



What food supply chain businesses need from the next Welsh Government

Productivity | Sustainability | Competitiveness

How we support Welsh food supply chains

The Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) represents businesses in key sectors within the supply chains that feed the nation.

We represent the businesses that supply Welsh farmers with the animal feed, fertiliser, seed, crop protection products and advice services that are essential to producing food, along with companies which trade crops and agricultural commodities nationally and globally.

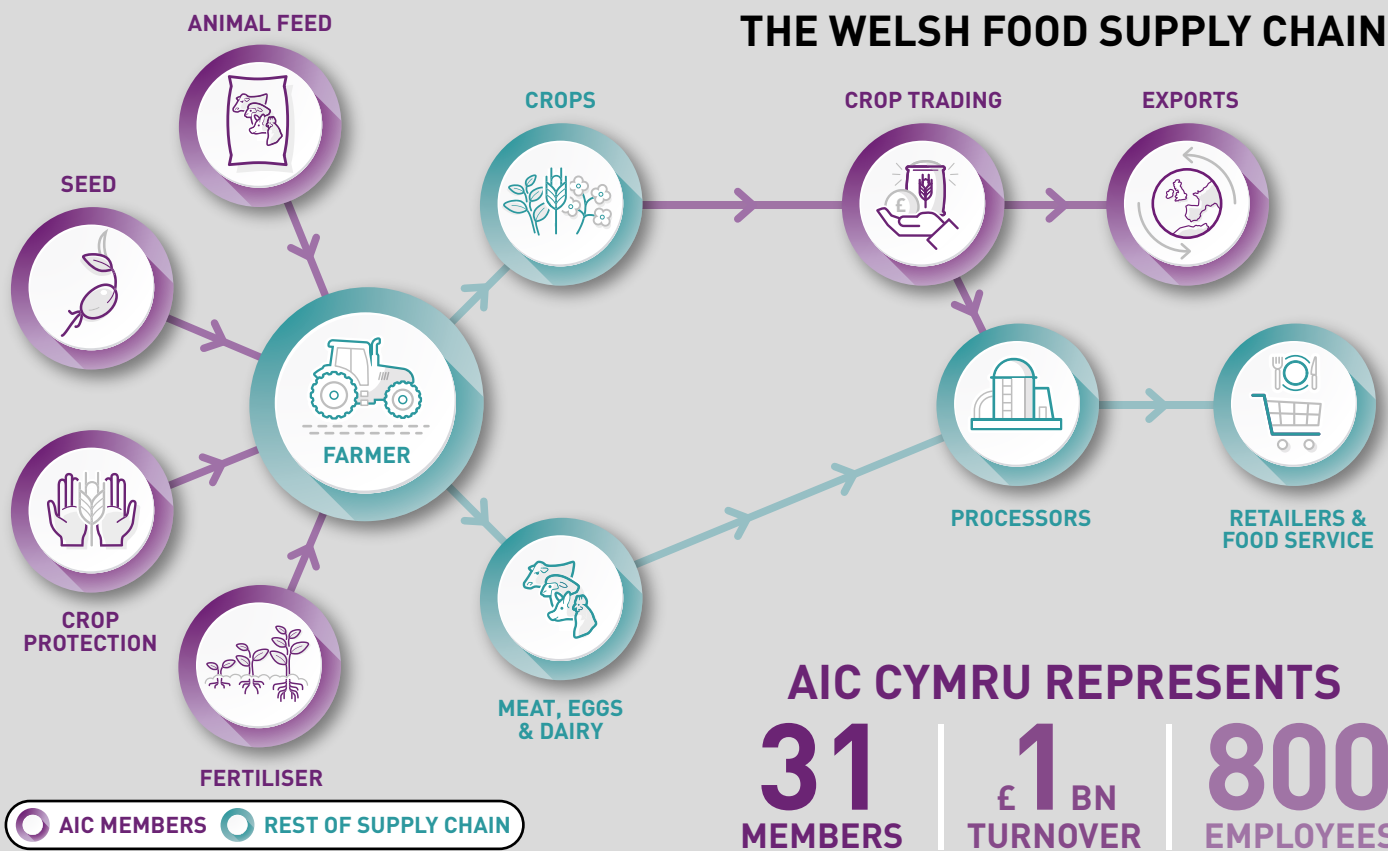
AIC is a UK-wide voice for the businesses providing the products, services and trade assurance schemes that

are vital for the secure supply of - and cast-iron confidence in - our country's food, drink, and animal feed. We are also active members of European trade associations and closely follow European and international policy issues.

We are a recognised, knowledgeable and respected partner of the Welsh Government and Members of the Senedd across all parties. We work with stakeholders and help shape policy to create a productive, sustainable, and competitive future for our food supply.



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Key Facts and Figures

AIC Cymru has **31 full** and **associate Member** businesses operating across Wales



Agricultural supply input value of approximately **£1.0 billion** in Wales



Over **800** people employed by Member businesses within Wales



£9.3 billion: Turnover of the food and drink sector in Wales



228,500 people employed across the food and drink supply chain in Wales



Over **50,000** people employed on farms in Wales



* sources: AIC membership facts and figures
www.gov.wales

AIC Cymru's Election Priorities

1 A comprehensive 'Farm to Fork' Food Strategy

AIC Cymru supports the call for a comprehensive strategy that includes ambitious targets, backed by policies and frameworks for the sustainable growth of the food and farming sector in Wales.

2 Agricultural policies that underpin food, nature, climate, and communities

The next Welsh Government must ensure policies support on-farm investment and provide at least the same level of stability to farm businesses, rural communities, and the supply chain as the Basic Payment Scheme.

3 A ring-fenced, multi-annual budget to support sustainable growth

Securing a ring-fenced, multi-annual budget of over £500 million ensures the financial resilience of family farms and rural communities, while meeting environmental and climate obligations.

4 Establishment of an Independent Review Group on regulatory burden

The next Welsh Government should establish an Independent Review Group to reduce regulatory burdens on agriculture by identifying and removing unnecessary or overlapping rules, creating a more supportive framework for farming.

5 A science and evidence-led approach to water quality

AIC Cymru supports farmers' role in water protection but sees current pollution regulations as overly complex and costly. Targeted legislative changes and a derogation from the organic nitrogen limit will make rules more practical and proportionate.

6 Adopting precision breeding to bolster climate-friendly food production

Precision breeding can help combat pest and disease pressures, improve animal health and welfare, optimise input use, and increase crop resilience to extreme weather. The next Senedd and Welsh Government must ensure that Wales is able to realise the benefits of these technologies.

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