



# Brexit and Public health

# An Environmental Health Perspective

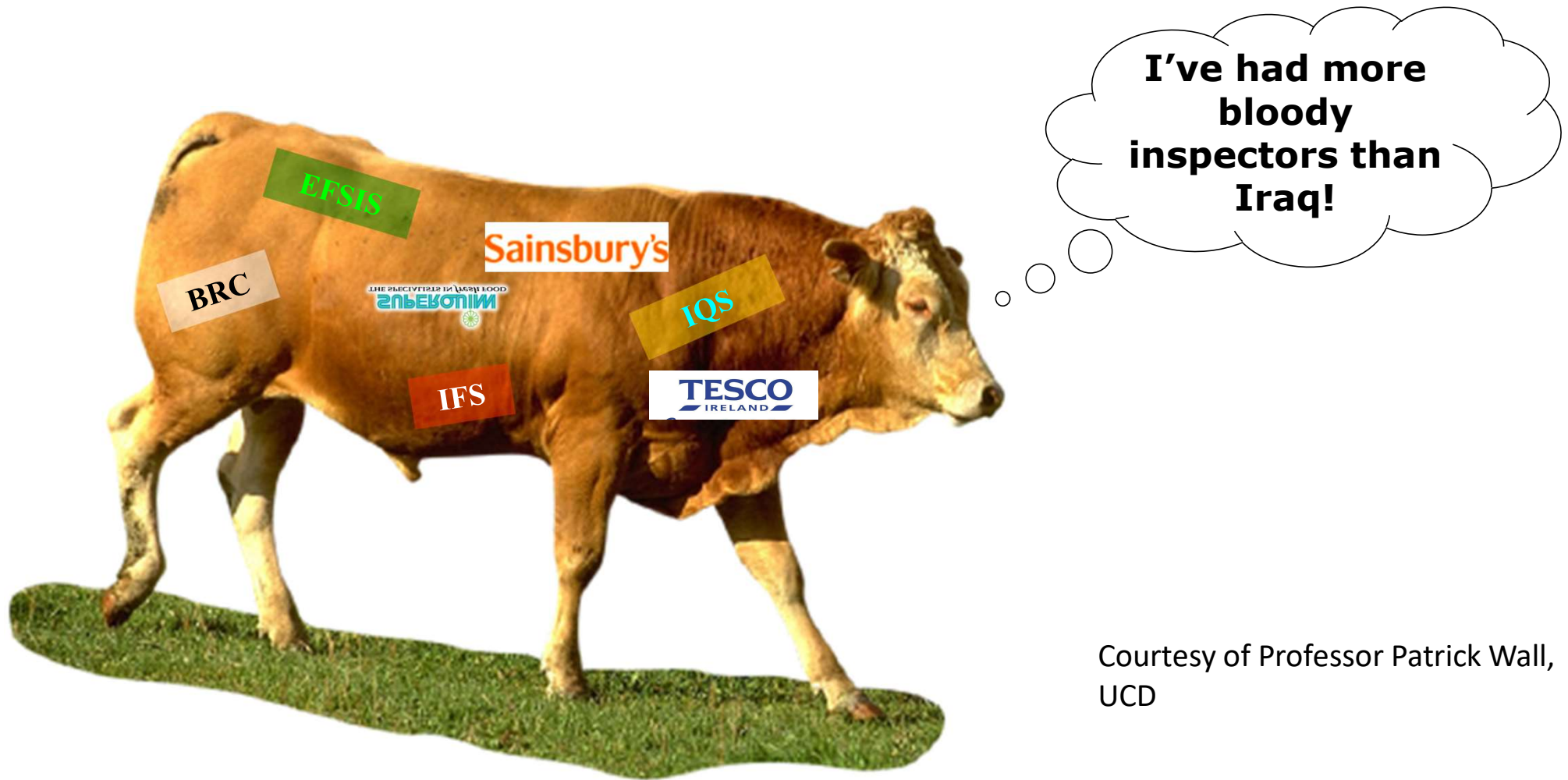
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# Key issues

- Standards – food, consumer safety & environmental
- Import and export
- Crime and health protection
- Food supply/dietary health and poverty
- Reflections
- Next steps

# Inspection and Regulation

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Courtesy of Professor Patrick Wall,  
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# An Example - RASFF???

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RASFF

Consumers Portal

European Commission > RASFF Consumers Portal

National consumers website: [United Kingdom](#)

## United Kingdom RASFF notifications: 12 results

Date	Reference	Notified by	Subject	Published	More info	
16/10/2020	2020.4364	France	Listeria monocytogenes (presence) in ham trimmings from France	No	<a href="#">Details</a>	
14/10/2020	2020.4307	Germany	high content of morphine (40.59 mg/kg - ppm) in poppy seeds from Poland	No	<a href="#">Details</a>	
13/10/2020	2020.4271	Belgium	unauthorised substance ethylene oxide in sesame seeds used in bakery products from Belgium	No	<a href="#">Details</a>	
12/10/2020	2020.4236	United Kingdom	egg, milk ingredient, soya and wheat undeclared (labelling not in English) on donuts with cocoa coating from the Netherlands	Yes	<a href="#">more info</a>	<a href="#">Details</a>
29/09/2020	2020.3983	United Kingdom	sweetener E 950 - acesulfame k (328 mg/kg - ppm) and sweetener E 951 - aspartame undeclared (648 mg/kg - ppm) on stevia sweetener tablets from China, via the Netherlands	Yes	<a href="#">more info</a>	<a href="#">Details</a>
25/09/2020	2020.3937	United Kingdom	milk ingredient (labelling not in English) undeclared on curry sauce from the United Kingdom	No		<a href="#">Details</a>
24/09/2020	2020.3907	United Kingdom	Salmonella (presence /25g) in fresh chicken fillet from the Netherlands	No		<a href="#">Details</a>

# Imports and Exports

## FSA approved businesses in Great Britain



## FSA approved businesses in Northern Ireland







Food crime.....hasn't gone away



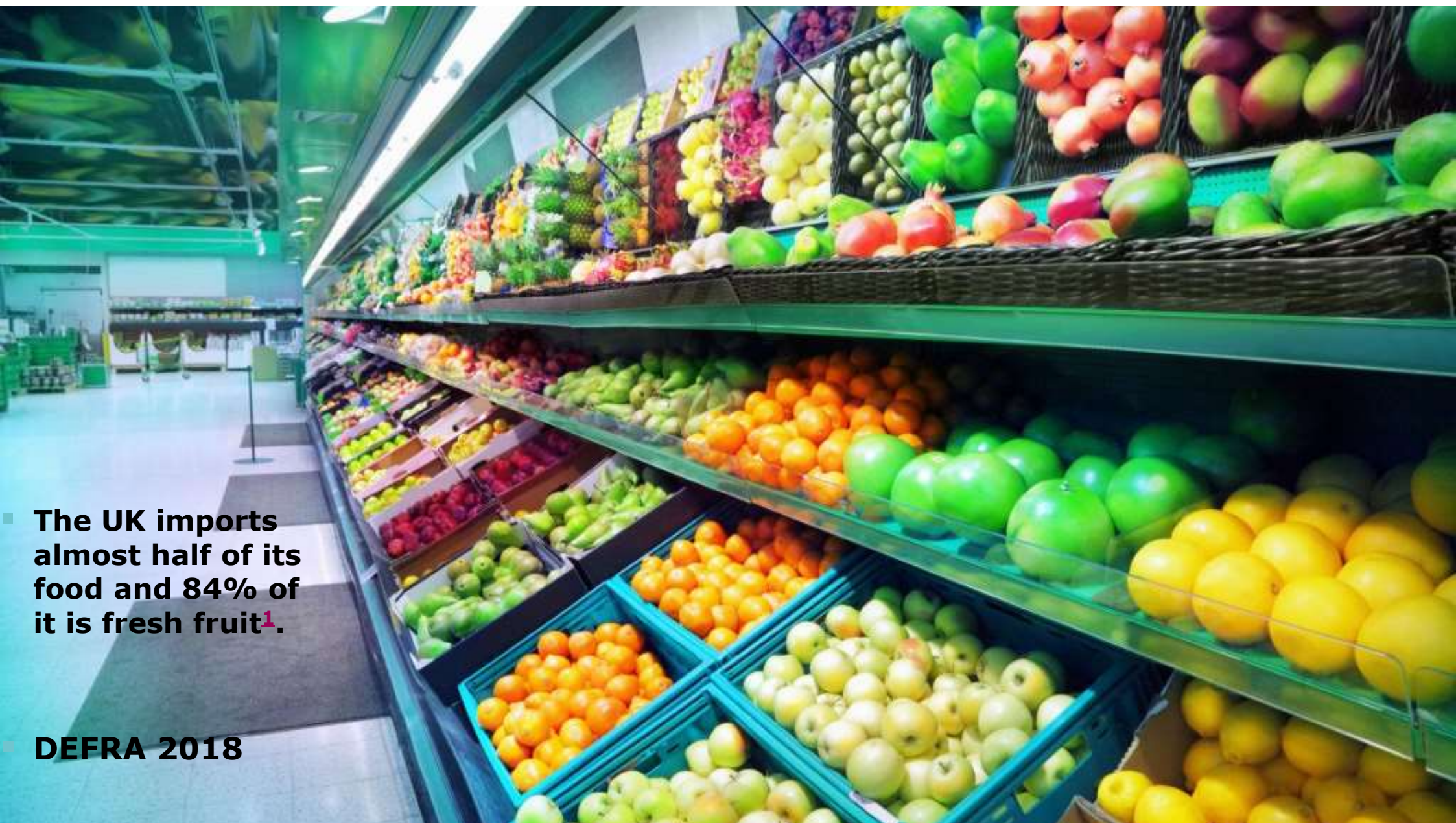
# Secret filming shows sick cows slaughtered for meat in Poland

**Undercover film raises fears of serious health risks from major EU exporting country**



- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 80% of Beef from Poland is exported





■ The UK imports almost half of its food and 84% of it is fresh fruit<sup>1</sup>.

■ DEFRA 2018



# The public do care.....

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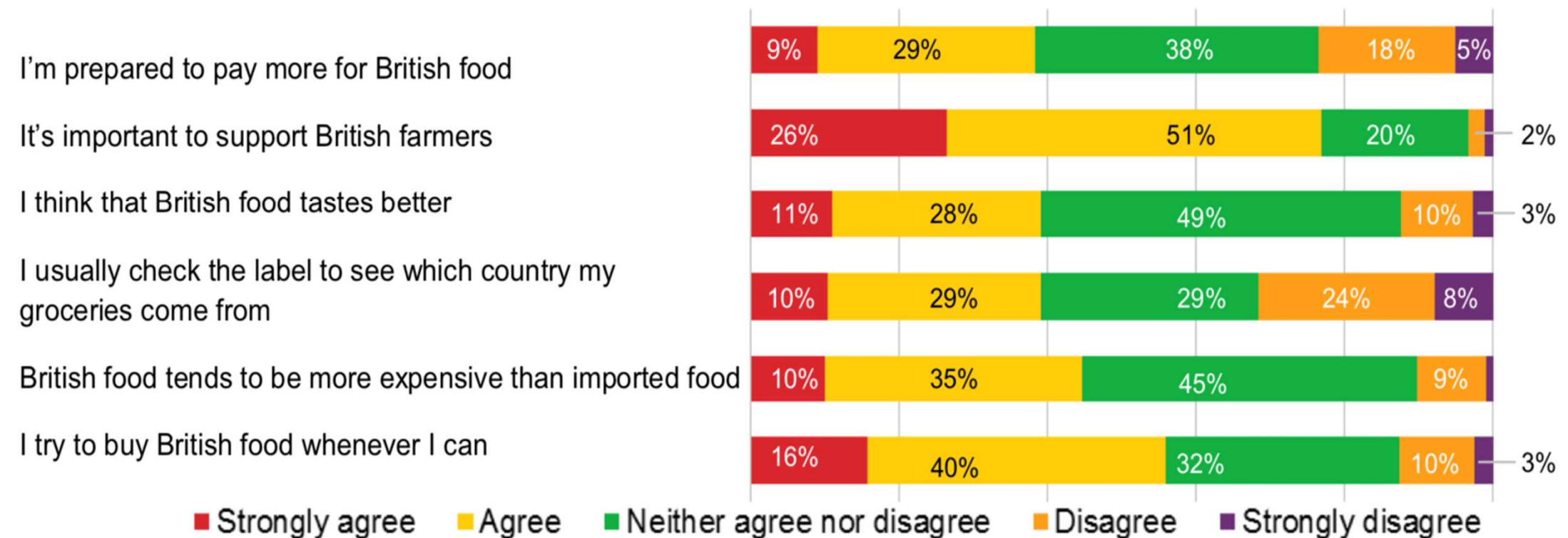
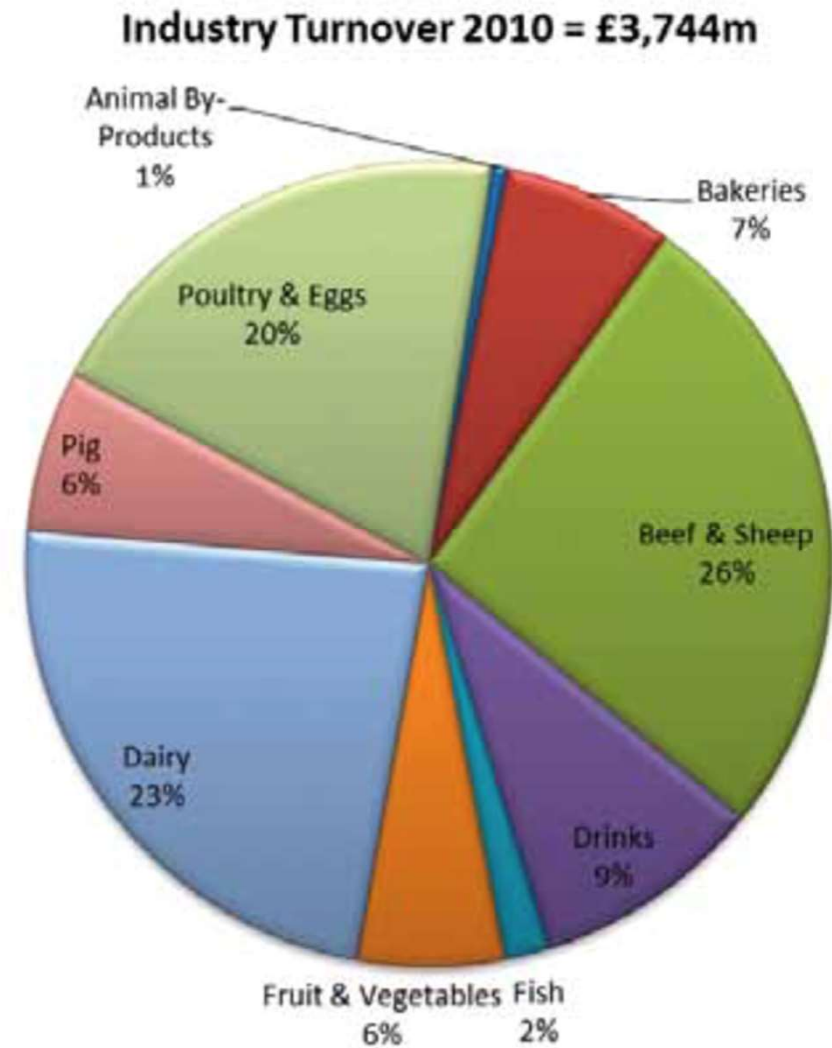


Figure 5: Attitudes towards British food, February 2016

# A planetary healthy plate – and it can be done!

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# **Some closing reflections.....**



# An analogy of the current policy course!?



Every Society clings to a myth by which it lives.  
Ours is the myth of economic progress.



The highest level of dissatisfaction (contentment and wellbeing) and emotional distress are in the richest countries in the world like the US and UK

Chasing Progress, New Economics Foundation

## Some suggested next steps?

- FPH could work with CIEH and others on these issues?
- Standards must be maintained (not just food standards)
- Joint Food and Public Health Paper?
- Climate change issues need much better PH focus





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