

Opportunities and Challenges for the UK Food Industry

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FDF: the voice of manufacturers

- 6th largest food industry in the world
- UK's biggest manufacturing sector
- 7,000 firms – mostly SMEs
- 440,000 employees
- Export more than £10bn



What does the future hold?

Enter the Institute for Manufacturing...

- A value report to highlight the importance and key characteristics of our sector;
- And a project to work with key stakeholders to identify the key pressures on industry and possible future (feasible) scenarios.



The IfM 'value report' confirms...

1. Food and drink is a significant and resilient element of the manufacturing sector.
2. Innovation is a key focus for the food and drink industry.
3. The sector provides above average pay and relatively long tenure in employment.

Key messages from the Future Scenarios work

A successful UK food manufacturing sector is needed to tackle future challenges from the health of the nation to the health of the planet

- Government leadership and consistent, coherent policy and regulation
- A clear and shared vision and the creation of genuine partnerships with the food sector; and
- A willingness on all sides to accelerate the good work that is already underway.

A joint Government / Industry Strategy



Health & Wellbeing



Greening the food industry



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Competitiveness and Growth

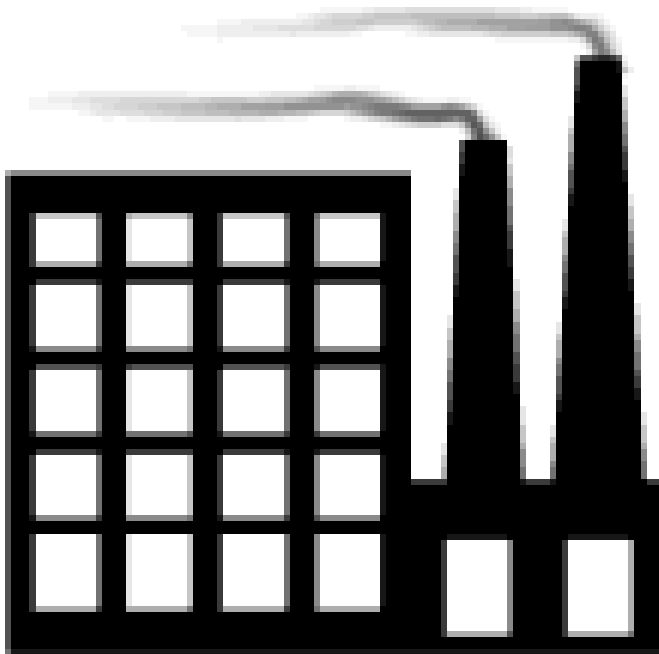
- Exports
- R&D and innovation
- Modernising supply chains
- Support for SMEs
- Better regulation



Building and Maintaining a Skilled Workforce

- **Increased skills base across the food industry:** Demands of sustainability and increased productivity - will demand higher skills across a broad range of roles;
- Technicians, Food Scientists, Production Management a priority;
- Huge responsibility for industry and Government.

Image of the industry



Attracting Talent



A FUTURE IN FOOD

TASTE SUCCESS

BUSTING THE MYTHS

THE FOOD AND DRINK INDUSTRY.
A SERIES OF FACTS THAT TELL IT HOW IT IS...

“exciting... rewarding... diverse.”

 Environmental Technician	 Sales Director	 Quality Technician
 Brand Manager	 Quality Manager	 Food Scientist
 Clare Dodd - Senior Development Technologist, M&D Dairy		

And finally.....

..... 'to succeed globally, British companies need to attract skilled workers and then ensure they get the training they need to stay ahead of the pack'.

Mark Prisk, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise
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