

## Food

A Green Future for Food would transform our relationship with land, agriculture and animals to everyone's benefit. A transition in the food industry would see society place much greater importance on animal welfare and increase opportunities for food to be produced through sustainable farming methods.

Greens would ensure producing food supports employment by moving away from intensive farming towards smaller-scale, more people-focused food production and land management that respects nature is in the hands of local communities and workers across the food system.

### Animal welfare

- The party would guarantee the principle of animal sentience is legally recognised, meaning the welfare needs of animals would be of utmost importance in formulating and implementing relevant government policy.
- The Greens would advocate to end factory farming and prohibit the routine use of antibiotics for farm animals.
- The party would implement a complete ban on cages and close confinement and deliberate mutilation of farm animals.

### Transition for farmers

- The Green Party wants to help farmers move away from industrial methods of farming to more sustainable, agro-ecological methods of land use. This would include organic farming and the promotion of widespread agro-forestry, mixing trees with crops and pastures.
- Greens want to see a shift in research priorities towards farmer-led initiatives, agro-ecological approaches and innovation in crop species and varieties.
- The overweening power of supermarkets and multinational companies needs to be reined in. We would strengthen the power of the Groceries Code Adjudicator, making the post a true ombudsman role, and promote local and regional distribution systems linking producers and small independent businesses.
- Grants would be given to farmers to improve their farm buildings and infrastructure and they would be encouraged to expand and replace lost hedgerows through subsidies.

### Improve food production

- Greens would establish a Food and Agriculture Research Council to research sustainable and health-promoting methods of food production and distribution.
- We would invest in researching how to reduce methane emissions from livestock and the conservation and development of high-quality soils, which would provide the foundation for everything we grow.
- Greens want to incentivise changes in food consumption to promote the benefits of healthy diets, based around locally and sustainably sourced food. We would introduce clear labelling on meat products to indicate carbon emissions, animal welfare and farming methods.