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We produced this chocolate scorecard to help you find ethically sourced fair trade sweets. Brands marked "B" or higher rely on a third-party certification for all their cocoa, whereas "C" and below only certify a portion of their cocoa at present

COMPANY/PRODUCT	GRADE	LABOR CERTIFICATION	BITE-SIZE CANDIES	SEASONAL SPECIALS/GIFTS	ORGANIC
Alter Eco	A		✓		✓
Divine	A		✓	✓	
Equal Exchange	A		✓		✓
Shaman	A				✓
Sjaak's	A		✓	✓	✓
Theo Chocolate	A		✓	✓	✓
Endangered Species	B		✓	✓	some
Mars	C	  	✓		
Hershey	C	  	✓		
Ferrero	C	 	✓		
Mondelez (Cadbury; Green & Black's)	C-	 	✓		
Nestlé	C-	 	✓		
Ghirardelli (owned by Lindt)	D		✓	✓	
Godiva	D-	None	✓	✓	

★ Visit our site to learn more about Green America's Fair Trade campaign and what you can do to improve labor conditions for workers and their families around the world:
www.greenamerica.org/programs/fairtrade

★ This list is not exhaustive of all chocolate companies. If your favorite chocolate brand is not listed, consider calling the company to ask about its commitment to ethical sourcing.

★ Information on certification labels on next page

WHAT THE CERTIFICATION LABELS MEAN



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LABEL	ABOUT
Fair Trade Certified™  	Fair Trade prohibits forced labor, child labor, and discrimination, and protects freedom of association and collective bargaining rights. If child labor should surface, remediation guidelines are in place. Certified farmers are guaranteed a Fair Trade floor price for their cocoa beans as well as a social premium. Fair Trade cocoa producers are required to form democratic cooperatives that administer the social premium based on a democratic process. In order to use the Fair Trade label, 100% of the primary ingredient must be certified.
Rainforest Alliance (RA) 	RA standards prohibit the use of forced labor, child labor, and discrimination. However, the protection of the right to organize on RA-certified farms is not a critical criteria. RA does not require buyers to pay a specific minimum floor price for cocoa beans. RA reasons that by producing higher quality and sustainable cocoa beans, farmers should be able to earn a higher price for their beans over time.
UTZ 	UTZ Certified was founded by Guatemalan coffee producers and the Ahold Coffee Company in 1997; however, no organizations with a specific expertise in labor rights are included on the Board of Directors. UTZ launched a cocoa program in 2007. UTZ certification prohibits forced labor, child labor, and discrimination and protects the right to organize and bargain collectively. In terms of pricing, UTZ states that premiums are paid to farmers for their certified products, but the price is solely based on negotiations between the buyers and farmers. Paying the legal minimum wage is required only after the first year of certification
IMO Fair For Life 	The IMO Fair for Life certification guarantees that human rights are protected at all stages of production, with a strong focus on hired laborers, as they are often the most marginalized in the supply chain. Fair for Life guarantees that smallholder farmers receive fair payment and that workers enjoy good and fair working conditions. The Fair for Life system prevents forced and child labor and also includes detailed environmental criteria. Fair For Life certified products must use Fair Trade ingredients if available, and regardless, 50% of all ingredients must be Fair Trade in order for a product to bear the seal.
Organic 	Organic certification does not include labor rights standards. The program does not address wages, prices to producers, or management of cooperatives. Organic does require that 100% of the ingredients of a product be certified organic in order to earn a label. Organic certification also includes a grievance procedure and whistleblower protections.