

# Which Chocolate is Slave Free?



Cocoa is usually grown on small farms. Working on a family farm is normal in developing countries.

Unfortunately, 1.8 million children in the cocoa industry in West Africa are at risk for falling under the UN criteria for Worst Forms of Child Labor. Simply, this means these kids are not going to school, don't have access to medical care, are working with unsafe tools and pesticides and even worse many are trafficked and are used as slave labor. As the western world is becoming more aware of this situation, your customers may be asking which of the chocolate is slave free or contains ethically sourced cocoa. Although there are exceptions to everything, the following criteria is the best we have to go on to date. If the chocolate contains one or more of the following, then it is considered it to be Slave Free Chocolate.

- Does it have a Fair Trade stamp?
- Does it have an a stamp declaring ethically sourced ingredients?
- Is it organic?
- Does the chocolate say where the cocoa comes from? Almost all cocoa sourced from areas other than West Africa will have it printed on the label.

Go to [www.slavefreechocolate.org](http://www.slavefreechocolate.org) to find out more. Thank you for your consideration.