You can complete two reports; Romaine Hearts and Red Leaf.

For Fresh Produce category, this year, one report for one crop with one or more growers in one growing region is requested.