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### ***Muntons shortlisted for this year's Manufacturer of the year award***

It has been announced that Muntons, the malt manufacturer based in Stowmarket, Suffolk, has, along with six other companies, been shortlisted for the manufacturer of the year award for sustainability.

Muntons sustainability credentials have been vetted by a panel of expert judges and a decision on the winner is to be announced on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Strongly featured in the Muntons presentation were the pledge to make all malt low carbon by 2015, development of its cereals farming carbon footprint calculator, wide ranging educational support for sustainability through all key stages in local schools, lobbying and influencing activities through the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change and reduction of carbon footprint in baked goods by carefully tailoring the ingredients.

Muntons has been producing malt and malted ingredients for over 90 years. During this time it has grown to become a significant international player in the supply of malts, malt extracts, homebrew kits for beer and wine, flours and flakes and many other malted ingredients relevant to the food and drinks industry exporting around half of its production. Muntons is passionate about environmental protection and continuously looking at innovative ways to reduce its supply chain carbon footprint. Currently Muntons rank 13<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday Times Best Green Companies List having made the top 60 for 4 consecutive years and has ISO 14001 certification for environmental management. Since 1999 Muntons has consistently outperformed its Climate Change emissions targets set by government achieved by a comprehensive carbon reduction programme drawing on numerous initiatives throughout the supply chain. Muntons have a strong recognition that low carbon working practices have social, economic and environmental benefits.

Muntons is keenly focussed on sustainable production centring our efforts around carbon footprinting. Being passionate about environmental protection, we take the lead in promoting our ethos to both suppliers and customers. We have taken an active lead in promoting low carbon farming with a target of reducing the carbon footprint of farming cereals by at least 50%. Research and funding organisations have responded to our desire to do something now rather than hide behind some perceived uncertainty on climate – that's what we call *Practical Sustainability*.

