Aligning sustainable and healthy diets with the productive capacity of sustainable food systems

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Multiple and Overlapping Audits





Harmonised categories of assessment



Hidden Cost of UK Food, 2017



For every £1 spent on food, another £1 is spent in hidden ways...

Breakdown of hidden £1:

Natural capital degradation	25.7p
Biodiversity loss	10.6p
Production-related ill-health	13.4p
Diet-related disease	37.3p
Imported food	7.8p
Farm support payments	2.5p
Regulation and research	2.7p
Total	£1.00

Public confusion about sustainable and healthy diets

EAT-Lancet c/w UK Production

- EAT Lancet a maximum of **98g/week** red meat (beef, lamb or pork); A typical 4 ounce burger weighs 112 grams
- UK Beef production*:
- UK Lamb production:
- UK Pork production:
- UK **Red Meat Offal** production: 42.7g per week
- UK **Total Red meat** production: **448.7g** per week •
- French EU study, 'Ten Years for Agriculture' (UK translation by the Soil • Association) recommends 31g/day of beef, 5g/day of sheep/goat, and 36g/day of pork, totalling 504g/week.

* All UK production figures for 2017, from AHDB Yearbook



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- 175g per week
- 67g per week
- **164g** per week

UK Red Meat and Pork Production

- EAT Lancet Report recommends 0-14g/day of beef/lamb (average 7g), exchangeable with 0-14g/day of pork (average 7g). This comes to a maximum total of 100g/week of beef, lamb and/or pork.
- 2017, UK beef and veal production equivalent to 9.1kg/person p.a. (including all ages) or about 25g/day (175g/week), butchered and boned out.
- 2017, UK lamb and mutton production equivalent to 3.49kg/person/year, or about 9.6g/day (67g/week), butchered and boned out.
- 2017, UK pork production equivalent to 8.55 kg/person/year, or about 23.4g/day (163.8g/week), butchered and boned out
- 2017, UK offal production equivalent to 2.22kg/person/year, or about 6.1g/person/day (42.7g/week)
- In total, the UK currently produces 64.1g of red meat and pork/person/day, or 448.7g/week



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How might production change under sustainable methods?

- **Beef** less grain-fed and nitrogen fertiliser, therefore small reduction, but more cattle in total to graze short term grass/clover leys in arable rotations. Modest reduction in dairy cow numbers due to reduced intensification therefore less cow beef but likely overall small increase in UK beef production.
- Lamb little change in numbers or production on permanent grasslands as some grasslands currently under-grazed, but as with beef an overall small increase in production, due to increased grass area in arable crop rotations, and need to stock with grazing animals.
- Pork UK only produces 40% of the pork consumed. Reduced intensity would reduce production, though better use of food waste would limit this.

Campaigns against red meat

Almost 10% of the population now claim to eat no meat or poultry, and approximately 20% of those under 25. [Mintel August 2017]

Growing concern about livestock transport and the impersonal nature of industrial scale slaughter, which gives the impression that each animal is not appreciated as an individual. Such trends appear likely to grow.

Age	Lamb	Age	Lamb
75+	57g	40 - 49	29g
65 - 74	58g	30 - 39	23g
50 - 64	45g	< 30s	15g

Lamb consumption by age group (grams per week)

Source: NSA, unpublished data

