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Scottish Food & Drink Production in the Context of Key Policy Drivers

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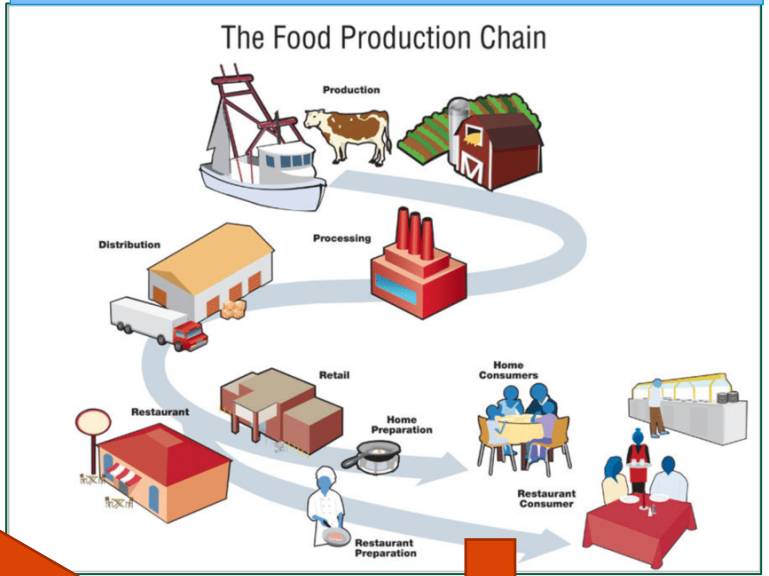
Financial Sector obligations

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In Debt to the Planet

An assessment of the 25 largest European banks' biodiversity and climate strategies

Retailer & Processor commitments –Scope 3



NGOs / Society & international / UK / SG commitments

A Nature Recovery Plan

11 transformative actions for nature in Scotland

International / UK / Scottish Commitments – Policy focus

Update to the Climate Change Plan 2018 - 2032

Securing a Green Recovery on a Path to Net Zero

The future's not what it used to be

The next step in delivering our vision for Scotland as a leader in sustainable and regenerative farming

5 Core Principles of REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

- MINIMIZE SOIL DISTURBANCE
- KEEP THE SOIL COVERED
- INTEGRATE LIVESTOCK
- MAXIMIZE CROP DIVERSITY
- MAINTAIN LIVING ROOT YEAR-ROUND

February 2022



Just Transition

Land Use and Agriculture

Sectoral growth ambitions

SCOTLAND FOOD & DRINK PARTNERSHIP

SUSTAINING SCOTLAND. SUPPLYING THE WORLD.

Rural Delivery Plan by 2026

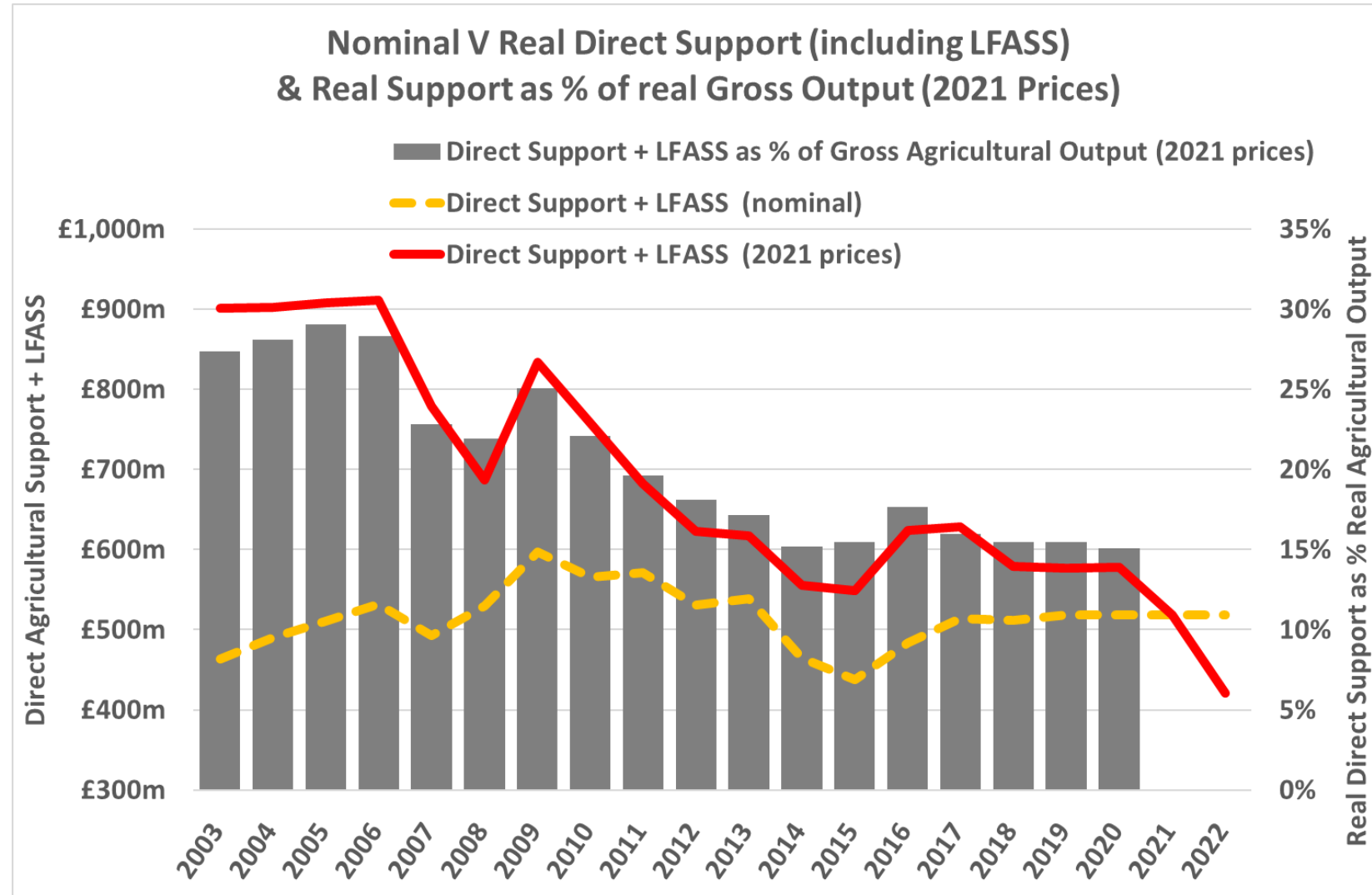
Equality, opportunity, community

New leadership – A fresh start

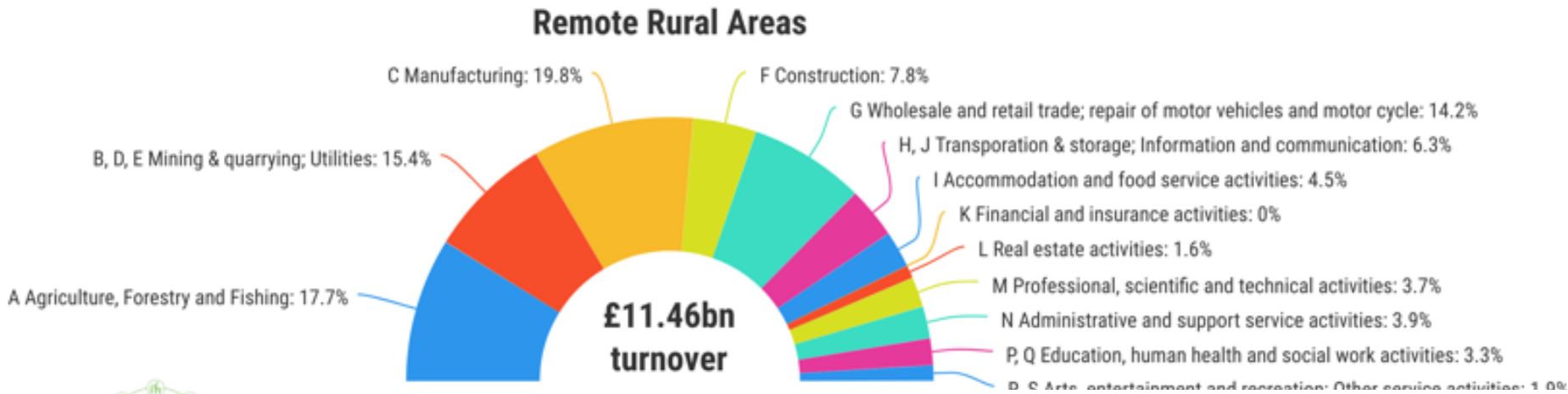
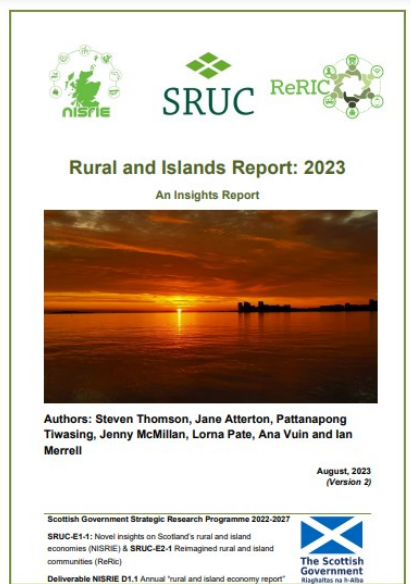
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Real Agricultural Support falling

- **Expectations** on land managers rapidly growing
- Budget for support / incentives falling after inflation adjustments
- **Is the budget sufficient** to fund, sustainable food & drink production, climate mitigation & adaptation and nature recovery?



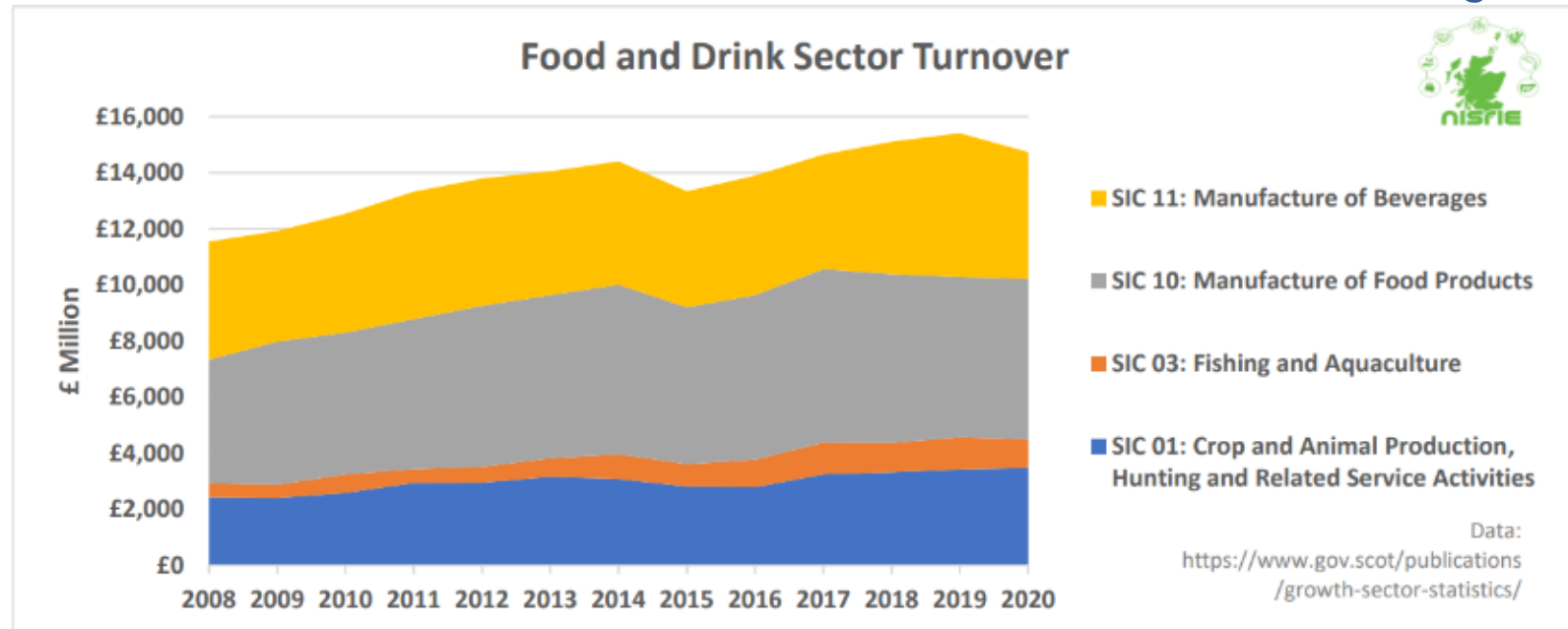
Important role in rural economy



<https://www.nisrie.scot/2023-rural-and-islands-insights-report.php>



Replacement for LFASS?



Scope 3 V National Inventory

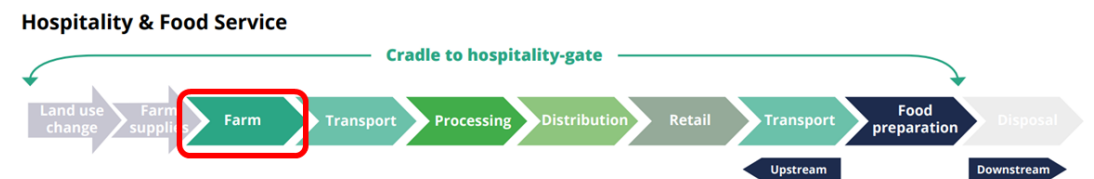
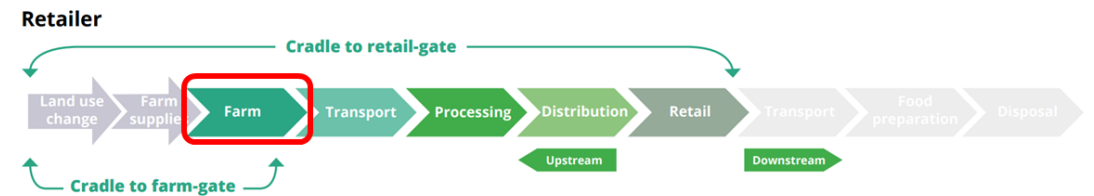
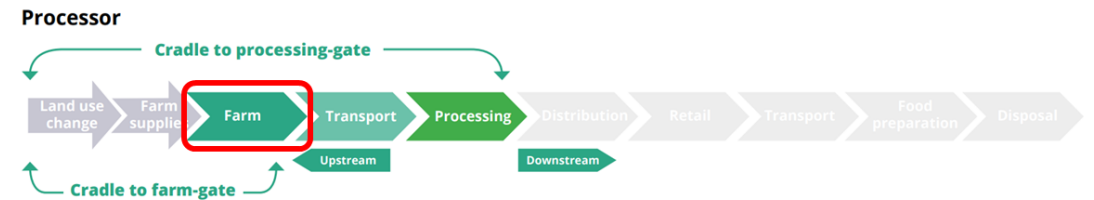
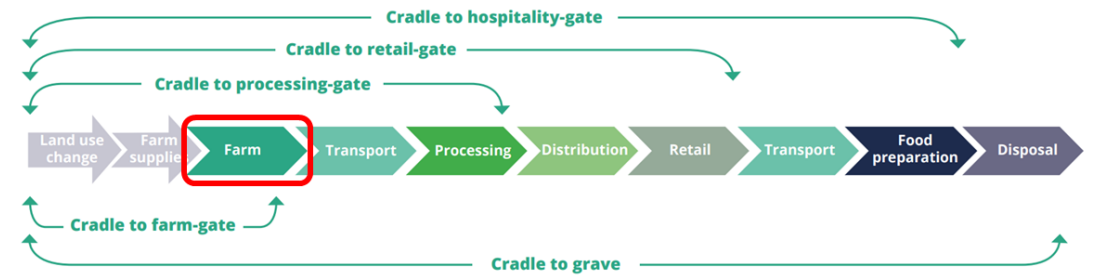


- Which Net Zero?

- Scope 3 approach or [National Inventory](#) approach?

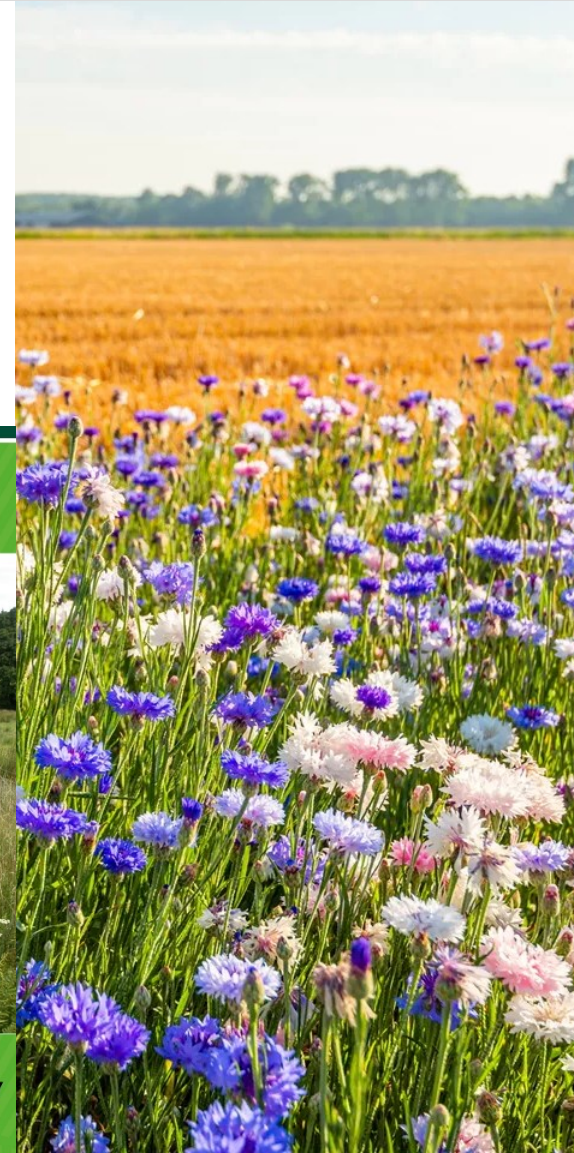
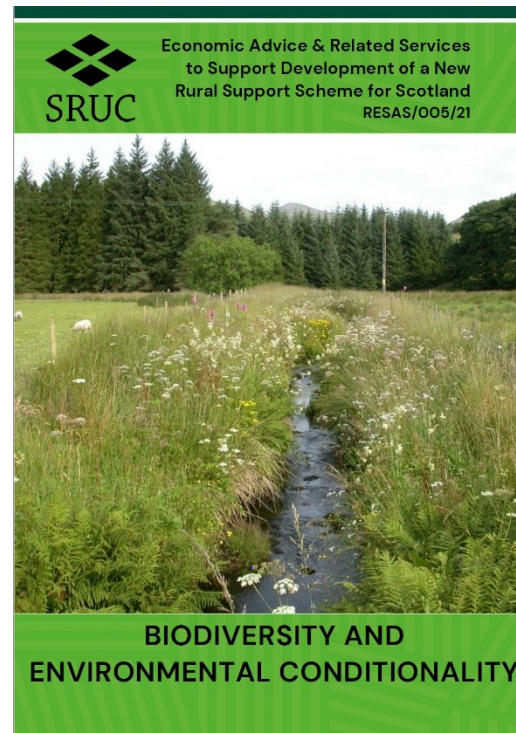
- Who owns CO2e mitigation credits?

- Nat Inventory – does not matter who owns carbon credits (peatland code / woodland code, etc) for Scotland plc
- S3 – ownership of C matters in private sector to avoid double counting (major fear in agriculture sector) – but how will this all work?



Nature Restoration

- Targets coming in Natural Environment Bill?
 - Alignment with agricultural policy structures – Tiers 2 and 3?
 - 30 by 30
 - Costs borne by?
- What are the most effective interventions?



<https://www.gov.scot/publications/evidence-support-development-new-rural-support-scheme-scotland-summary-written-outputs/>

Agriculture Bill

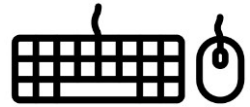
- Sector looking for detail that will not be in the Bill
 - 2025 is 15 months away
- Lots of policy detail to be provided and legislated for over next 2 years
 - e.g. conditions (cross compliance or enhanced), budget allocations to Tiers, specifics of support schemes, etc
 - EU alignment?
- Perfect should not be the enemy of good – trade-offs will be required
- If it is too costly to comply – Scottish Government targets may be at risk



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