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Version: 1

Question type: *Text*

Welcome to this survey about social issues. Your YouGov account will be credited with ****50 points**** for completing the survey. We have tested the survey and found that, on average, it takes around ****10 minutes to complete****. To continue please click the arrow below.

Base: All

Question type: *Single*

#row order: *reverse*

[Q3m] To what extent, if at all, are you worried you/your household will not be able to afford food in the next month?

Please select one answer only

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| <1> | Very worried |
| <2> | Somewhat worried |
| <3> | Not very worried |
| <4> | Not at all worried |
| <5 fixed> | Don't know |
| <6 fixed> | Prefer not to answer |

Base: All

Question type: *Dyngrid*

#row order: *randomize*

[Q6_NEW1] The next question is about behaviours you have done to save money, for example to reduce your food shopping costs or energy bills.

In the last month, which, if any, of the following have you or someone in your household done to save money?

Please select one answer for each statement

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|--------------|---|
| -[Q6_NEW1_1] | \$hovertext.raw Eaten food past its use by date **use by date** on food is about safety. Foods can be eaten until the use-by date but not after. You will see use by dates on food that goes off quickly, such as meat products or ready-to-eat salads. Use by dates are different to best before dates; best before dates relate to food quality not food safety. |
| -[Q6_NEW1_2] | Reduced the length of time that food is cooked for |
| -[Q6_NEW1_3] | Lowered the cooking temperature for food |
| -[Q6_NEW1_4] | Turned off a fridge and/or freezer that contains food |
| -[Q6_NEW1_5] | Changed the settings so that food in a fridge and/or freezer is being kept at a warmer temperature |

- [Q6_NEW1_6] Eaten leftovers that have been kept in the fridge for more than two days
- [Q6_NEW1_7] Cut down on the amount of food bought
- [Q6_NEW1_8] Stored food that should be refrigerated outside the fridge (for example, in a garage, porch, or cool box)
- [Q6_NEW1_9] Eaten food cold rather than heating it
- [Q6_NEW1_10] Reheated leftovers more than once to avoid throwing it away
- [Q6_NEW1_11] Turned off an oven or hob earlier and finished cooking with residual heat
- <1> Yes, I or someone in my household have done this every week
- <2> Yes, I or someone in my household have done this some weeks but not every week
- <3> Yes, I or someone in my household have done this just one week in the last month
- <4> No, I or someone in my household have not done this in the last month
- <5> Don't know/can't remember
- <6> Prefer not to answer

Base: All

Question type: *Single*

[NEWCON2] Do you have any concerns about food in the UK in general?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No

Question type: *Open*

#any

#Question display logic:

If [NEWCON2] - Yes is selected [if NEWCON2 == 1]

[NEWCON3] What are your concerns about food in the UK? Please write your answer in the box below

Base: All

Question type: *Dyngrid*

#row order: *randomize* #column order: *reverse*

[Q12] Thinking about food in the UK in general. At the moment, how concerned, if at all, do you feel about each of the following topics?

Please select one answer only for each statement

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| -[Q12_2] Food shortages | - [Q12_16] Food waste in the food chain |
| - [Q12_10] Food poverty and food inequality | - [Q12_17] The use of pesticides in food production |
| -[Q12_3] Animal welfare in the food industry | - [Q12_18] Food allergen information (e.g. availability and accuracy) |
| -[Q12_8] Food prices | - [Q12_19] Food fraud or crime (e.g. food not being what the label says it is) |

-[Q12_9]	Food being produced sustainably	-	Food poisoning (e.g. Salmonella and E. Coli)
-	Genetically modified (GM) food	[Q12_20]	The quality of food
[Q12_12]		[Q12_21]	
-	The use of additives in food (e.g. preservatives and colouring)	-	Food hygiene when eating out or ordering takeaways
[Q12_13]	Ultra-processed food	[Q12_22]	The amount of food packaging
-		-	The amount of salt, sugar, fat, or calories in food
[Q12_14]		[Q12_23]	
-	People being able to eat a healthy diet	-	
[Q12_15]		[Q12_24]	
<1>	Highly concerned		
<2>	Somewhat concerned		
<3>	Not very concerned		
<4>	Not concerned at all		
<5 fixed>	Don't know		
<6 fixed>	I don't know enough to comment		

Base: All

Question type: **Single**

#row order: reverse

[Q14a] How much, if anything, do you know about the Food Standards Agency, also known as the FSA?

Please select one answer only

<1>	I know a lot about the FSA and what it does
<2>	I know a little about the FSA and what it does
<3>	I've heard of the FSA but know nothing about what it does
<4>	I hadn't heard of the FSA until I was contacted to take part in this survey
<5>	I've never heard of the FSA

Base: All

Question type: **Single**

[Q16] The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is the Government Agency responsible for food safety in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. How much do you trust or distrust the Food Standards Agency to do its job? That is to make sure that food is safe and what it says it is.

Please select one answer only

<1>	I trust it a lot
<2>	I trust it
<3>	I neither trust nor distrust it
<4>	I distrust it
<5>	I distrust it a lot
<6>	Don't know / Don't know enough to say

Base: All

Question type: **Multiple**

#row order: randomize

[NEWC1] In the past month, which, if any, of the following food safety topics have you seen, read or heard any information about? This could have been in the news, on social media, via word of mouth, or other online sources.

Select all that apply

- <1> Food poisoning outbreaks (e.g., salmonella, E. coli)
- <2> Food allergies and intolerances
- <3> Food contamination incidents (e.g., where food has been contaminated with a chemical)
- <4> Food fraud or food crime
- <5> Recall of food products
- <6> Safe food handling practices (e.g., washing hands, cooking temperatures)
- <7> Food storage guidelines (e.g., refrigeration, use by dates)
- <8> Food hygiene ratings of businesses
- <9 fixed> Another food safety issue (open [NEWC1_other]) [open] please specify
- <10 fixed xor> None of these

Base: All those who have seen, read or heard of any information about the food safety topics

Question type: Multiple

#row order: randomize

#Question display logic:

if NEWC1.has_any([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9])

[NEWC2] In the past month, where have you seen, read or heard something about these food safety topics?

Select all that apply

- <1> On social media (e.g. Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, x/Twitter)
- <2> In the news (e.g. a newspaper, radio, news website/news app or TV)
- <3> From the Food Standards Agency's (FSA) website
- <4> Word of mouth (e.g. a friend or family member)
- <5> From a restaurant, café or takeaway
- <6> In a shop or supermarket
- <7> A message from a charity (e.g. an allergy charity)
- <8> From a school/university
- <9> From a healthcare organisation (e.g., hospital or GP surgery)
- <10 fixed> Other (open [NEWC2_other]) [open] please specify
- <11 fixed xor> Don't know/can't remember

Question type: Text

Moving on...

Question type: Text

****Fermentation**** is a traditional food processing technique that uses microorganisms like yeast to make foods such as yogurt, cheese, and beer.

****Precision**** fermentation is a similar food processing technique, except that the

microorganisms have had their DNA altered to make food products. Precision fermentation has been used by the UK food industry for years e.g., to make citric acid which is a common preservative in foods.

The UK food industry is currently exploring how to make precision-fermented dairy products. For example, putting cow DNA into yeast to make milk and cheese without traditional animal farming. Precision-fermented dairy products are not yet available in the UK.

Base: All

Question type: *Dyngrid*

[QPF1] Before taking part in this survey had you heard of:

- | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| -[QPF1_1] | Fermentation |
| -[QPF1_2] | Precision fermentation |
| -[QPF1_3] | Precision-fermented dairy |
| <1> | Yes, and I knew what it was |
| <2> | Yes, but I didn't know what it was |
| <3> | No, I had never heard of it |

Base: All

Question type: *Single*

[QPF2] Do you think that precision-fermented dairy should or should not be sold in the UK in the future?

- | | |
|-----|---|
| <1> | Yes, it should definitely be on sale in the UK in the future |
| <2> | Yes, it should probably be on sale in the UK in the future |
| <3> | No, it should probably not be on sale in the UK in the future |
| <4> | No, it should definitely not be on sale in the UK in the future |
| <5> | Don't know |

Base: All

Question type: *Single*

[QPF3] If it was authorised for sale in the UK, how willing or unwilling would you be to include precision-fermented dairy products in your diet?

- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| <1> | Very willing |
| <2> | Somewhat willing |
| <3> | Somewhat unwilling |
| <4> | Very unwilling |
| <5> | Don't know |

Base: All

Question type: *Dyngrid*

#row order: *randomize*

[QPF4] How important, if at all, would each of the following be to you when deciding whether to buy a food product made using precision fermentation?



- [QPF4_1] If it tasted good
- [QPF4_2] If it was affordable
- [QPF4_3] If it was safe to eat
- [QPF4_4] If it was properly regulated
- [QPF4_5] If I knew how it was made
- [QPF4_6] If I trusted the company that made it
- [QPF4_7] If I knew it was better for the environment compared to other products
- [QPF4_8] If I knew it was better for my health compared to other products
- [QPF4_9] If people I trust recommended it
- [QPF4_10] If I knew it was better for animal welfare compared to other products
- <1> Very important
- <2> Somewhat important
- <3> Not very important
- <4> Not important at all
- <5> Don't know

Question type: Text

And finally, some demographic questions for our records.

Question type: Pdl

#Question display logic:

if pdl.disability.last > months(12) and updated

[disability] Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- <1> Yes, limited a lot
- <2> Yes, limited a little
- <3> No

Question type: Pdl

#Question display logic:

if pdl.mental_issues.last > months(12) and updated

[mental_issues] Which, if any, of the following types of mental illnesses/disorders have you been professionally diagnosed with? Please select all that apply.

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|-----|--|------|---------------------------------------|
| <1> | Anger disorder (Intermittent Explosive Disorder) | <13> | Paranoid disorder |
| <2> | Anxiety disorder | <14> | Personality disorders |
| <3> | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) | <15> | Phobias |
| <4> | Autism spectrum disorder | <16> | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) |
| <5> | Bipolar affective disorder | <17> | Schizophrenia spectrum |
| <6> | Body dysmorphic disorder | <18> | Other psychotic disorders |
| <7> | Depression (including postpartum depression) | <19> | Sexual disorders |
| <8> | Dissociative disorder | <20> | Stress disorder |
| <9> | Eating disorder | <21> | Substance abuse disorders |



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|------|---|----------------|--|
| <10> | Impulse control disorder | <97 fixed> | Other mental disorders |
| <11> | Obsessive-Compulsive spectrum disorders | <96 fixed xor> | Prefer not to say |
| <12> | Panic disorder | <99 fixed xor> | Not applicable - I have not been diagnosed with any mental illnesses |

Question type: *Pdl*
 #Question display logic:
if pdl.profile_work_stat.last > months(1) and updated

[profile_work_stat] Which of these applies to you?

- <1> Working full time (30 or more hours per week)
- <2> Working part time (8-29 hours a week)
- <3> Working part time (Less than 8 hours a week)
- <4> Full time student
- <5> Retired
- <6> Unemployed
- <7> Not working
- <8> Other

Question type: *Pdl*
 #Question display logic:
if pdl.profile_marital.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_marital] What is your current marital or relationship status?

- <7> Divorced
- <2> In a civil partnership
- <5> In a relationship, but not living together
- <4> Living with a partner but neither married nor in a civil partnership
- <1> Married
- <3> Separated but still legally married or in a civil partnership
- <6> Single
- <8> Widowed

Question type: *Pdl*
 #Question display logic:
if pdl.profile_household_size.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_household_size] How many people, including yourself, are there in your household? Please include both adults and children.

- <1> 1
- <2> 2
- <3> 3
- <4> 4
- <5> 5
- <6> 6
- <7> 7
- <8> 8 or more

<9> Don't know
<10> Prefer not to say

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if pdl.profile_education_level.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_education_level] What is the highest educational or work-related qualification you have?

<1>	No formal qualifications	<11>	GCE A level or Higher Certificate
<2>	Youth training certificate/skillseekers	<12>	Scottish Higher Certificate
<3>	Recognised trade apprenticeship completed	<13>	Nursing qualification (e.g. SEN, SRN, SCM, RGN)
<4>	Clerical and commercial	<14>	Teaching qualification (not degree)
<5>	City & Guilds certificate	<15>	University diploma
<6>	City & Guilds certificate - advanced	<16>	University or CNAA first degree (e.g. BA, B.Sc, B.Ed)
<7>	ONC	<17>	University or CNAA higher degree (e.g. M.Sc, Ph.D)
<8>	CSE grades 2-5	<18>	Other technical, professional or higher qualification
<9>	CSE grade 1, GCE O level, GCSE, School Certificate	<19>	Don't know
<10>	Scottish Ordinary/ Lower Certificate	<20>	Prefer not to say

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if pdl.profile_gross_household.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_gross_household] Gross HOUSEHOLD income is the combined income of all those earners in a household from all sources, including wages, salaries, or rents and before tax deductions. What is your gross household income?

<1>	under £5,000 per year	<10>	£45,000 to £49,999 per year
<2>	£5,000 to £9,999 per year	<11>	£50,000 to £59,999 per year
<3>	£10,000 to £14,999 per year	<12>	£60,000 to £69,999 per year
<4>	£15,000 to £19,999 per year	<13>	£70,000 to £99,999 per year
<5>	£20,000 to £24,999 per year	<14>	£100,000 to £149,999 per year
<6>	£25,000 to £29,999 per year	<15>	£150,000 and over
<7>	£30,000 to £34,999 per year	<16>	Don't know
<8>	£35,000 to £39,999 per year	<17>	Prefer not to answer
<9>	£40,000 to £44,999 per year		

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if pdl.profile_household_children.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_household_children] How many of the people in your household are under 18?

<1>	0
<2>	1
<3>	2
<4>	3
<5>	4
<6>	5 or more
<8>	Don't know
<9>	Prefer not to say

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if pdl.profile_household_type.last > months(6) and updated

[profile_household_type] Which of the following, if any, best describes your current living arrangements?

<1>	Living with a spouse or partner
<2>	Living with friend(s) or housemate(s)
<3>	Living with parent(s) or other adult family member(s)
<4>	Not living with any other adults
<99>	None of these

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if pdl.bixdemo_mainshopper.last > months(6) and updated

[bixdemo_mainshopper] Thinking about household grocery shopping, which of the following statements best applies to you?

<1>	I am the sole grocery shopper in my household
<2>	I am in part responsible for grocery shopping in my household
<3>	I am not responsible at all for grocery shopping in my household

Question type: *Pdl*

#Question display logic:

if diet_identity_2018.last > months (6) and updated

[diet_identity_2018] Which, if any, of these best describes your usual eating habits?

<1>	Vegan (do not eat dairy products, eggs, or any other animal product)
<2>	Vegetarian (do not eat any meat, poultry, game, fish or shellfish)
<3>	Pescatarian (eat fish but do not eat meat or poultry)
<4>	Meat eater (eat meat and/or poultry)
<5>	Flexitarian (mixed diet, mainly vegetarian and eat meat occasionally)
<95 fixed>	Other
<96 fixed>	Don't know

Question type: *Text*



****Thank you very much for completing this survey! We have added the points to your account.****