

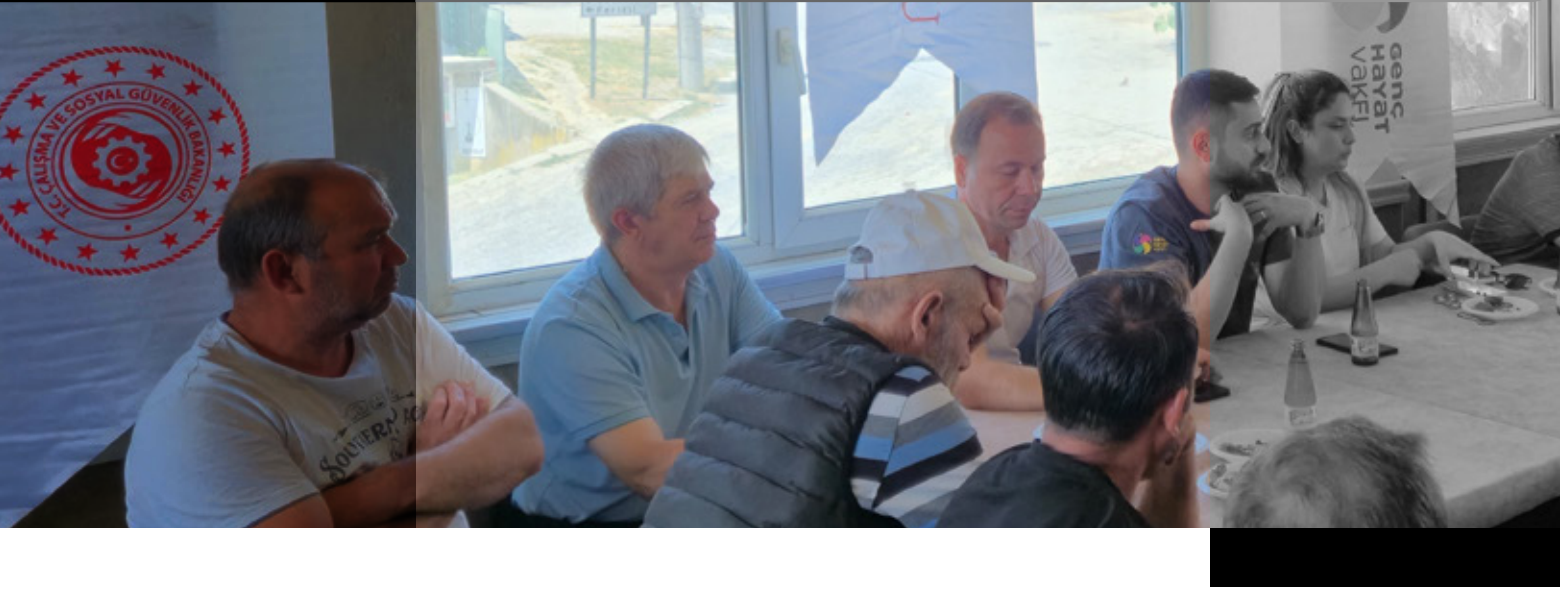


Biological Control Against the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Continues

As part of the biological control program carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry against the brown marmorated stink bug, samurai wasps have been released since 2023 by institutes affiliated with the General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM). As Balsu, within the scope of our collaborations with TAGEM, district directorates of agriculture, and governorates, we participated in the release of approximately 2,500 samurai wasps in the Gümüşova district of Düzce and around 100,000 in the Keşap district of Giresun.

With this environmentally friendly and sustainable method of control, a solution is being developed with respect to biological balance against the brown marmorated stink bug, which poses a threat to agricultural production-particularly hazelnuts. Throughout 2025, it is planned to release approximately 1 million samurai wasps in areas with high pest density, especially in the Black Sea region.





June 12, World Day Against Child Labor Event



As Balsu, we came together with our farmers in Ferizli, Sakarya, in collaboration with the Young Lives Foundation, as part of the [June 12 World Day Against Child Labor](#).

During the event, information was shared on child labor, children's rights, safe harvest practices, and local solutions. Measures that need to be taken to prevent child labor, especially during the hazelnut harvest season, were evaluated together with the farmers.

It was once again emphasized that every child has the right to play, receive an education, and grow up in a safe environment.





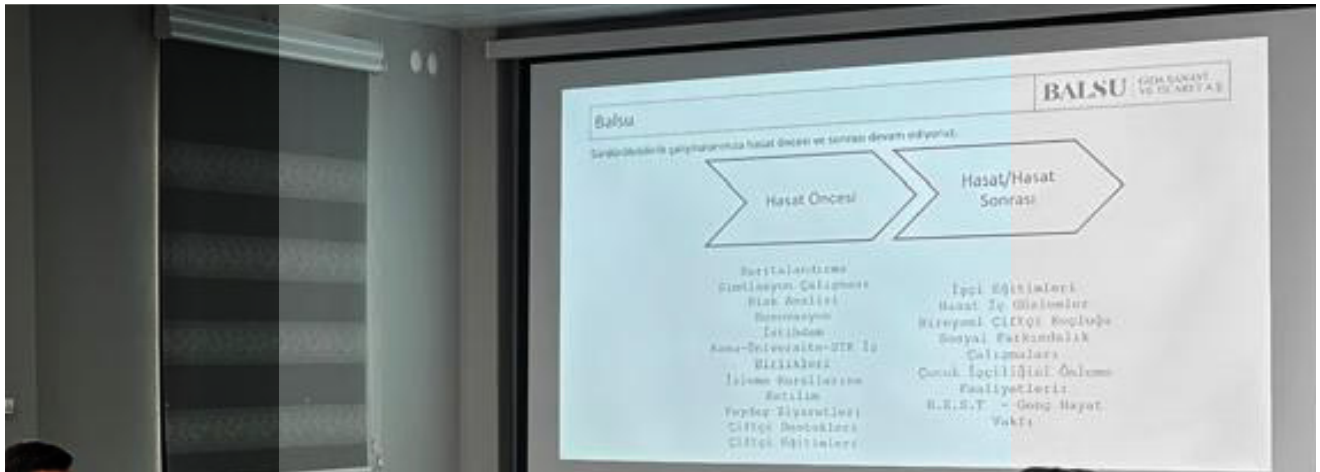
Balsu and Young Lives Foundation Participated in District Monitoring Committees



As Balsu, within the scope of the B.E.S.T Program, we continue to build strong collaborations with our stakeholders to support sustainable agricultural practices and improve the working and living conditions of seasonal agricultural workers.

In this context, through our local-level work with Young Lives Foundation, we strengthen our cooperation with public institutions and local administrations by participating in district monitoring committees. These committees address current regulations concerning seasonal agricultural workers and the duties and responsibilities of local authorities, with a particular focus on increasing supportive activities for seasonal migrant agricultural worker families and their children.

In the pre-harvest period of 2025, we continue to strengthen this initiative by participating in the monitoring committee in the Terme district of Samsun together with Young Lives Foundation.





Balsu's World Environment Day Event

As part of World Environment Day on June 5, Balsu organized an event for students at Bakırlı Primary School in Ferizli District of Sakarya, focusing on environmental awareness, sustainability, recycling, and love for nature.

In addition, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Balsu by the school administration in recognition of its contributions to education and its support in the construction of the basketball court.

With the goal of a sustainable future, we remain committed to carrying out our social responsibility initiatives.





B.E.S.T Program 2025-2026 Season Begins in Partnership with Young Lives Foundation



Balsu continues B.E.S.T Program, which is carried out in collaboration with Young Lives Foundation and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security within the scope of a 5-year protocol, by strengthening its ethical, sustainability and traceability standards.

In the 2025–2026 implementation period, the program will be conducted in 9 districts and 40 villages across the provinces of Düzce, Sakarya, Samsun, and Ordu. Within this scope, safe spaces will be created through summer schools and on-site education activities, aiming to reach 1,000 children. Winter activities in Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, and Şırnak will continue to support school attendance for children in their hometowns. One of the main objectives of the program is to prevent child labor within Balsu's supply chain and to promote an ethical production approach. In this direction, activities will be carried out with 1,000 farmers under the B.E.S.T standard. In addition, during the second year of implementation, training activities will continue comprehensively on topics such as child labor, workers' rights, ethical production, and financial literacy with the Technical Transfer Group consisting of 80 farmers who participated in the first year.

The program offers a holistic child protection approach not only during the harvest period but also in origin provinces, with case tracking systems designed to monitor children's school attendance.

