Timeline for National Food Survey, Expenditure and Food Survey, and Living Costs and Food Survey

1940 - National Food Survey established - calendar year basis, urban working class, household food only

1950 - NFS extended to national sample of Great Britain

1992 - Confectionery, alcoholic drinks and soft drinks brought home added

1994 - Eating Out added, based on half of the household sample

1996 - Northern Ireland added

2001 - National Food Survey and Family Expenditure survey merged into Expenditure and Food Survey - change to financial year basis, Eating Out expanded to full sample

2006 - Survey moves to calendar year

2008 - renamed Living Costs and Food Survey, a module of the Integrated Household Survey

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