



# THE SWEDISH ACTION PLAN ON FOOD WASTE PREVENTION

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# Governmental assignments to reduce food waste in Sweden

I: 2013-2015

II: 2017-2019

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### A National Food Strategy for Sweden

https://www.government.se/information-material/2017/04/a-national-food-strategy-for-sweden--more-jobs-and-sustainable-growth-throughout-the-country.-short-version-of-government-bill-201617104/







#### More to do more

Action plan for food loss and food waste reduction by 2030 - SUMMARY

August 2018









## Government commission II: 2017-2019

- "...develop action plan for reduced food waste that will guide the work until the year 2030"
- in close collaboration with relevant players







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# 4 focus areas identified:

Industry player collaboration National goal & monitoring methods

Consumer behaviour

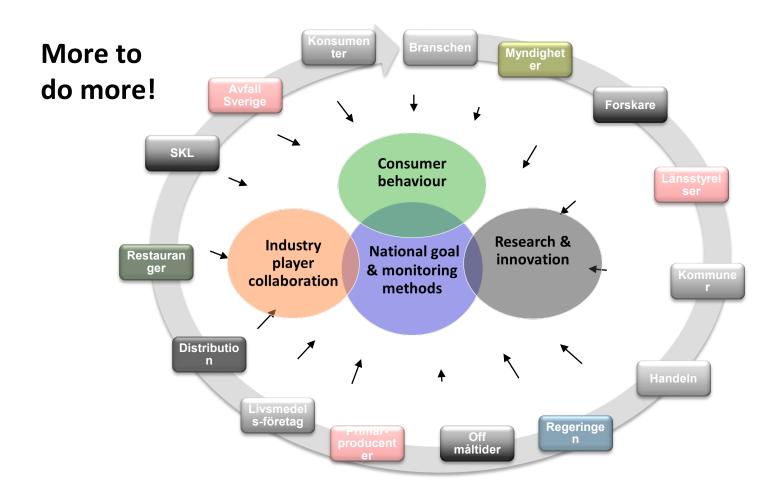
Research & innovation

- National goal & development of monitoring methods
- Active collaboration between industry players in the food supply chain
- Investigation, research and innovation
- Changes in consumer behaviour











#### Target and measurements

- Continued work with national milestone target in the Swedish environmental objective system and follow up of Agenda 2030 goal 12.3
- All players need to measure









# National measuring method in catering, public meals

- Kitchen food waste (from storing, preparation and cooking)
- Serving food waste
- Plate waste

#### Results:

- Food waste (g/portion)
- Food waste (% of served food)
- Eaten food (g/person)

#### Most important: What is eaten?

Many pupils and elderly people need to eat MORE.







#### Investigation of the population's attitude, knowledge and behavior related to food work (lpsos 2013)

- About half of consumers claim they never throw food
- The man throws mostly fruit and vegetables
- The food has been standing for a long time is the major cause
- They rely primarily on their minds when they throw food
- Most likely, there is a gap between what you actually do and what you think you do







## Consumer campaign, starting points

- Light-hearted tonality and fun
- Show positive examples and behaviour from everydag life
- Lyfta fram "everyday heroes" that do the right thing
- Show that small things may make a big difference
- Concept that works for the whole value chain





## Campain spring 2019 Not to be spread yet



Our campaign starting March 26 has a number of new words in the language of "wastish" Words will be spread in social media like instagram and Facebook.

Campaign will be evaluated in terms of how much spread it became.



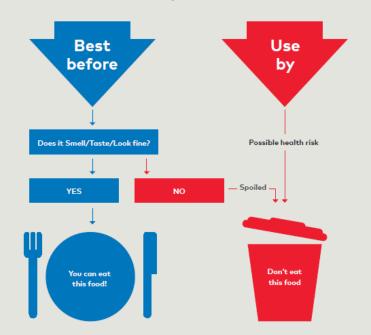




#### **BEST BEFORE - GOOD AFTER?**

The food is often OK to eat after best before-date. Store food according to instructions on package.

#### What do I do when the food has passed its date of durability?







# Bäst före – bra efter?

Maten är ofta okej att äta efter **bäst före**-datum.

- Förvara maten enligt anvisningen på förpackningen.
- Ät upp, tillaga eller frys in maten senast på sista förbrukningsdag!

Vad gör jag med maten efter passerat datum? Bäst Sista före-datum förbrukningsdag Luktar/smakar/ser maten ut som vanligt? Ev. hälsofarlig Nei Skämd Ät inte Denna mat denna kan du äta! mat!

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## Guiding to legislation

- 1. Possible additional information together with Best before label often good after
- 2. Municipality kitchens (public meal catering) may sell/donate/receive surplus food
- 3. Packages with mixed fruit/vegetables don't have to be labelled "product for processing". It may be labelled e.g. "Eat soon!"





