

The industry at a glance



Economic Impact

GVA **£38bn**
Turnover **£143bn**
Domestic sales **£125bn**

Total business investment of **£3.2bn** in 2023

11,600 new food & drink products introduced to the UK in 2021

12,515 UK food & drink manufacturers employing **474,000**

£24bn of food & drink exports to over **220 countries** in 2023



Diet & Health

FDF member contributions to the average UK shopping basket since 2015:

25% Fewer sugars

33% Less salt

24% Fewer calories

15% Less total fat

Delivering **190M** servings of fibre



Environmental Sustainability

Members reported a **61.4% reduction** in CO₂ emissions (1990-2021)

The ambition is to achieve **net zero carbon emissions** by 2040

34% less food waste per capita delivered by industry since 2007

52,000t surplus food redistributed in 2022 – equivalent to **129M meals**

FDF members in the UK Plastic Pact raised average recycled content in plastic packaging from 9% in 2018 to nearly **25.8%** in 2022