



WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WORKING ACROSS ENGLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMERS' WIDER INTERESTS IN FOOD

We make sure that food is safe and what it says it is. Our job is to use our expertise and influence so that people can trust that the food they buy and eat is safe and honest



NUMBER OF FSA STAFF

**1,059**

ACROSS THE THREE NATIONS WE EMPLOY:



**970**

STAFF IN

ENGLAND



**40**

STAFF IN

WALES



**49**

STAFF IN

NORTHERN IRELAND



**£203 BILLION**  
spent by UK consumers on food & drink in 2017. On average, 11% of household spend is on food

**£20.1 BILLION**  
value of food and drink exports by the UK in 2016



THE SIZE OF OUR JOB

**1 IN 8**  
of the UK workforce are employed in food and farming



**2,265**  
food, feed and environmental contamination incidents in the UK in 2016/17



**361 PROSECUTIONS**  
for food hygiene and food standards in 2015/16

[Local Authority and Food Standards Agency Food Law Prosecution Outcomes 2015-16]



**95% OF BUSINESSES**  
inspected scored a food hygiene rating 3 or more

[FSA data 2017]



**98% OF MEAT BUSINESS**  
rated satisfactory or above for compliance

[https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa180313.pdf]