

Forest conservation at water sources

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▶ Forest of Blendy® :
 Conservation of
 forests and the
 water (Japanese)

Ajinomoto AGF, Inc. production bases, AGF Suzuka, Inc. and AGF Kanto, Inc., withdraw water from the Suzuka River and Arato River (a tributary of the Tone River). Their sources are conserved by forests located in the foothills of the Suzuka Mountains and the south foothills of Mount Akagi, respectively. The companies are continuously engaged in the Forest of *Blendy*® initiative aimed at conserving these forests.

By fiscal 2025, Ajinomoto AGF, Inc. aims to expand the area of these forests five-fold compared to their March 2017 size, and supply all water used in *Blendy*® bottled coffee and other production from Forest of *Blendy*® groundwater (recharge volume). As of the end of fiscal 2018, the two forests' contracted areas combined covered approximately 22 ha, about 4.2 times the original size.

In fiscal 2019, the company plans to expand and enhance the forest maintenance activities.

Planned expansion of Forest of *Blendy*®

