

Analysis and Insight

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Objectives in 2021/22

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Progress against objectives

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- multi-criterial decision analysis to rank thirteen foodborne pathogens in order of their detrimental effect on UK society
- an in-depth study into what enhances and detracts from quality of life for people with hypersensitivities
- analysis of animal welfare breaches to support FSA and Defra's animal welfare programme and ongoing improvements in slaughterhouses in England and Wales
- behavioural trials and evidence reviews on more healthy and sustainable consumer choices

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- new waves of Food and You 2, our flagship social research survey on consumer attitudes and behaviours, which is widely used across the FSA, government and civil society.
- public dialogues to understand consumer awareness of and attitudes towards genome edited foods, informing the Defra consultation on the issue
- a review of how citizen science has been applied to food problems, supporting ongoing joint pilots with UK research and innovation.

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- research with consumers to understand their expectations of future operational delivery models which will be used to shape their ongoing development and ensure that it meets consumer expectations.
- monthly statistics on household food insecurity, food purchasing behaviours, food habits at home, nutrition behaviours, food safety and hygiene in the home and consumers' food concerns during COVID-19.

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