



# FOOD DURHAM TRADING LTD

## THE FOOD BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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# FOOD IS A KEY PART OF THE U.K. ECONOMY

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- Food is responsible for over £200 Billion sales per annum to consumers
- This contributes to over £105 Billion to the U.K. Economy
- The Food Industry employs 3.8m people (13.4%)
- Food Exports are around £19 Billion per annum
- 62% of U.K. usage is Self-Sufficient

# THE FOOD INDUSTRY STRUCTURE

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- There are 200,000 businesses with 98% being SME's of Micro-Businesses
  - 4,000 Large businesses > 250 Employees >£50m Sales
  - 4,000 SME's < 250 Employees <£50m Sales
  - 192,000 Micro- Businesses < 9 Employees <£2m Sales
- Regional Business Profile in 2016
  - UK average 1,040 Enterprises per 10,000 residents
  - London average 1,464 Enterprises per 10,000 residents (Index 141)
  - North East average 679 Enterprises per 10,000 residents (Index 65)

# THE FOOD INDUSTRY SUMMARY

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- The UK Food Profile is fragmented with major regional variations
- The County Durham Food Industry, like many sectors, is under represented against the National average
- However, Durham University is a founding member of the N8 AgriFood consortium of 8 Northern Universities focussing on working to ensure sustainable, resilient and healthy food supplies for all