

Tootsi Turvas - A Century of Experience

AS Tootsi Turvas is one of Estonia's oldest peat production companies, with a history dating back to 1919. The company has operated under various names and entities, but since 1991, it has been known as AS Tootsi Turvas. Since 2002, the company has been part of the Finnish group Vapo Oy, which was renamed Neova Oy in 2021.



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The main activities of Tootsi Turvas are the production of milled, sod, and block peat, which is used approximately 99% in both professional and hobby gardening. The company has peat production areas all over Estonia, the largest of which is in Lavassaare, Pärnu County.



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The company collaborates with reliable and experienced subcontractors who ensure the quality, safety, and environmental compliance of peat production. Tootsi Turvas implements the ISO 14001 environmental management system, and most production areas also hold RPP (Responsibly Produced Peat) and RHP (Peat Quality) certifications.



More than half of Tootsi Turvas' production is processed locally in Estonia at the Kekkilä-BVB factory in Niibi, which is owned by the Neova Group.

A significant portion is exported mainly to other factories within the group in Europe, and to a lesser extent, to other parts of the world where there is a high demand for quality growing substrates.

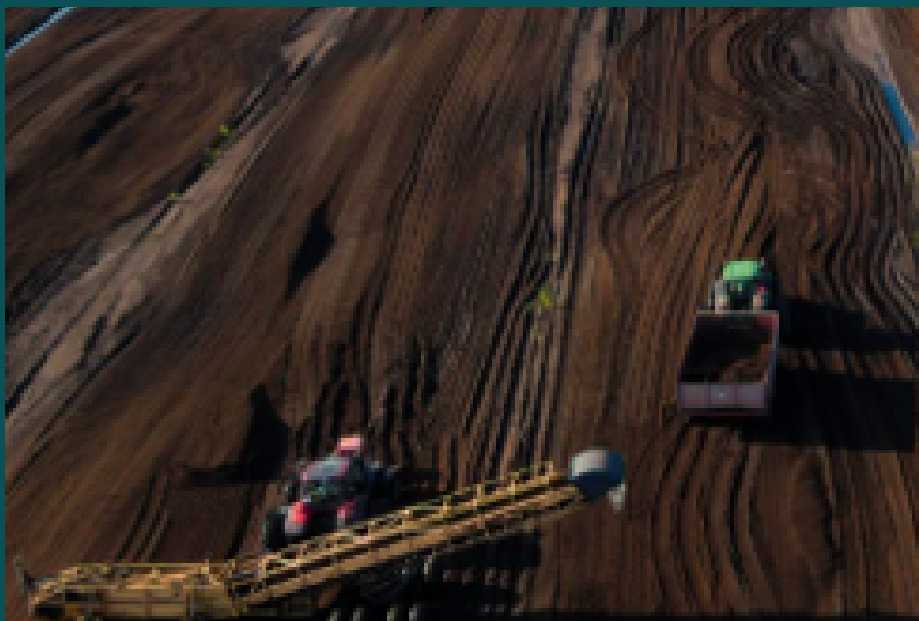


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The company's ability to offer stable and high-quality products that meet international standards and the demands of informed customers supports these export trends.

Lavassaare peat production area restoration within the WaterLANDS project

The restoration of the Lavassaare and Elbu peat production areas is being carried out with support from the European Union's Horizon 2020 program within the framework of the WaterLANDS project. Between 2021 and 2026, 525 hectares of depleted peat production areas will be restored.

In total, Tootsi Turvas plans to restore approximately 1,400 hectares of depleted peatlands in Estonia over the next few years.



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The work is carried out in two stages:

Technological restoration: closing ditches, constructing water barriers and dams, soil planning, building boardwalks.



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Biological restoration: forest and grassland are established in drier areas, peatland vegetation is sown, and trees are planted.



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Community Impact and Sustainability

The project not only focuses on nature restoration but also on community engagement and the creation of social values. Information boards will be installed in the restored areas, work meetings will be organized, and best practices for restoration will be shared.



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The work is carried out by several partners, including Terrason OÜ, Inseneribüroo Steiger, and AS Tootsi Turvas. Scientists from the University of Tartu and the Estonian Fund of Nature are also participating in the project.

