

What is Good Food?

Scotland is in a strong position to create decentralised good food systems that are more resilient, that address structural inequities and that are better for the environment. Large scale producers and retailers have an important role to play but decentralisation will only be achieved by resourcing small, micro and community food initiatives.

But what is 'good food'? The term captures a food system that:

- Puts animal welfare, environmental sustainability and human rights at its heart
- Ensures food is affordable but also that producers can sell at a fair price
- Promotes food that is nutritious and as unprocessed as possible
- Supports the circular economy and reduces food miles
- Creates community social capital
- Offers accessible skills and training opportunities for all levels of aspirations
- Drives forward the agenda for equitable access to land and marine assets for micro and community enterprise



We expect:



A **Good Food Nation Bill** within the first two years of this Parliament. The Bill should cover the points raised in the [Scottish Food Coalition's 2021 Policy Asks](#) including enshrining human right to food into Scots law.



A Government **review of the food infrastructure ecosystem** in Scotland inclusive of abattoirs and food waste plants with a view to launching a **major investment programme** to build sector capacity. Enterprises, including community enterprises should not be judged on profit but regarded as essential infrastructure.



Funding and support for the development of **decentralized food networks** such as the Highland Good Food Partnership which bring together multiple actors. The Partnership's [pipeline projects](#), from a producer-owned retail co-op to regional seed sovereignty, demonstrate the innovation that arises from these networks.



A review of the [Skills Action Plan for Rural Scotland](#) to align it with the good food policy agenda and work to ensure all **schools have a food growing programme**.



Public procurement to favor short supply chains, micro producers and high standards.



Full implementation of the Land Commission's [legislative proposals](#) in within the next three years and a [policy roadmap](#) to **increase the number of small, privately or community owned estates, farms and forests**. A separate programme to increase marine and seabed rights for micro and community enterprises.

Expectations around funding for micro business and community enterprise have been set out in the [Economy Session](#) report.