



## Towards a **Swedish food strategy**

Together with actors in the food chain, I would like to take advantage of the rich opportunities Sweden has to offer and in this way create more jobs and sustainable growth throughout the country. The food strategy will be the roadmap we need to increase Swedish food production, and not least export.

Swedish production and consumption of food needs to be part of long-term sustainable development. Sweden is endowed with excellent conditions for producing food and drink. We have an abundance of clean water and arable land, good animal welfare and health with limited use of antibiotics. Added to this, we have knowledgeable primary producers, innovative food companies and talented chefs. Despite these excellent conditions, Swedish food production is declining and the import proportion is rising.



*Sven-Erik Bucht*  
*Minister for Rural Affairs*



## A strategy for the whole food system

The food strategy encompasses the entire food production chain, from primary production to food industry, exports, trade, consumer, public sector consumption, restaurants and culinary experiences. The strategy has its base in primary production, but all sections of the food production chain are important and necessary for creating a long-term strategy that provides jobs and sustainable growth throughout the country.

### **The Government to host a dialogue**

The food strategy is to be drawn up in broad dialogue with food production chain actors. In 2015, dialogue meetings will be held to collect ideas and proposals that are to be important background material for the strategy. A final strategy is to be presented in spring 2016. Broad political support for the strategy is crucial for long-term implementation.

**Production** Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation **Photo** Maria Nilsson, Plattform/Johnér, Kristian Pohl, Maskot/Folio  
**Article no** N2015.26



REGERINGSKANSLIET

Ministry of Enterprise  
and Innovation