

SCOTTISH ORGANIC ACTION PLAN – DRAFT ACTIONS

Action	Outcome
<p>Scottish Government and Scottish Organic Forum will work together to collate the evidence and demonstrate the role of organic food and farming to deliver Scotland's National Food and Drink policy, particularly regarding sustainable development, climate change, biodiversity, soils, rural development and reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).</p>	<p>Report on the potential to integrate organic food and farming as a means to deliver Scottish Government policy, including specific recommendations and priorities for policy development</p>
<p>The Scottish Government will introduce Organic Maintenance as an option in current SRDP Land Managers Options Support Scheme and retain the existing Rural Priorities strand.</p>	<p>Land Managers Option for organic farming with existing Rural Priorities strand.</p>
<p>The Scottish Government will provide an overview of grants provided to the organic sector in Scotland to enable the Scottish Organic Forum to advise on impact and effectiveness on the organic sector and future priorities. The Scottish Organic Forum shall signpost available schemes and offer training and support for applications from organic food and farming businesses.</p>	<p>Better targeting of future grants to Scottish organic enterprises</p>
<p>The Scottish Government will work in partnership with Scottish Organic Forum to develop appropriate policies for organic farming as a mechanism to deliver public goods under a reformed SRDP and CAP post-2013.</p>	<p>Organic farming support policies proposed for reformed SRDP and CAP post-2013.</p>
<p>Scottish Agricultural College will continue to monitor the organic supply chain in Scotland to inform commercial and policy development in line with demand and supply, and will regularly review the situation in the rest of the UK to assess the impact</p>	<p>Annual report on the organic sector in Scotland and the rest of the UK to inform priorities for action for the organic sector.</p>

on the organic sector in Scotland.	
The Scottish Organic Forum will initiate a review of the scope for organic farming in areas where there are structural challenges to organic farming, including assessment of standards & certification, access to markets & investment requirements.	Report on priorities for action to encourage organic farming in regions of Scotland where there are structural challenges to conversion.
Scottish Organic Forum to estimate current organic market for organic food produced in Scotland by category (dairy, meat, poultry, fruit, vegetables, cereals, drink and aquaculture) through a range of outlets including supermarkets, farmers' markets and direct sales and recommend a target for growth to 2017 for each category taking account of the <i>OrganicUK</i> promotional programme.	Agreed target for organic sector growth in Scotland to 2017.
Public bodies and NDPBs should continue to provide general training and support in tendering for public sector supply contracts to public sector purchasers enterprises producing food and drinks.	Increased awareness of business opportunities in public contracts.
Scottish Organic Forum to provide website content for to highlight the benefits and signpost the availability of organic food ('Good for Nature, Good for You; environmental protection, animal welfare, agri-food tourism and organic food service).	Business to business (B2B) information available
Scottish Government will, where appropriate, refer to organic food and drink from Scotland as ' <i>Good for Nature, Good for You</i> ' in policy statements.	Commitment of Scottish Government towards its organic sector will be clearly and consistently communicated.
Soil Association Scotland will promote and implement the Food for Life Scotland Catering Mark. This will recognise achievement in sustainable food service using Gold, Silver and Bronze	Good practice in sustainable food service in Scotland highlighted.

awards as part of the promotion of Scotland as a land of <i>fresh, local, seasonal, sustainable and organic</i> food and drink.	
Scottish Agricultural College will promote knowledge transfer and exchange from Scottish organic food and farming practices and research (as well as from UK and international research where appropriate to Scottish conditions), to encourage adoption of best organic practice and innovation.	Relevant results from organic R&D in Scotland and elsewhere available to Scottish organic businesses.
The Scottish Organic Forum will review R&D priorities for Scottish organic food and farming and identify gaps in organic research specific to Scotland's unique situation, using a coordinated approach with other UK nations where appropriate.	Agreed priorities for appropriate organic R&D for Scotland
Members of the Scottish Organic Forum and others as required will provide training, education (including a Postgraduate Diploma or Masters Degree in organic farming through SAC) and advisory support services for organic businesses, including through the Monitor Farm programme, to encourage adoption of best organic practice and innovation.	Best practice and innovation throughout Scottish organic supply chain
The Scottish Organic Forum will work in partnership with the educational organisations to provide opportunities for organic farm visits for all primary school children in Scotland.	Organic food and farming included in the educational experience of primary school children increasing awareness of the organic sector