



Grade Range



Albertsons Companies

OVERALL SCORE

F

Corporate headquarters: 250 Parkcenter Blvd, Boise, Idaho 83706

2017 U.S. sales: \$59.9 billion

Returned the survey: ?

Albertsons Companies is one of the largest grocers in the U.S. The company operates retail locations under 20 different banners, including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Randalls, and Market Street.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Albertsons Companies has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Albertsons Companies has no commitment to ensuring sustainable feed sourcing practices are implemented throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Albertsons Companies has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Aramark

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
2017 North America sales: \$10.2 billion
Returned the survey: Yes

F

Aramark is one of the largest food providers to major institutional customers, including schools, hospitals, corporate campuses, and correction facilities. Aramark stands out for its leadership in promoting plant-based choices to consumers, with 30 percent of their menus being vegetarian or vegan. However, Aramark has not yet taken steps to reduce the environmental impact of its sourced meat sold on the rest of its menus.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Aramark has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Aramark has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Aramark has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Chick-fil-A

OVERALL SCORE

F

Corporate headquarters: 5200 Buffington Road, Atlanta, GA 30349

2017 U.S. sales: \$9.68 billion*

Returned the survey: Survey not sent to Chick-fil-A because employee contact information is not publicly available.

Chick-fil-A is predicted to be the world's third largest fast food restaurant by 2020.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Chick-fil-A has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Chick-fil-A has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Chick-fil-A has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

* Because Chick-fil-A is a private company, its annual sales are not publicly available. However, QSR Magazine's 2017 sales report stated that the company's sales per restaurant were \$4.4 million, and given that the company has about 2,200 locations, Chick-fil-A's annual sales are estimated to be \$9.68 billion.



Grade Range



Chipotle

Corporate headquarters: 1401 Wynkoop Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202

2017 U.S. revenue: \$4.48 billion

Returned the survey: No

OVERALL SCORE

F

Chipotle's "Food with Integrity" program highlights the company's commitment to "make an extra effort to partner with farmers, ranchers, and other suppliers whose practices emphasize quality and responsibility." The company states that it specifically aims to partner with farmers that prioritize soil health, yet this commitment is not defined, measured, or required to become a supplier. Even though Chipotle prides itself on its sustainable sourcing practices, the company does not actually require meat suppliers to reduce their environmental impact.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Chipotle has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Chipotle has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Chipotle has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0



Grade Range



Compass Group North America

OVERALL SCORE



Corporate headquarters: 2400 Yorkmont Road, Charlotte, NC 28217

2017 North America revenues: \$17 billion

Returned the survey: No

Compass Group North America is one of the largest foodservice companies in the U.S. Its subsidiaries include Bon Appétit and Wolfgang Puck Catering. Compass Group is part of Menus of Change to develop healthy, sustainable menus, which includes a focus on plant-based cooking although specific targets and outcomes are not reported.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Compass Group North America has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.



Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Compass Group North America has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.



Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Compass Group North America has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.



Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Costco

OVERALL SCORE

F

Corporate headquarters: 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027

2017 global sales: \$126.2 billion

Returned the survey: No

Costco is one of the largest wholesale retailers in the U.S. The company has been pursuing increased vertical integration, including within its meat supply chain. The company is currently constructing a meat plant in Illinois and a poultry plant in Nebraska.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Costco has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Costco has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Costco has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Domino's Pizza

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48106
2017 U.S. sales: \$5.9 billion
Returned the survey: No

F

Based on global retail sales, Domino's Pizza is the largest pizza company in the world.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Domino's Pizza has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Domino's Pizza has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Domino's Pizza has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



McDonald's

OVERALL SCORE



Corporate headquarters: One McDonald's Plaza, Oak Brook, IL, 60523

2017 global revenues: \$22.82 billion

Returned the survey: Yes

McDonald's is one of the largest and most-recognized fast food chains in the world and has played a significant role in increasing meat on global menus and diets. While McDonald's has set sustainability standards for suppliers on a range of issues, supplier participation is optional and the environmental impacts of its sourced meat remain largely unabated.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

McDonald's has a commitment to reduce its emissions intensity – measured as emissions per metric ton of food and packaging – by 31 percent across its supply chain by 2030 from 2015 levels. The Science Based Targets initiative approved McDonald's emissions reduction commitment. In McDonald's response to Mighty Earth's inquiries about this commitment, the company states that the supply chain Science Based Target includes its protein supply chains, covering beef, poultry, dairy, and feed explicitly. However, because the goal uses an intensity metric, the company's emissions intensity could decrease, even if its absolute emissions increase.

McDonald's is also a member of both the US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. These multi-stakeholder initiatives aim to enhance the sustainability of beef production in the U.S. and globally, including through farm-level greenhouse gas emissions reductions, but do not set standards, operate certification programs, or cover the full scope of the supply chain impacts. This weakness of both the USRSB and the GRSB is obvious when reviewing McDonald's own commitment to reducing its supply chain GHG emissions, since this goal does not explicitly target the company's beef suppliers.



Commitment	2
Implementation	1
Reporting	0



Grade Range



McDonald's CONTINUED

Commitment

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

In its response to Mighty Earth, McDonald's highlighted its involvement with two multi-stakeholder initiatives that aim to improve feed crop sustainability: the Midwest Row Crop Collaborative and Field to Market. The company also reports a commitment to purchase 100 percent certified sustainable soy by 2020 for its European chicken. However, McDonald's does not have a comprehensive policy requiring meat suppliers to implement sustainable feed sourcing practices across their full supply chain.

F

Commitment	0.5
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

In its response to Mighty Earth, McDonald's states, "As an important driver of emissions, manure management is included in our Science Based Target. Many of our suppliers already have work underway in this area." However, McDonald's has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Panera Bread

OVERALL SCORE

F

Corporate headquarters: 3630 S Geyer Rd Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63127

2016 U.S. sales: \$2.4 billion*

Returned the survey: No

Panera Bread has a Food Policy that commits the company to sourcing “clean” ingredients, meaning that the restaurants don’t serve any food containing artificial preservatives, sweeteners, or flavors. This Food Policy does not consider the environmental impacts of Panera Bread’s sourced meat.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Panera Bread has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Panera Bread has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Panera Bread has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

* The most recent annual sales figure for Panera Bread is from 2016.



Grade Range



Restaurant Brands International

(Tim Hortons, Burger King, and Popeyes)

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 226 Wyecroft Road, Oakville, Ontario
2017 U.S. sales: \$2.39 billion
Returned the survey: No

F

Burger King is the world's second largest fast food hamburger restaurant and Popeyes is the world's second largest quick service chicken restaurant, both measured by total number of restaurants.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Restaurant Brands International has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Restaurant Brands International is a member of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB), a multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to reduce the environmental impacts of beef production, promote animal welfare, and enhance beef producers' well-being. However, GRSB does not set standards or operate a certification program, so it does not hold companies accountable for upholding its principles. This weakness of the GRSB is obvious when reviewing Restaurant Brands International's own lack of commitment to reducing its supply chain GHG emissions, including emissions produced by beef suppliers.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Restaurant Brands International has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Restaurant Brands International has no commitment to implementing centralized manure processing throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment 0

Implementation 0

Reporting 0



Grade Range



Sodexo USA

OVERALL SCORE



Corporate headquarters: 9801 Washingtonian Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

2017 North America revenue: \$9.5 billion

Returned the survey: Yes

Sodexo USA is one of the largest foodservice companies in the world and in the U.S. The company provides food to major institutional customers, including universities and hospitals. Sodexo USA has several initiatives underway to influence healthier and sustainable choices through reduction of meat consumption, although it has not published specific targets for lowering the percentage of animal products or increasing sales of plant-based options.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Sodexo has a goal of reducing its Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 34 percent by 2020, using fiscal year 2011-2012 as a baseline. Sodexo also partnered with WWF to create a new methodology to calculate the carbon embedded in its supply chain. In its response to Mighty Earth, Sodexo states, "The majority of Sodexo's carbon and water footprint is contained in the products we buy, meat being the most resource intensive, and so it is essential that we work with our suppliers to encourage environmental stewardship including reducing their impact on the environment including waste management and reducing carbon and water footprints." However, despite Sodexo's acknowledgement of meat's out-sized carbon impact, the company only shares progress on Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction on its website, and in the company's response to Mighty Earth, Sodexo also did not state whether it has decreased its Scope 3 emissions. It is therefore unknown whether Sodexo has made progress in reducing emissions produced throughout its meat supply chain.



Commitment	0.5
Implementation	1
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Sodexo USA CONTINUED

Commitment

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Sodexo is working with WWF to develop a sustainable sourcing strategy for soy, but the company does not provide any details about the scope of this program. So far, Sodexo has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Sodexo has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Starbucks

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 2401 Utah Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134
2017 global sales: \$22.4 billion
Returned the survey: No

F

Starbucks is one of the largest and most-recognized coffee retailers in the world. Although the company is known for its coffee and other beverages, its stores also sell significant quantities of animal protein, including through sandwiches and snacks that contain meat.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Although Starbucks measures its Scope 3 emissions, the company has no commitment to reducing these emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Starbucks has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Starbucks has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Subway

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 325 Sub Way, Milford, CT 06461

2016 U.S. sales: \$11.3 billion*

Returned the survey: No

F

Subway is the largest fast food chain in the world, with more locations than any other restaurant.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Subway has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Subway has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Subway has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

* The most recent annual sales figure for Subway is from 2016.



Grade Range



Sysco

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 1390 Enclave Parkway, Houston, TX 77077
2017 global sales: \$55.4 billion
Returned the survey: No

F

Sysco is the largest global distributor of food to the foodservice industry.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Sysco has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Sysco promotes sustainable agricultural practices through its Sustainable/Integrated Pest Management program, but this initiative only applies to produce farmers. Sysco has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Sysco has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Target Corporation

OVERALL SCORE



Corporate headquarters: 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

2017 U.S. sales: \$71.879 billion

Returned the survey: Yes

Target is the second largest general merchandise retailer in the U.S., and sells a variety of food products through its stores.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

In its 2017, Target set science-based targets for its Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. The company aims to reduce its absolute Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 25 percent by 2025, with 2015 as a baseline. Target's Scope 3 emissions goal is restricted to its own brand meat suppliers, meaning that the company is not including all of its meat suppliers within its new commitment. Target is still developing an additional Scope 3 emissions reduction goal, but additional details are not yet public. Overall, Target has a partial commitment to reducing its emissions produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Target is also member of the US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. This multi-stakeholder initiative aims to enhance the sustainability of beef production in the U.S., including through farm-level greenhouse gas emissions reductions, but because it does not set standards or operate certification programs, this initiative does not hold companies accountable. This weakness of the USRSB is obvious when reviewing Target's own commitment to reducing its supply chain GHG emissions, since this goal does not target all of the company's beef suppliers.



Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Target Corporation CONTINUED

Commitment

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Target has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Target has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



The Kroger Co

Corporate headquarters: 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

2017 U.S. sales: \$122.7 billion

Returned the survey: No

OVERALL SCORE

F

Kroger is one of the world's largest supermarket chains, serving more than 9 million customers per day.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Since 2006, the company has measured and managed its Scope 1 and 2 emissions, which Kroger mistakenly calls its "total carbon footprint." Kroger has no commitment to reducing its emissions produced throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Kroger has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Kroger has no commitment to implementing centralized manure processing throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



TRADER JOE'S

Grade Range



Trader Joe's

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 800 S Shamrock Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
2017 U.S. sales: Unavailable because Trader Joe's is a private company
Returned the survey: No

F

Trader Joe's is one of the most popular grocery stores in the U.S., based on customer satisfaction.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Trader Joe's has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Trader Joe's has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Trader Joe's has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



US Foods

OVERALL SCORE

Corporate headquarters: 9399 W. Higgins Road, Suite 500, Rosemont, IL 60018
2017 U.S. sales: \$24 billion
Returned the survey: No

F

US Foods is the second largest food distributor in the U.S., based on annual sales.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

US Foods has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

US Foods has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

US Foods has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Walmart

OVERALL SCORE



Corporate headquarters: 702 SW 8th St, Bentonville, AR 72716

2017 U.S. sales: \$485.14 billion

Returned the survey: Yes

Walmart is one of the largest grocery retailers in the U.S. In fiscal year 2017, Walmart accounted for 17.3 percent of Tyson's consolidated sales – more than any other customer.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Through its Project Gigaton, launched in April 2017, Walmart aims to reduce its Scope 3 emissions by one billion tons (a gigaton) by 2030, compared to a 2015 baseline.¹ The initiative includes an Agriculture pillar to specifically target raw material producers, including corn, soy, and livestock farmers.² Although joining Project Gigaton is voluntary, participating suppliers must report on their progress annually.³

Walmart provides guidance on sustainable agricultural practices, goal-setting, and reporting to support their suppliers in setting and achieving emissions reduction goals. For example, on its website, Walmart shares a chart that lists fertilizer optimization programs and practices, categorized by their expected emissions savings. Walmart also provides goal-setting templates that help meat producers identify sustainable on-farm practices, such as employing manure management strategies that reduce GHG emissions.⁴ Walmart worked with multiple NGO partners, including WWF and the Environmental Defense Fund, to create these resources. Overall, while Walmart's commitment and ambition is notable for the industry, implementation remains lacking and unclear.



Commitment	2
Implementation	1
Reporting	1

1 <https://news.walmart.com/2017/04/19/walmart-launches-project-gigaton-to-reduce-emissions-in-companys-supply-chain>

2 <https://www.walmartsustainabilityhub.com/project-gigaton/agriculture>

3 <https://www.walmartsustainabilityhub.com/project-gigaton>

4 <https://www.walmartsustainabilityhub.com/project-gigaton/agriculture>



Grade Range



Walmart CONTINUED

Commitment

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Within Project Gigaton's Agricultural pillar, Walmart provides guidance to corn and soy farmers on fertilizer optimization techniques, such as cover cropping and conservation tillage. However, the initiative is voluntary, which inherently limits Walmart's ability to enforce sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its supply chain. In addition, although participating suppliers are required to submit annual reports on their progress, they do not have to include how they are reducing emissions through on-farm practices. As a result, it is not possible to assess the degree to which Project Gigaton leads to the adoption of sustainable corn and soy production practices.

Walmart also has a pilot commodity optimization program that works to improve the farming practices of 15 large corn and soy suppliers on 2.5 million acres. The only publicly-available information about the program is that the company is providing farmers with data and tools to optimize their fertilizer application and tilling practices. Therefore, this program is missing key elements of a sustainable feed sourcing commitment, including requiring cover cropping and prohibiting the clearance of native ecosystems for new corn and soy production. To improve the pilot program, Walmart should include a timebound target, implementation verification, and reporting requirements.

D

Commitment	0.5
Implementation	1
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Within Project Gigaton's Agricultural pillar, Walmart identifies sustainable manure management strategies that suppliers could use to reduce their emissions, such as by using anaerobic digesters with biogas capture. However, the initiative is voluntary, and even participating suppliers are not required to achieve any specific outcomes related to manure management. In addition, although participating suppliers are required to submit annual reports on their progress, they do not have to include how they are reducing emissions through on-farm practices. As a result, it is not possible to assess the degree to which Project Gigaton leads to the adoption of sustainable manure management practices.

D

Commitment	0.5
Implementation	1
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Wegmans Food Markets

OVERALL SCORE

F

Corporate headquarters: 1500 Brooks Avenue, Box 30844, Rochester, NY

2017 U.S. sales: \$8.7 billion

Returned the survey: No

Wegmans operates supermarkets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, and it is one of the largest private companies in the U.S.

Commitment

F

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Wegmans has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

F

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Wegmans has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

F

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Wegmans has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Wendy's

Corporate headquarters: One Dave Thomas Boulevard, Dublin, OH 43017
2017 U.S. sales: \$622.8 million
Returned the survey: No

OVERALL SCORE

F

Wendy's is the world's third largest fast food hamburger restaurant.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Wendy's has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

Wendy's is a member of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB), a multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to enhance the sustainability of beef production in the U.S. The USRSB lists "air and greenhouse gas emissions" as a high priority sustainability indicator, but because the USRSB does not set standards or operate a certification program, it does not hold companies accountable for reducing their emissions. This weakness of the USRSB is obvious when reviewing Wendy's own lack of commitment to reducing its supply chain GHG emissions, including emissions produced by beef suppliers.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Wendy's has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Wendy's has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Whole Foods

Corporate headquarters: 550 Bowie Street, Austin, Texas, 78703

2017 global sales: \$16.03 billion

Returned the survey: No

OVERALL SCORE

F

Whole Foods is the largest natural and organic foods supermarket in the U.S., and it was the first "Certified Organic" grocer in the country. Despite Whole Foods having a well-known reputation for being an eco-friendly retailer, the company has no commitments to mitigating the negative environmental impacts of its meat suppliers, which include Tyson and Cargill. Whole Foods refused to accept a consumer petition from 100,000 customers concerned about the company's lack of environmental safeguards for sourced meat. Whole Foods was recently acquired by Amazon.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Whole Foods has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout the meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Whole Foods has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

F

Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Whole Foods has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

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Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Yum! Brands

(Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and Kentucky Fried Chicken)

Corporate headquarters: 1441 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, KY 40213

2017 global sales: \$3.572 billion

Returned the survey: No

Yum! Brands is one of the largest restaurant companies in the world, by number of units.

Commitment

SUPPLY CHAIN GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Yum! Brands follows an "Environmental Stewardship" principle as part of its "Five Principles in Action," which guide the company's meat supplier requirements. To follow this principle, Yum! Brands states that it works in partnership with its suppliers to "continually seek to maintain and implement well-managed, integrated livestock production systems that optimize natural resources and minimize negative impacts to the environment, including air and water quality, carbon footprint and land use."

In addition, Taco Bell – but not Yum! Brands as a whole – is a member of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB), a multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to enhance the sustainability of beef production in the U.S. The USRSB lists "air and greenhouse gas emissions" as a high priority sustainability indicator, but because the USRSB does not set standards or operate a certification program, it does not hold companies accountable for reducing their emissions.

In sum, Yum! Brands has no commitment to reducing its Scope 3 emissions, including those produced throughout its meat supply chain. None of the initiatives undertaken by Yum! Brands require suppliers to change practices in order to improve environmental performance, and reporting on outcomes is unavailable.

Grade Range



OVERALL SCORE



Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0



Grade Range



Yum! Brands CONTINUED

(Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and Kentucky Fried Chicken)

Commitment

SUSTAINABLE FEED SOURCING

Yum! Brands has no commitment to implementing sustainable feed sourcing practices throughout its meat supply chain.

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Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0

RESPONSIBLE MANURE PROCESSING

Yum! Brands has no commitment to ensuring meat suppliers have responsible manure management plans in place throughout its meat supply chain.

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Commitment	0
Implementation	0
Reporting	0