



Food and Drink



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Food & Drink in Somerset

As you would expect from an area of such fertile land and high-quality environmental credentials, Somerset has a proud heritage for food and drink production and is home to leading innovators and global brands.

From Somerset cider to Cheddar cheese, we know how to produce food and drink that tickles taste buds the world over.

Running through our strong food and beverage cluster is a passion for quality ingredients and a commitment to sustainability. These values can be seen in so many of our companies, like Yeo Valley, a family farm and dairy business that's grown into Britain's largest organic brand with farms across the Mendips and production sites across Somerset employing more than 1,700 people.

Our cider-makers are legendary. Local producers like Sheppy's Cider at Bradford-on-Tone have more than a century of heritage and have grown from family orchards and farms to world-class manufacturing facilities and award-winning tourist attractions. Somerset producers are always at the forefront of innovation, like Burrow Hill Cider who were granted the UK's first ever full cider-distilling licence for their Somerset Cider Brandy.



You will find a deep talent pool in Somerset with food-related skills. Local colleges have a major focus on food and drink. Bridgwater & Taunton College has the renowned Cannington Campus which offers unrivalled opportunities to get hands-on with the worlds of agriculture, animal care and horticulture. Facilities include a 200-hectare farm, a cutting-edge Agricultural Innovation Centre and beautiful living accommodation.

Somerset has a network of more than 8,500 farmers and food producers – the highest number of any UK county, so whether it's innovations in agritech and farming; access to talent and skills; or finding Grade A food production facilities, Somerset is the natural home for your next project.



The very latest in food production can be seen at places such as Charlie Bigham's Food Production Campus in a former quarry in Dulcote, near Wells, where they make their best-selling dishes including Fish Pie and Chicken Tikka Masala. The site has brought 300 manufacturing jobs to Somerset, which is scaled up to 1,000 when the facility is at full capacity.

