

ANNEX F

USE OF SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE IN AQUACULTURE CONSENTING AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOTTISH AQUACULTURE

Levy Systems

Information provided by the Scottish Government Central Analysis Division.

UK Agriculture

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)¹ is a statutory levy board, funded by farmers, growers and others in the supply chain. The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008² requires AHDB to raise levies relating to each sector. The levy raised from a particular sector is ring-fenced for the benefit of that sector. Annual approval by Ministers is required for all levy rates. The AHDB collects six levies - they relate to pigs, cattle, sheep, milk, cereal and oilseeds.

In Spring 2022 AHDB had their first consultation to hear from registered levy payers on the use of the levy money within each sector. The use of the levy funding collected in 2021/22 from beef cattle is outlined in Figure 1.

Marketing to the UK consumer

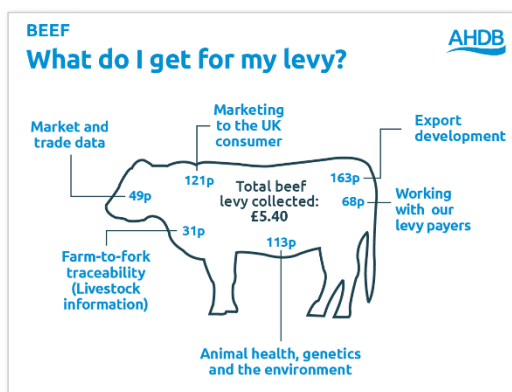
The positioning of beef and lamb from Britain as a healthy and sustainable mealtime choice is a key priority for AHDB. Over recent years, the impact of the environment and health on the traditional red meat category has led to changes in what people are buying.

Market and trade data

Provide easy-to-access, independent market prices and analysis to help inform business decisions.

Farm to fork traceability (Livestock information)

The Livestock Information Programme, funded by AHDB and DEFRA, enables advanced tracing of sheep movements, helping to enhance the reputation of British lamb at home and overseas.



Export market development

AHDB works with government and industry to open new markets for beef and lamb.

Working with levy payers

Strategic and Monitor Farms, events and publications ensure connection with the latest research and innovation to support businesses.

Animal health, genetics and the environment

Helping drive improvements and deliver solutions across almost all areas of production, targeted research aims to support and aid on-farm decisions.

Figure 1. Distribution of levy funds from one beef cow, adapted from AHDB website³

AHDB must hold a ballot on whether an individual levy should continue if it receives requests to hold a ballot on that levy signed by at least 5% of those entitled to vote in such a ballot, within a period of three consecutive calendar months. If the 5% threshold is reached, then AHDB will organise a ballot. The results will be independently verified and

¹ [Home | AHDB](#)

² [The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

³ [Beef and lamb: what do I get for my levy? | AHDB](#)

communicated to Ministers who will make a decision on the future of that levy; however Ministers are not bound by the results of any ballot.

Norwegian Seafood

The Norwegian Seafood Research Fund, FHF⁴, is a state-owned limited company owned by the Ministry of Trade, industry and fisheries, and financed by the industry through a levy on exports of Norwegian Seafood at 0.3%. FHF's goal is to create added value to the seafood industry through industry-based research and development. FHF was established in 2001, initiated by the industry, and its priorities cover all aspects of the Norwegian seafood industry. Most FHF research projects are awarded through competitive public calls, and are based on the priorities set out in the current action plan and in professional groups and other business forums. Assessments of grant applications are provided at each call for proposals, and decisions on implementation of projects are made by the FHF team. Details of current open calls, and recent open calls, are online⁵.

⁴ [FHF – Norwegian Seafood Research Fund](#)

⁵ [Calls for proposals in FHF](#)