

# It's time to get real about UK food security



The war in Ukraine has exposed the UK's vulnerability to global events and an overreliance on imports, with energy and food price inflation expected to continue at unprecedented rates well into next year due to global shortages and restricted supplies of key commodities.

Yet in terms of food - our most essential commodity - the UK Government continues to pursue trade deals which its own figures show will increase reliance on food imports and undermine food production by our own farmers and food producers.

The Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill currently being considered by the UK Parliament will, if passed, mark the final sign-off of the most significant of these trade deals agreed to date.

**It's time to tell the UK Government to get real about UK food security.**

13%

Proportion of the world's wheat which is produced in Ukraine and Russia

30%

Proportion of global wheat exports which come from Ukraine and Russia

20%

Proportion of the world's barley produced in Ukraine and Russia

50%

Proportion of the world's sunflower seeds produced in Ukraine and Russia

45%

Proportion of EU gas imports which previously came from Russia

40%

Proportion of the wheat previously distributed by the World Food Programme sourced from Ukraine

-20%

The fall in UK food self-sufficiency since 1985

50%

Proportion of the world's population who rely on food produced using nitrogen fertiliser made from gas

14

Number of countries that have banned food exports to protect their food supplies

-5%

UK Government estimate of the reduction in gross output for sheepmeat as a result of falls in farmgate prices and production caused by Australian imports

## Ukraine

The world's largest producer of sunflower seed

## Six-fold

The increase in gas prices in the first quarter of 2022 compared with the first quarter of 2021

## Three-fold

The increase in key fertiliser prices since 2020

## 3.5-6.9 million

The additional number of people likely to face famine as a result of Russia's war on Ukraine

## £7.8 billion

Average size of EU approved Ukraine war related support package for businesses across 20 EU countries

## £2.3 billion

Value of specific Ukraine war related support packages for farmers in EU countries including France, Ireland, Italy and Spain

## 195 million

Number of additional people expected to face food insecurity in 2022 as a result of Russia's war on Ukraine

## 60p per week

UK Government estimate of the increase in UK wages that will result from the UK-Australia free trade deal

## 0.03%

UK Government estimate of the benefit to the UK economy of the UK-New Zealand trade deal

## £450 million

Estimated fall in GVA of the 'agriculture, fishing and forestry' and 'semi-processed food' categories as a result of the UK-Australia and New Zealand deals

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**Take the opportunity to tell the UK Government why it should reverse its current approach to international trade deals and withdraw the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill by signing the FFW's letter to the Prime Minister.**

Ask a member of FFW for a copy of our letter today.