



**Paper for information: Government Updates on Nutrition
Related Activities
DEFRA**

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Defra update on nutritional related issues

The Year of Food and Farming

- 1) The Year of Food and Farming in education is an industry-led initiative aimed at improving the understanding by young people of the food chain and the role played by farming. The Year will run during the academic year from September 2007 until July 2008, and is being supported by Defra, Department of Health and Department for Education and Skills.
- 2) The aim is also that the Year will result in:
 - Increased links between schools, farmers and food producers that extend beyond the 'Year'.
 - Developing healthy lifestyles and good nutrition through a greater understanding of how food is produced.
 - Development of materials for use across the curriculum and for projects on food and farming.
 - An increased interest in careers in the industries.
 - An increased appreciation of the importance of the countryside and environmental issues.
- 3) A national Year of Food and Farming Steering Group has been established, led by Sir Don Curry, with representation from across the food, farming and education sectors. This will be supported by a number of working groups at a national level, and activity in each English region, including London. The British Nutrition Foundation are one of the organisations involved in the national working groups.