



Food Procurement Policy

The Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association (AWSELVA) recognises the importance of markets, concerned consumers and socially responsible retailers and caterers in creating demand and financial viability for higher standards of animal welfare in food production. AWSELVA also recognises good animal welfare as an essential element and objective of sustainable development.

AWSELVA supports these principles by sourcing food (e.g. for its conferences) from the following production systems and assurance schemes:

Animal welfare

- Free range eggs (ideally Freedom Food or certified organic)
- Beef and lamb – Red Tractor, Freedom Food and/or certified organic
- Other meat (including fish) – Freedom Food or certified organic

As well as assuring higher welfare standards during an animal's life, all of the above certifications also assure that animals are stunned before slaughter.

Sustainable harvest

- Fish (if not farmed) – Marine Stewardship Council

Other sustainability objectives

Food assured by the following schemes and in accordance with the following principles is sought whenever possible:

- Seasonal and local to minimise food miles
- Tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate – Rainforest Alliance or Fairtrade

AWSELVA also reduces and recycles waste whenever possible.