



Sweden will become the foremost culinary nation in Europe! The Government's vision is based on Sweden's great potential as regards long-standing traditions, valuable natural and cultural environments, unique raw materials, and internationally successful chefs.

Food and the enjoyment of it have great potential to create growth and increased employment in sectors like processing, exports, tourism and experiences. It could also have a positive effect on Sweden's primary agriculture.

A dynamic food sector

The food sector is a dynamic business facing many exciting challenges, for instance considering the current debate on global warming. People also take more interest in food, which means intensified consumer pressure. It is a simple fact that food and the eating of it is of great importance to many people. Consumer concerns involve everything from climate and animal welfare to food safety and quality. Low-price brands are expanding, but at the same time other options emerge, like organic or local products, or products of extra high quality. Furthermore, food is no longer just food, it is also various health products. Functional foods will continue to be an interesting option for many customer groups. Other strong trends are climate smart and environment friendly choices.



What can the Board of Agriculture do for companies?

The Board of Agriculture is involved in many different issues and can contribute in many ways to competitive entrepreneurship within the food sector. We can help with such diverse aspects as processing, selling, exports, or food experiences.

We promote thriving rural companies

The Board of Agriculture has a special resource team whose task it is to promote sustainable and thriving entrepreneurship in rural areas. Competitive food companies are a part of this ambition. The team spreads knowledge about rural entrepreneurship, arranges activities that promote exchange of knowledge and experiences, informs about available forms of support, among other things.

We know what is happening on the world markets

Sweden, and the Board of Agriculture, work to achieve freer trade in combination with high requirements regarding animal health and food hygiene. This is meant to contribute to healthier competition beneficial to consumers.

The Board of Agriculture can provide information about:

- Trade regulations
- Trade agreements
- Various markets



There is support to be had

People involved in the food industry can apply for several forms of support. For example:

- Enterprise support and project support in the Rural Development Programme
- Support to efforts within the food sector – a particular project related to the Government's food strategy and vision
- Market support
- Export refunds and support for special values

The rural network is connected to the implementation of the Rural Development Programme. The members of the network are to create meeting-places and arenas for exchanging experiences. The Board of Agriculture takes part in the network together with not quite 100 other organisations and authorities.

Read more about the food sector in Sweden

The Board of Agriculture publishes studies that concern the food sector. In those studies you can find analyses of, for instance, patterns of consumption and production, trade statistics, and the competitiveness of the food industry. The Board of Agriculture is also responsible for official statistics in the agricultural sector. We also produce statistics on food consumption.

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