

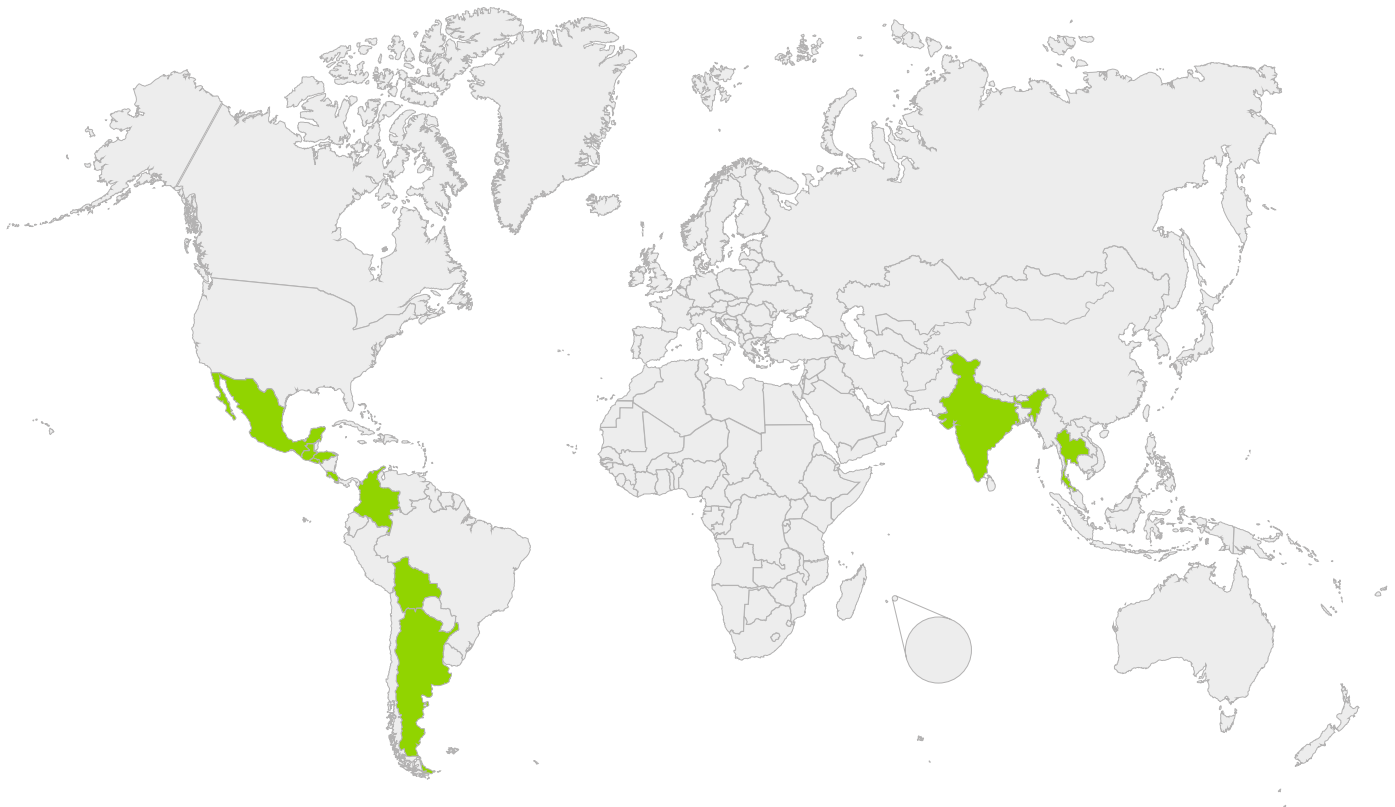
SMALLHOLDER FARMER INCLUSION

Some of the world's biggest sugarcane producing countries rely on smallholder farmers for most of their volumes including Mexico, Thailand, India and Pakistan. The definition of what counts as a smallholder farmer varies across the world, but for Bonsucro, it's a farmer with less than 25 hectares of land.

Some smallholders own much less land – in Mexico the average is 4.3 hectares, and in India the average is less than 1.5 hectares. On the other hand, other parts of Latin America can average more than 12 hectares.

To widen access to certification, Bonsucro launched the Production Standard for Smallholder Farmers in 2018. It's based on the Production Standard but was adapted to facilitate collecting data on a much smaller scale to ensure the cost for implementation is lower and therefore more inclusive.

Figure 2: Smallholders reached by Bonsucro certification



10,159 Smallholder Farms

27,758 Hectares of smallholder land

Bonsucro is committed to supporting smallholder sugarcane farmers on their sustainability journey through training materials, advice, and impact projects.

DATA NOTES

All data used in this report has been submitted by certified entities via the Bonsucro Calculator throughout their certification journey. The data has been verified by third-party auditors and curated by Bonsucro.

Unless otherwise stated, all figures and results presented in this report are based on audit data submitted up to 19 July 2022 and extracted from Bonsucro's database. Volume figures should be treated as approximate because the 12-month reporting period of any given certified entity may not coincide exactly with a calendar year. Volumes are allocated to the calendar year at the beginning of the reporting period.

Due to the reporting timeframe and audit cycle for data verification, trade and calculator data is reported a year in arrears. As such, trade volumes are for 2020, and certification data is correct up to the 2020–21 sugarcane season.

CERTIFICATION YEAR

Where appropriate and relevant to the analysis, data has been presented by either calendar year, or in years of certification:

- Year 0 represents the data collected when a producer is first certified.
- Year 1 represents data collected by a producer one year after certification, and so on.

Average figures of each year group are likely to change in annual summaries. This is due to year-round audit reporting which adds to the dataset each month.

Each year as businesses become certified for the first time (year 0) or achieve another year of certification, the amount of data for that year category grows. Certification years above year 7 are excluded from this report due to small sample sizes (<30).

