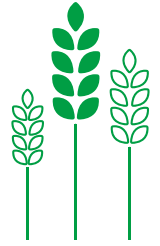


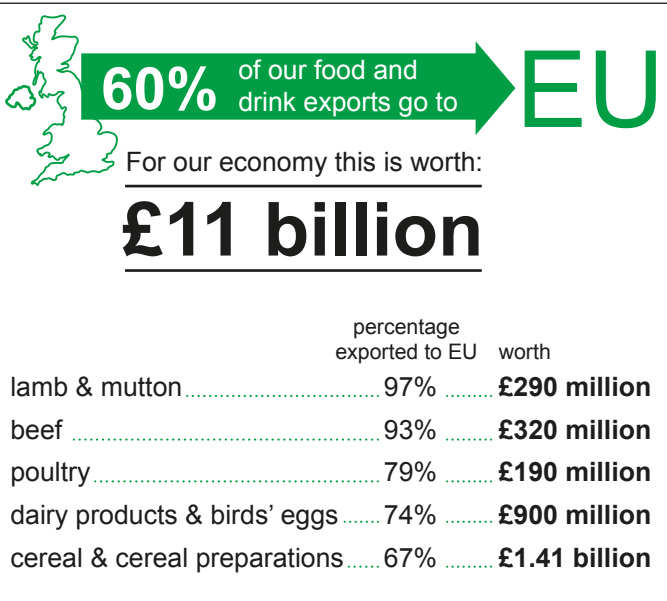


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Being part of the EU is better for: Food and Farming



The EU is an important export market for British food and agriculture

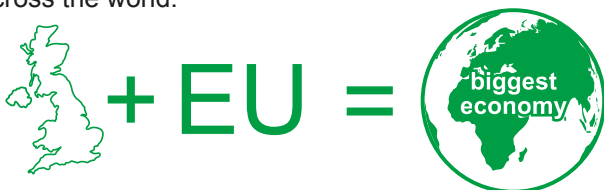


Influence in trade deals

Our position in the EU gives us access to

the world's largest single market of
500 million people

Working together the EU is the biggest economy in the world and carries significant weight in negotiations. The negotiating power from being part of the EU means we benefit from trade deals with over 50 markets across the world.



Renegotiating these outside the EU could take

10 years

with no guarantee of a better deal

Food and drink is the UK's largest manufacturing industry, employing

400,000

The EU brings investment and jobs to the UK

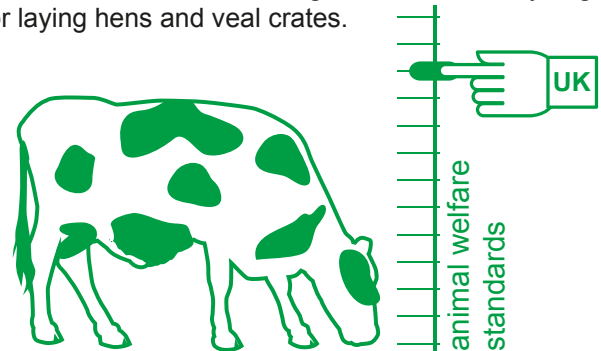
Businesses across the world invest in UK food and drink because they recognise our prime location for access to the EU single market.

£60 billion

worth of assets held by foreign companies in the UK food and drink industry. 40% held by EU companies.

UK leading the way

We have led the way in raising the bar in animal welfare standards in the EU, banning sow stalls, battery cages for laying hens and veal crates.



Common standards on labelling, food safety and animal health mean UK businesses have a level playing field with competitors.

We will still have to follow EU rules to trade, but leaving the EU would mean we would have no place at the negotiating table to lead and influence decisions to better protect our food and farming industries.

The EU protects UK business against disease outbreaks

Being in the EU means:

- we can act collectively to prevent the spread of disease
- unaffected areas have the right to continue trading with our largest market during an outbreak unlike other countries which stop all trade from the UK