

A Crosswalk of the SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) with the Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard 2020 Program

The Leading Harvest Standard Program 2020 ("LH Standard") is a third-party audited certification program that provides assurance for the sustainability of farmland management. The LH Standard was designed to harmonize with other sustainability programs and frameworks, such as the SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA), to create more transparency, efficiency, and greater outcomes for agriculture. The following FSA requirement categories are from the FSA 3.0 Self-Assessment Questionnaire.

Participation in the SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment goes a long way to aligning to the LH Standard. 9 out of 10 (90%) of the FSA requirement categories can provide strong alignment with the LH Standard, with one requirement category, plant material selection and propagation, that can provide partial alignment with the LH Standard.

FSA Requirement Categories	General Alignment with LH Standard	Partial Alignment wth LH Standard	No Alignment with LH Standard
Farm Management & Community	LH Standard requires legal compliance, community engagement, public health and safety, material management, and financial sustainability		
Plant Material Selection & Propagation		LH Standard does not have dedicated indicators to plant material selection and propagation, though crop and genetic diversity are addressed, which aligns with portions of this FSA section.	
Soil Management	LH Standard allows soil health to be managed in such a way that all elements of the SAI platform can be applicable		
Nutrient Management	LH Standard requires nutrient management within Objective 4. Crop Protection and Objective 2. Soil Health and Conservation		
Crop Protection	LH Standard, Objective 4. Crop Protection addresses the relevant topics in this SAI platform section, indicating that all labeled instructions and legal requirements must be followed		
Waste Management	LH Standard requires management of waste and agricultural chemicals in compliance with applicable laws, statues, and regulations		
Water Management	LH Standard requires operations to protect water resources and manage water use efficiency for continuous improvement		
Biodiversity	LH Standard requires conversation of biodiversity where appropriate and commitment to avoid land use conversion		
Air Quality & Emissions	LH Standard requires energy conservation and minimization of adverse impacts to the atmosphere and climate change		
Labour Conditions	LH Standard requires labor condition conformance within:		
	Objective 4. Crop Protection Objective 10. Employees and Farm Labor Objective 11. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Objective 12. Management Review and Continual Improvement		

