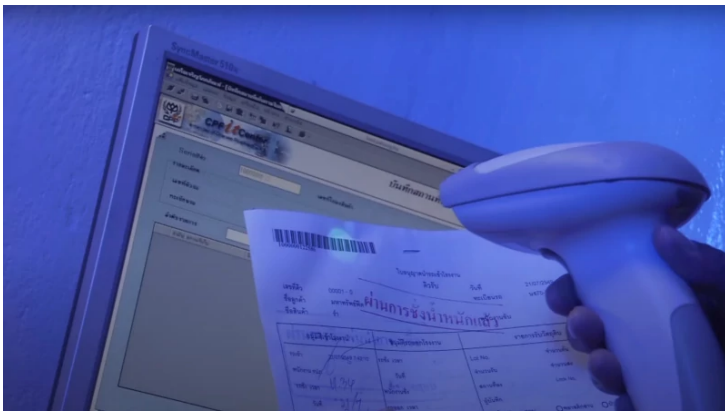


## Thailand's CP insists on procuring animal feed corn through a 100% traceability system

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Thai operations have adopted the corn traceability system allowing 100% of the animal feed corn procured to be traced back to its source of cultivation and has legal documentation. In addition to sustaining forest areas without encroaching on them, it promotes the development of small farmers and cultivates awareness about not burning after harvesting. Besides procuring environmentally friendly corn, it also aims to contribute to solving the PM 2.5 dust problem. Charoen Pokphand Group and affiliated companies in Thailand are using the corn traceability system since 2017.

Chairman of the Executive Board of Animal feed raw material trading business group of the Animal Feed Raw Material Trading Business Group, Mr. Paisan Khruewongwanich, explained that CP places importance on creating a sustainable food production chain and is committed to responsibly sourcing key agricultural raw materials that can be traced back to legal growing sources. As a supplier of agricultural products, he explained that CP places an emphasis on creating a sustainable food production chain by avoiding cutting down and burning of forests to support the resolution of environmental issues.

The policy of CP Group indicates "Do not accept or import maize products from encroached forest areas and areas that come from burning." In this regard, CP Group has developed a corn traceability system for use in procuring animal feed corn in its Thai operations since 2017 and has implemented a traceability system. It will also be used to purchase corn from farmers in Myanmar, Lao PDR, and Vietnam from 2020.

"The company does not support the cultivation of maize that may cause forest fires and is not involved in promoting burning and has initiated the creation of a prototype maize growing system that is correct and does not harm the environment. Can be traced back and cooperate with all parties involved in using the traceability system for animal feed maize seriously and use satellite image technology to track planting plots in order to properly manage the problem," Mr.

Paisan said.

The company applies satellite imaging technology to track plantations and analyze areas where post-harvest burning is still found so that company officials went to the area to advise farmers to stop burning stubble after harvest to create assurance that the company sources corn for animal feed from growing sources without burning. Currently, 100% of the corn used in Thailand's operations can be traced back to the planting source that has legal documents. Do not invade forest areas and avoid burning. It also increases confidence with Blockchain Traceability technology that links corn production data from the planting plot to the animal feed factory and created the For Farm application to help facilitate Thai farmers in registering to verify their identity and planting area.

### **Environmentally responsible policies to aid small-scale corn farmers**

CP Group also places importance on the quality of life of small-scale corn farmers. By implementing the project "Farmers rely on themselves. Sustainable Corn" since 2016 to share knowledge and transfer technology to farmers. Promote good farming practices without burning and have stable income from increased output coupled with reduced expenses.

Mr. Sumet Pinyosanit, Chief Executive Officer of Charoen Pokphand Produce Company Limited (CPP), as a producer and distributor of animal feed corn seeds, said that the company operates its business under a policy that is responsible for society and the environment. There is no policy to promote or support the cultivation of maize for animal feed in forest areas and protected forests and areas that do not have legal rights documents. Including must not be involved in or encourage burning to prepare planting areas.