

A MENU FOR GROWTH: Our priorities for Scotland's food and drink manufacturers

Scotland's food and drink manufacturing industry is thriving due to the hard-working and passionate people that make up our vibrant sector. We look forward to working in partnership with the next Scottish Parliament and Government to deliver our industry's priorities.

Our priorities:

1. Support the growth of our vital food and drink industry

We are:

- ✓ Feeding the nation and supporting our local communities – thanks to the 47,000 #HiddenHeroes in food and drink manufacturing companies across Scotland.
- ✓ An ambitious industry that aims to sustainably grow Scottish food and drink turnover to £30 billion by 2030.

We ask:

- ✓ That the food and drink industry is given time to recover from the devastating impacts of Covid-19 and the changes brought about by Brexit. There should be a moratorium on policy and regulation changes that will negatively impact our industry.
- ✓ To continue to support the Scotland Food & Drink Partnership's recovery plan allowing future growth through supporting businesses to capitalise on new opportunities at home and abroad.

2. Deliver healthier communities across Scotland

We are:

- ✓ Making shopping baskets healthier. Compared to 2015, the average UK shopping basket of our members' products is lower in calories by 11% ⁽¹⁾.
- ✓ Delivering "Reformulation for Health" – a dietary improvement programme - engaging with over 400 Scottish butchers, bakers and manufacturers to support healthier food choices.

We ask:

- ✓ That future dietary health policy is evidence-based and supports rather than punishes Scotland's people and Scotland's vital food and drink industry, helping them to make healthier choices.
- ✓ For support and funding to continue and expand the "Reformulation for Health" programme, which is helping Scotland's communities enjoy healthier diets.

3. Achieve a more environmentally sustainable Scotland

We are:

- ✓ By 2025; reducing our CO₂ emissions by 60% from a 1990 baseline.
- ✓ Reducing food waste across our members' supply chains and contributing to the UN food waste reduction target.
- ✓ Supporters of the UK Plastics Pact - aiming for 100% of plastic packaging to be reusable, recyclable or compostable and 70% of plastic packaging to be recycled or composted by 2025.

We ask:

- ✓ For investment in hydrogen and electricity heat generation to ensure Scotland's food and drink manufacturers make a just transition to low carbon heat.
- ✓ That energy transition funding is applicable to our small and medium-sized food and drink manufacturers to help achieve Scotland's net zero target.
- ✓ For infrastructure and policies that makes Scotland's circular economy a great opportunity for food and drink manufacturers across Scotland.

4. Invest in our people, skills and innovation

We are:

- ✓ Promoting the wealth of opportunities and exciting careers in food and drink.
- ✓ Providing job opportunities that support the Youth Guarantee Scheme.
- ✓ Advocating the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills for the industry.
- ✓ Gaining insights on the future skills required to grow the food and drink industry in areas like enhanced automation, artificial intelligence, circular economy and big data.

We ask:

- ✓ For continued funding of "A Future in Food", to support a pipeline of highly skilled recruits to enable food and drink companies to grow and prosper.
- ✓ That education policies support career development through apprenticeships, further and higher education and other development opportunities.
- ✓ For the creation of new opportunities for the industry including; greener jobs, circular economy, digital skills and other emerging technologies vital to the growth of food and drink.

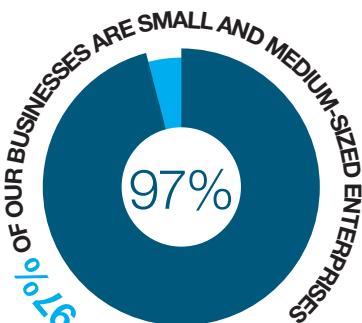
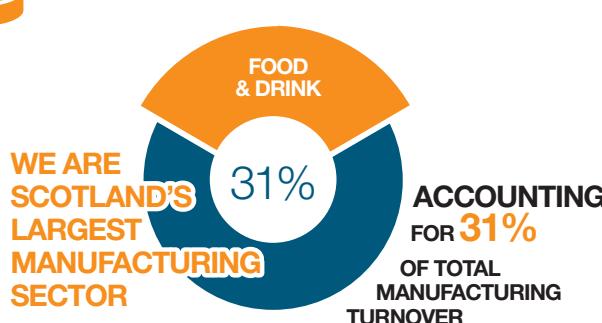
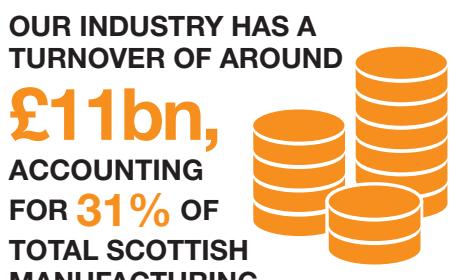
(1) Kantar Worldpanel data for Food and Drink Federation members 2015 – 2019

Food and Drink Federation Scotland is the membership body for Scotland's food and drink manufacturers, we represent and support our members on the issues that are important to them.

Our members...



...made around
4,600km of mozzarella
sticks last year



IN 2018 FOOD
& DRINK EXPORTS
FROM SCOTLAND...



WE HAVE **1,385** FOOD
AND DRINK MANUFACTURING
BUSINESSES



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