

Ready to regulate?

A strategy to regulate the future food system

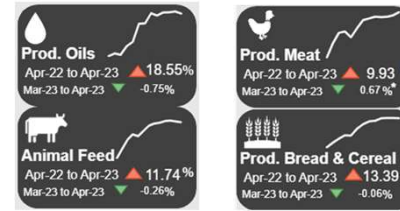
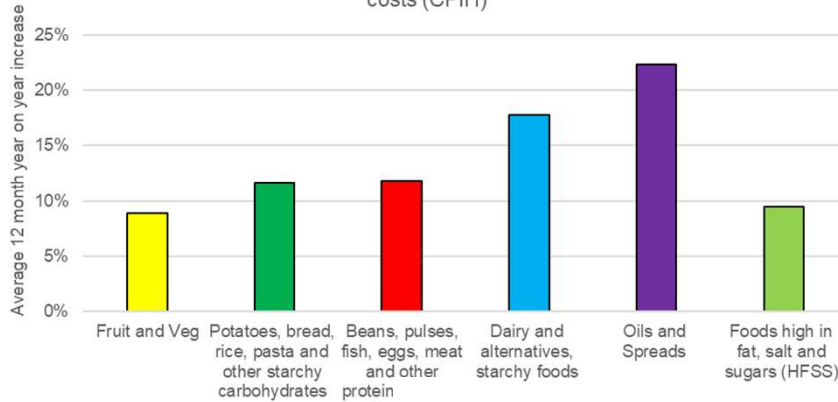
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Global context and the UK food system



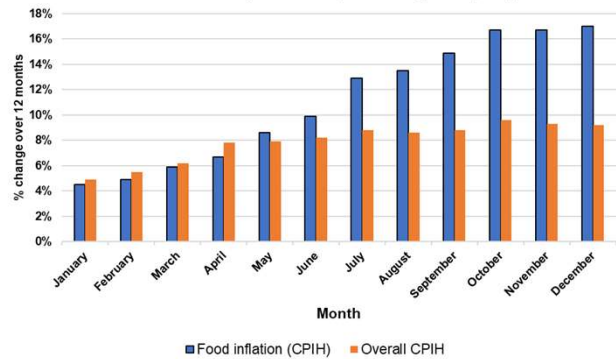
Average % 12 month year on year increase during 2022, for Eatwell guide categories- Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH)



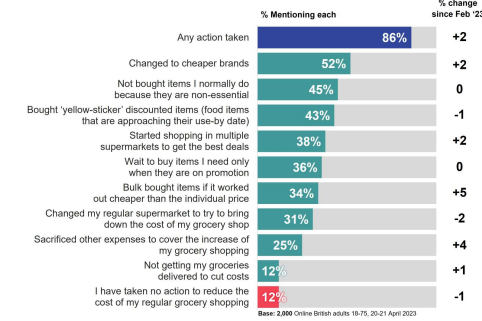
Producer costs

Food price inflation

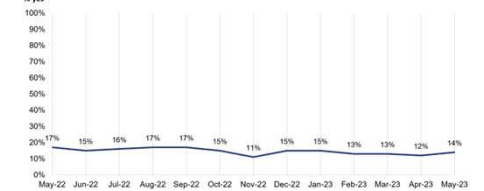
% change over 12 months (2022) - Food inflations rates vs overall Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH)



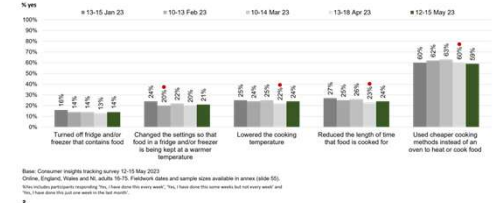
Which, if any, of the following actions have you taken over the past 12 months in order to reduce the cost of your typical household grocery shopping bill?



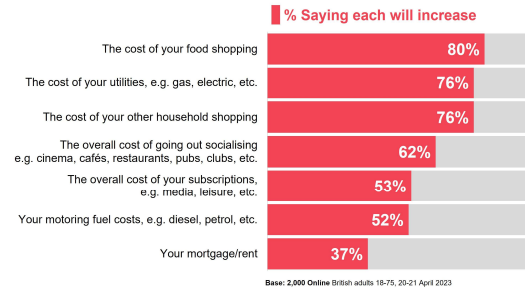
In the last month, how often, if at all, have you used a food charity or food bank?



In the last month, which, if any, of the following have you done to reduce your energy bills and save money?

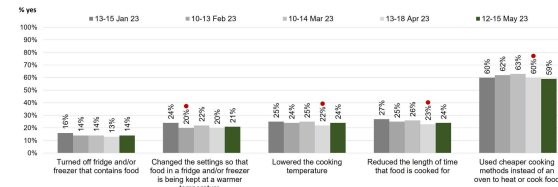


Britons expect their household spending to increase over the next six months



Consumer behaviours

In the last month, which, if any, of the following have you done to reduce your energy bills and save money?



Two decades of consumer protection



Set up 2000 in the wake of the BSE crisis to look after consumers' interests in relation to food

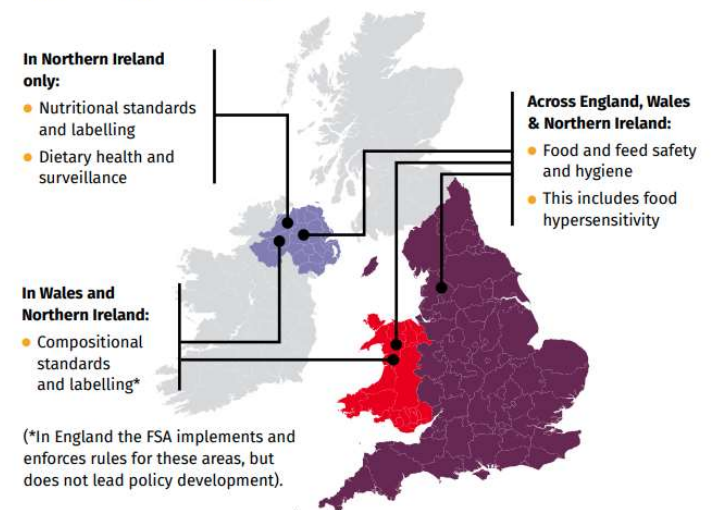
Independent non-ministerial statutory body, with a role set out in law, that works across England, Wales, Northern Ireland

£130m regulator of food industry worth £115bn

1,400 staff across England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Work transparently and base our decisions and guidance on latest science and evidence

Our areas of policy responsibility



Our Strategy : Food you can trust



Food is safe: we all have the right to expect that the food we eat will not make us ill.



Food is what it says it is: when people buy food, they should be confident that it is authentic and described properly.



Food is healthier and more sustainable: we want to play our role in helping to ensure that food is healthier for people and more sustainable for the environment.



Our
roles



We are an evidence generator



We are a policy maker



We are a regulator



We are a watchdog



We are a convenor and collaborator

Delivering for a changing system



Foodborne disease and antimicrobial resistance

- Major public risk – bacteria and antimicrobial resistance
- Importance of surveillance and sampling to effective response
- Working with UK Health and Security Agency to detect outbreaks and pinpoint cause – first country to detect specific cause
- **PATH SAFE** – pilot better national surveillance system for monitoring and tracking foodborne disease



Our regulatory frameworks

- **Novel food review** - post Brexit regulatory responsibility
- Review current frameworks to support innovation in novel foods
- Identify where to reform to keep with pace change
- **Precision Breeding Act** - Genome editing food and animal feed
- New powers to regulate how used
- New definition for GMOs
- Importance of consumers; maintain engagement for success



New focus: health and sustainability

- Contributing to making food healthier and more sustainable
- **SALIENT** – randomised control trials to test interventions
- Encourage consumers to eat healthier and more sustainable diets
- **Data** – collaboration government and industry to encourage production of food that is healthier and more sustainable