



IKEA Food Better Programmes support shift towards good animal welfare and a more sustainable food system

At IKEA Food Services AB, we want our business to have a positive impact on people, animals and the planet. Guided by the IKEA values, sustainability is an integrated part of everything we do.

Over the last several years we have been working, with input from key stakeholders, to refine our ambition around sustainable agriculture and develop holistic programmes to address key areas where we can achieve the biggest impact.

IKEA Food is currently finalizing the Better Programmes as a global baseline for animal welfare; public health; and our environmental footprint at the farm level. They are species-specific, covering all the major animal species in our food supply chain (broiler chickens, laying hens, dairy cattle, beef cattle, pigs, and salmon).

- At IKEA Food, we believe that all animals in our supply chain should live decent lives. This means that the environments animals are reared in, the way animals are handled, and standard on-farm practices must prioritize good physical health, good mental health, and the expression of natural behaviour.
- At IKEA Food, we recognize that human health and animal health are linked. We aim to help curb the spread of antibiotic resistance by focusing on eliminating the routine use of antibiotics and phasing out highest priority critically important antibiotics for human medicine.
- At IKEA Food, we take responsibility for reducing the environmental footprint in all our raw materials. We will aim to ensure that animal feed does not contribute to deforestation and that animal manure is managed to maintain soil health and protect water-courses.

These programmes consist of specific “better” principles based on current science, expert opinion, and supplier feedback. These programmes will elevate our current sourcing criteria and provide a research agenda for on-farm trials to drive future innovation and continuous improvement. We are currently working in close collaboration with several supply chain partners to plan, pilot and roll-out these programmes with an initial focus on broiler chickens. The Better Chicken Programme key principles include:

Better Space: Increasing the space allowance for individual chickens

Better Lighting: Normal light/dark patterns over the course of a day

Better Behaviour: Providing meaningful enrichment to promote important natural behaviour

Better Health: Flock health plans and daily health checks

Better Management: Securing appropriate environmental conditions with a focus on litter quality, air quality, and thermal comfort



The Better Programme research agenda for farm trials build on these principles by identifying key focus areas for continuous improvement.

In addition to farm-level programmes we are addressing labour practices through our existing IWAY standard and seek to improve animal welfare during transport and slaughter using the IKEA transport and slaughter standard that is currently being piloted globally.

The programmes aim to frame and align market specific actions to create impact on a broader level – they set our global minimum requirements, taking all 49 countries where IKEA retail is present into scope.

In 2018 we will publicly launch the better programmes and our transport and slaughter standard with a roadmap and key milestones.

IKEA Food Services AB, based in Malmö, Sweden, develops the global range for the IKEA Restaurants, Bistros and Swedish Food Markets in over 400 IKEA stores in 49 countries. With food at the heart of people's everyday life, IKEA Food wants to offer a modern taste of Sweden – honest food for people and the planet.

IKEA offers well-designed, functional and affordable, high-quality home furnishing, produced with care for people and the environment. There are several companies with different owners, working under the IKEA Brand, all sharing the same vision: to create a better everyday life for the many people. IKEA was founded in Sweden in 1943.