



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Sun Belle LLC



- A FRUTURA COMPANY -

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Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

<https://www.fruturaproduce.com/impact/>



Environmental Team

Our parent company, Frutura, has a dedicated Global Sustainability Team that oversees sustainability across our platform. Frutura's Senior Sustainability Manager of US operations, Rachel Bigby, leads sustainability initiatives across the United States. At Sun Belle US, Jessika Lucena serves as our Corporate Sustainability Manager and works closely with all distribution centers to support our social and environmental goals.

At the Jessup facility, we have formed a local "Green Team" that meets monthly to identify and implement actions to reduce our environmental impact. The team consists of:

- **James Walls**, General Manager
- **Lessly Ruano**, Operations Manager
- **Yolanda Solorzano**, Food Safety Manager
- **Nesley Chavez**, Facility Manager

The mission of the Green Team is to improve sustainability at the facility level through practical, data driven and measurable initiatives. We review current practices, explore waste diversion opportunities, and implement operational improvements aligned with our corporate goals such as our current effort to become a Zero Waste Facility.



Annual Environmental Goals

- **Increase energy efficiency** across all company-owned facilities by **3% year over year (YOY)** through equipment upgrades, improved monitoring, and operational best practices.
- **Increase waste diversion rates** by **10% YOY**, with a long-term goal of becoming a **Zero Waste Facility** at each of our distribution centers, including our Jessup location.
- **Submit a near-term SBTi-target** – reduce total Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 5% and reduce total scope 3 GHG by 3% from a 2023 baseline.

These targets are part of a broader strategy to reduce our environmental footprint and operate more sustainably across all aspects of the business

Additionally, many schools have achieved the Maryland Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education (MAEOE) MD Green School or MD Sustainable School Certification, that requires the school to complete various environmentally-focused initiatives, including, but not limited to, establishing No-Mow Zones, installing bluebird boxes, and planting native gardens. As of January 2025, BCPS has 35 Certified Green Schools and 26 Sustainable Schools, outlined under the section titled “Other” on page 4.

Waste



Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

In 2024, the Sun Belle facility in Jessup, MD, generated a total of 871,991 kilograms (kg) of waste. Of that total:

- *721,017 kg were diverted to the BioEnergy Devco facility, also located in Jessup, MD, where the material was converted into renewable biogas.*
- *74,201 kg of cardboard were sent to Waste Management’s recycling center for processing.*
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As a result of these initiatives, only 76,773 kg of waste was sent to landfill, achieving a 91.2% landfill diversion rate for the year. These efforts reflect our commitment to sustainability and our goal of becoming a Zero Waste facility.



Recycling

In 2024 we recycled 74,201 KG of Cardboard.

pounds of food waste from the landfill, between the months of September 2019 and March 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift to a virtual learning

environment, BCPS did not participate in the Food Waste Compost Program for the remainder of the school year, or during the 2020-2021 school year.

Energy

☒ Renewable Energy

*The Sun Belle facility in Jessup, MD, has a **675 kW solar energy system** installed on-site, which offsets more than **60% of the facility's total energy consumption**.*

*From **April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025**, the system generated **2,900,998 kWh** of renewable energy. This is equivalent to:*

- ***33,994 tree seedlings** grown for **10 years***
- ***Or 2,272,337 pounds of coal** not burned*

This significant offset helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and supports our long-term sustainability goals.

Water

☒ Stormwater Management

As part of our sustainability efforts, Sun Belle's Jessup facility implemented several site design features to reduce stormwater runoff and protect local waterways:

- *A portion of our solar system is a **ground-mounted array** located on the back acre of our property. Surrounding this area, we have **planted and actively maintain a pollinator meadow**, which helps absorb rainfall, promotes biodiversity, and significantly reduces surface runoff.*
- *Additionally, we installed a **stormwater retention pond** to collect and filter runoff before it can reach the **nearby creek**, preventing pollutants such as litter, oil, and debris from entering the local watershed.*

These measures enhance stormwater management and reflect our commitment to protecting the surrounding environment.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

***Waste Reduction and Recycling Award**, recognizing our commitment to sustainable operations and continuous improvement in waste diversion.*

*We are actively developing new initiatives to further reduce our environmental impact. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are hosting a **recycling awareness and facility-wide cleanup event** in celebration of **Earth Day 2025**, engaging employees in hands-on sustainability practices to reinforce our goal of becoming a **zero-waste facility**.*

[Jessup post on Linked In](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIzFVMtPQz3/>

*In 2025, we are implementing a **comprehensive emissions tracking system** to better measure and manage greenhouse gas emissions across **Scopes 1, 2, and 3**. This data-driven approach will help us identify reduction opportunities and align with our science-based targets.*

*We are also **actively working toward B Corp certification by 2028**, a milestone that reflects our broader commitment to environmental, social, and governance excellence.*