

## Fact Sheet

# Food and Drink

Join a thriving food and drink producing region

## The opportunity

Join the second largest food and drink producing region in the UK with over 600 manufacturers. The perfect location for large scale food manufacturing, you will be in good company as over 1,800 food manufacturers have production facilities within the region.



## The facts

81%

Access to 15 major distribution centres, servicing retailers that account for over 81% of UK grocery sales



A major hub - 74% of UK consumers are within a 4 hour drive of Leeds City Region



Home to Asda and Morrisons, two of the UK's largest supermarket retailers, with combined sales of circa £38bn

140k

UK's largest manufacturing workforce of over 140,000 workers

£14bn

The UK imports £14bn of fresh fruit and vegetables - join our region's growing vertical farming cluster to gain direct access to this market



Collaborate with industry and academia to leverage world-class research to drive down costs in agriculture



World-leading R&D centres such as School of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Leeds



Some of the lowest cost industrial and farming space in the UK. Approximately £5.50-£6.50 per ft<sup>2</sup>