THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
The Ministry of Agriculture and Food prepares and implements government policy on agriculture, food, fisheries and forestry.

A MINISTRY THAT IS AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN ACTION AND GLOBAL ISSUES

As a major actor in the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food is particularly involved in the work of official EU organisations. On a global level, it defends the interests of producers and farming and agrifood sectors, promoting the French food model.

A MINISTRY THAT STANDS ALONGSIDE FARMERS AND GROWERS IN THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food provides support for the transformation of production models for the adoption of more resilient, self-sufficient methods. It facilitates conversions to organic farming as well as reductions in the use of plant protection products and veterinary antibiotics. The Ministry seeks to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – most notably with the French initiative “4 per 1,000, Soils for Food Security and the Climate”.

A MINISTRY THAT ACTS TO ASSURE HEALTHY, HIGH-QUALITY AND SAFE FOOD THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR ALL

Inspecting and guaranteeing the quality and health safety of agricultural and agrifood products is an essential core task for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. It conducts food policy in a context typified by strong societal expectations: local sourcing, promotion of quality, food donations, combating waste... All these are priority goals for France’s National Food Programme.

A MINISTRY THAT ENSURES THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN ALL THESE DOMAINS.

A ministry for the living world, with roots in local areas, that drives policy for the benefit of agriculture and forestry; agricultural education and training engaged with the living world; agronomic, biotechnology and veterinary research and protection of animals and plants; food policy; agrifood industry policy; social policy relating to farmers and farm workers; policy on sea fisheries and aquaculture.
**FRANCE: A GREAT AGRICULTURAL POWER**

**AGRICULTURAL AREA**
- 54% of national territory
- 28m hectares
- EU's largest area (metropolitan France)

**FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE**
- No.1 European producer of cereals
- 1.9 billion euros in revenue

**FARMS**
- 457,000 farms
- (metropolitan France + French overseas départements)

**NATURAL SPACES**
- 40% of France's land (forests, moors, rock, ...)
- (metropolitan France)

**WOODLAND**
- 31% of metropolitan France
- 17 million hectares

**AGRIFOOD**
- No.1 European producer of seeds
- No.4 in EU fisheries
- No.4 for EU fruit production, ranked no.5 for vegetables

**AGRICULTURAL AREA**
- 25 billion litres of cow's milk
- 167 billion euros in revenue
- World's 6th largest exporter of agrifood products

**FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE**
- 376 PDOs/protected designations of origin
- 75 PGIs/protected geographical indications
- 242 PDOs and PGIs for agrifood products

**WOODLAND**
- 138 tree species (metropolitan France)

**AGRICULTURAL AREA**
- 19 million head of cattle
- EU's largest national herd

**FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE**
- 17,000 firms in the agrifood industry
- 11% of EU fisheries volume

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**AGRICULTURAL AREA**
- 1.8 million hectares farmed organically
- EU's 3rd largest area

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MINISTRY ORGANISATION

**FOUR DIRECTORATES** drive the Ministry’s policies:

- **THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF ENTERPRISES** (DGPE)
- **THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD** (DGAL)
- **THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH** (DGER)
- **THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR SEA FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE** (DPMA)

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT** is responsible for handling financial and legal matters, human resources, departmental organisation and information & communication; it manages farming statistics, forecasting and the Ministry’s modernisation policy.

- Digital transformation
- Simplification and dematerialisation of official procedures
- Open data.

**THIRTEEN REGIONAL DIRECTORATES** of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (DRAAFs) in Metropolitan France and five Directorates of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (DAAFs) in France’s overseas departments roll out in the field the decisions of central administration.

- The **General Council for Food, Agriculture and Rural Spaces** (CGAAER) is responsible for core advisory, expert, audit and inspection tasks for the Minister.

**BUDGET**

- **4.6 billion euros** (2019)
- **8.9 billion euros** for the Common Agricultural Policy (2019)

**STAFFING**

- **31,059 staff** (2017)
- **18,796 in agricultural education (technical & higher)**

**PUBLIC-SECTOR ENTITIES**

- **AGENCE BIO** French Agency for the Development and Promotion of Organic farming
- **ANSES** National Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational health & Safety
- **ASP** Agency for Services and Payments
- **CNPF** National Centre for Forest owners
- **FRANCEAGRIMER** National Establishment for Agriculture and Sea products
- **IFCE** French Horse and Riding Institute
- **INFOMA** National Institute for Ministry of Agriculture staff training
- **INAO** National Institute for Origin and Quality
- **ODEADOM** Office for the Development of the Agricultural Economy in the French Overseas Departments
- **ONF** National Forest Office
THE CORE TASKS OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

SECTORAL ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE...

Agricultural production and agrifood processing
Development and economic organisation • Corporate competitiveness • Jobs, investment support • Risk management.

Sustainable management of forests and their products
Multifunctional forest management • Competitiveness of forest companies and the wood industry • Fire prevention • Regulations.

Employment legislation and welfare in the farming industry
Agricultural social benefits • Workplace health and safety • Prevention relating to occupational accidents • Occupational illness • Collective bargaining agreements.

...AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT FROM LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

Rural development and activity
Guiding agricultural development, land use • Services for local government • Policy on horses, equestrian activities and racing.

Preservation of the environment and biodiversity
Development of the circular economy, the bioeconomy and farm methanisation • Combating climate change.

European and international relations
Management of Common Agricultural Policy support payments • Development of exports • Trade negotiations • World food security.

THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (CAP)

45% of the total budget of the European Union.

The CAP is the European Union’s primary policy. Its core purposes, as defined by treaty, are directed at enhancing the productivity of agricultural sectors, supporting farmers’ income, stabilising markets, guaranteeing security of supply and offering reasonable prices to consumers. In France, the CAP is implemented by the Agency for Services and Payments (ASP) and FranceAgriMer, two bodies that answer to the Ministry.
FOOD, ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH

Food health safety
Risk prevention - crisis management
- Drafting and supervising regulations
- Hygiene in production and processing
- Public information.

Animal health and protection
Drafting and supervising regulations
- Animal welfare
- Livestock identification traceability
- Epidemiological monitoring.

Plant health and protection
Sanitary defence and protection of plants and forests
- Management of seeds, plants and plant protection products
- Biological surveillance and biocontrol.

Food policy
Social justice
- Combating waste
- Food education
- Attachment to local communities and food heritage
- Animal health and protection
- Food projects in local regions.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Educational policy and management of public establishments
General, technological and vocational education
- Higher, agronomic, veterinary and landscaping education and training
- Integration into school, society and the world of work
- Examinations and qualifications.

Research and innovation policy
Research programmes
- Scientific and technical monitoring
- Farming and agrifood innovations.

Strategy for local regions and international cooperation
Development and activity in local regions
- International scientific, technical and educational cooperation.

6,900 inspections relating to utilisation of plant protection products.

212,000 students and apprentices.

806 establishments.
19 schools of higher education.

7,860 permanent teaching staff in public technical education.
4,834 teachers paid by the ministry and working in private education.
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF SEA FISHERIES, SEA PRODUCTS AND AQUACULTURE

National and EU regulations
EU and international negotiations.

Inspection and surveillance policy
Resource management
- Fisheries control.

Support for corporate investment and financing
Management of support payments under the Common Fisheries Policy
- Policy and public support payments.

THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CFP)

The CFP is aimed at guaranteeing the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture from the environmental, economic and social standpoints, and at providing EU citizens with a source of healthy food products. Every year the Council sets quotas for each species and fisheries sector based on scientific advice.

98 million euros received by France under the Common Fisheries Policy.

COURSES FROM YEAR 9TH GRADE TO DOCTORATE

Agricultural education represents France’s second largest system of education, preparing students for professions in farming, forestry, the natural world and local regions. It serves students from Year 9th Grade up to doctoral level, offering a wide variety of work experience courses typically requiring substantial internship periods in companies. Students are encouraged to travel abroad at least once during their studies.

Agricultural production, personal services, landscaping, animal care, agrifood… All these are covered by worthwhile training courses leading to a variety of jobs, with almost 90% of students obtaining employment.

THE SANITARY SAFETY SYSTEM

France’s sanitary safety system (food, livestock, plants and forests) is among the world’s most effective. The ministry is involved in risk prevention and crisis management; it drafts regulations, organises inspections, handles alerts and provides monitoring at regional and local levels and at the border inspection posts and designated points of entry.

It issues export certificates.

The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) and his or her EU counterparts cooperate and coordinate national sanitary policies.

This is an issue not only for public health but also for the protection of economic interests.
**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR SEA FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE**

Sub-Directorate for Fisheries resources
Sub-Directorate for Aquaculture and Fishery economics

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**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF ENTERPRISES**

Ministerial Delegation for Agrifood Enterprises
Ministerial Delegation to French Overseas Departments
Department of Sectoral Development and Employment
Department of Environmental Competitiveness and Performance
Department of European and International relations
Department of Governance and CAP management

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**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD**

Sanitary Emergencies Unit
National Veterinary and Phytosanitary Investigation Unit
Department of Food
Department of Sanitary Action in Primary Production
Department of Governance and International affairs Relating to Sanitary and Food issues

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**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Department of Technical Education
Department of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

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**GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

Department of Financial, Social and Logistics Affairs
Department of Legal Affairs
Department of Statistics and Forecasting
Department of Human resources
Department of Modernisation
Delegation for Information and Communication

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**THIRTEEN REGIONAL DIRECTORATES OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (DRAAFs)**

**FIVE DIRECTORATES OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (DAAF s)** IN FRANCE’S OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS

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