

## Healthy Lifestyles Drivers of EU Agricultural Outlook

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## **Healthy Lifestyles**





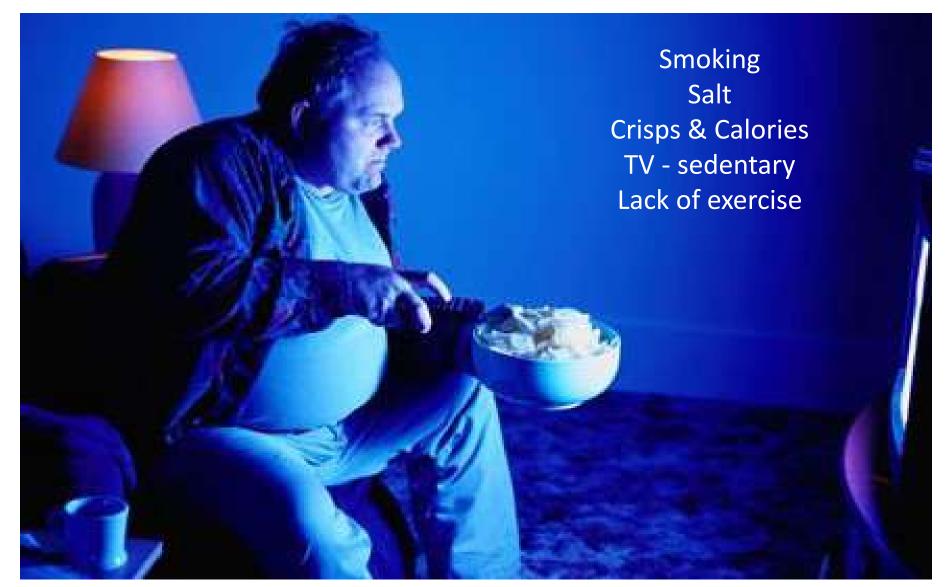
**Regular Exercise** 







## There's no such thing as a sudden heart attack; it requires years of preparation



### **Prevention is Always Better than Cure**

November 2016: "Around 50 million people in the EU suffer from chronic diseases. More than half a million people of working age die prematurely from them every year, representing a cost of some EUR 115 billion in lost productivity. Those deaths are avoidable."

November 2017: "Spending only 3% of our health budgets on prevention, compared with 80% on the treatment of diseases, is simply not enough"

EU Commissioner for Health, Vytenis Andriukaitis November 2018: "People are spending too many years in poor health - much ill health could be prevented."

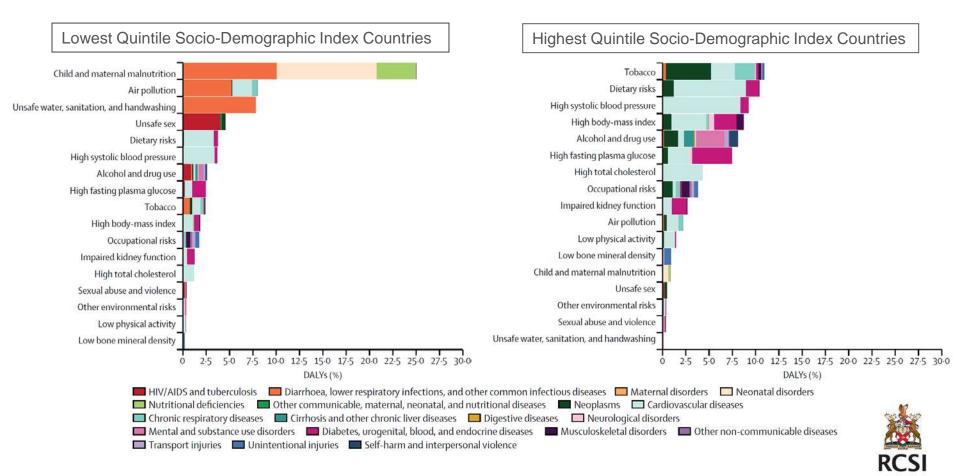
"Prevention can help to meet the UK's Aging Society Grand Challenge - to ensure that people can enjoy at least 5 extra healthy, independent years of life by 2035"

Rt Hon Matt Hancock Secretary of State for Health & Social Care UK



In the Developed World, the Traditional Public Health Challenges of Undernutrition, Unsafe Food and Water Have Been Largely Replaced by Risks of Poor Diet – Overconsumption of Foods High in Fat, Sugar and Salt, and not Enough Fruit, Vegetables, Fibre and Oily Fish

Top Risk Factors for Disease Burden as Measured by Attributable Disability-Adjusted Life-Years (DALYs)



Leading
30 Risk Factors
by
Attributable
DALYs
Globally
in 2016

**Nutritional Risk Factor** 

Consequence of Poor Nutrition

Rank	Males	Females			
1	Smoking	High blood pressure			
2	High blood pressure	High body-mass index			
3	Low birth weight & short gestation	- ,			
4	Alcohol use	Low birth weight & short gestation			
5	High fasting plasma glucose Child growth failure				
6	High body-mass index	Ambient particulate matter			
7	Ambient particulate matter	High total cholesterol			
8	High total cholesterol	Household air pollution			
9	Child growth failure	Child growth failure Smoking			
10	Household air pollution	lousehold air pollution Unsafe sex			
11	Low fruit	Low fruit Impaired kidney function			
12	Low whole grains Low whole grains				
13	Impaired kidney function Unsafe water				
14	Low nuts and seeds				
15	high sodium	Low fruit			
16	unsafe water	Unsafe sanitation			
17	unsafe sex Low nuts and seeds				
18	Drug use High sodium				
19	low vegetables	Alcohol use			
20	Low omega 3	No access to handwashing facility			
21	Unsafe sanitation	Second-hand smoke			
22	Occupational injury	Low vegetables			
23	No access to handwashing facility	Low omega 3			
24	Occupational carcinogens				
25	Low physical activity	Drug use			
26	Iron deficiency	Low fibre			
27	Low fibre	Occupational ergonomic			
28	Lead	Suboptimal breastfeeding			
29	Low legumes	Occupational carcinogens			
30	Second-hand smoke	Low bone mineral density			

Prevalence of
Nutritional
Excesses &
Deficiencies,
and
Resultant
Deaths &
Disease
Burdens

Global Burden Disease 2016 Risk Factors Collaborators. Lancet 2017; 390: 1345-422

	Summary Exposure Values						
Risk	(%)		Deaths	DALYs			
	Male	Female	(in 1,000's)	(in 1,000s)			
Nutritional Excesses							
Diet High in Calories / High BMI	10	11	4,525	135,381			
Diet High in Sodium	40	36	2,310	47,567			
Diet High in Trans Fatty Acids	4	5	224	5,111			
Diet High in Processed Meats	6	4	140	3,196			
Diet High in Red Meat	25	11	32	1,247			
Diet High in Sugar Sweetened Beverages	18	13	23	780			
Total for Excesses			7,254	193,282			
Nutritional Deficiencies							
Diet Low in Whole Grains	59	61	2,499	62,596			
Diet Low in Fruit	62	57	2,361	60,982			
Diet Low in Nuts & Seeds	81	82	1,879	49,493			
Diet Low in Iron		9	20	35,850			
Diet Low in Vegetables	42	43	1,519	35,489			
Diet Low in Marine Omega 3 PUFAs	77	79	1,539	33,347			
Diet Low in Fibre	53	62	888	20,119			
Diet Low in Legumes	45	52	672	14,214			
Diet Low in Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFAs)	40	39	404	8,352			
Diet Low in Calcium	57	61	160	3,353			
Diet Low in Milk	83	84	123	2,582			
Total for Excesses			12,064	326,377			
Consequences of Excesses & Deficiencies							
High Systolic Blood Pressure	26	25	10,455	212,105			
High Fasting Plasma Glucose	3.7	3	5,612	144,088			
High Total Cholesterol	17	19	4,393	93,844			
Totals for Consequences			20,460	450,037			

## Traffic Light System Front of Pack Labelling for Nutritional Excesses

#### UNDERSTANDING THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



Source: Food Standards Agency

Each 1/2 pack serving contains









of your guideline daily amount

"Eating loads of fruit and vegetables (10 portions a day) may give us longer lives - such eating habits could prevent 7.8 million premature deaths each year"



"The benefits of fruit and vegetables may be due to the complex network of nutrients that they hold"



Fruit and vegetable intake and the risk of cardiovascular disease, total cancer and all-cause mortality-a systematic review and doseresponse meta-analysis of prospective studies

Dagfinn Aune<sup>1,2,3</sup>\*, Edward Giovannucci<sup>4,5,6</sup>, Paolo Boffetta<sup>7</sup>, Lars T. Fadnes<sup>8</sup>, NaNa Keum<sup>5,6</sup>, Teresa Norat<sup>2</sup>, Darren C. Greenwood<sup>9</sup>, Elio Riboli<sup>6</sup>, Lars J. Vatten<sup>1</sup> and Serena Tonstad<sup>10</sup>

## What about the Quality of Fruits, Vegetables, Grains & Legumes?

- Selection for rapid growth & appearance rather than for the complex network of nutrients
- Increased atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> causes reduced crop protein, minerals
   & vitamins.

## Should New Breeding Techniques (NBTs) such as the CRISPR-Cas Gene Editing Tool be Considered as Mitigating Solutions?

- Cereal seeds with increased fibre & minerals
- Enhanced vitamin C and carotenoids in tomatoes content in tomatoes
- Camelina plants engineered to accumulate long chain omega-3-PUFAs in their seeds



## Benefits of Consumption of Oily Fish and/or Elevated Plasma Levels of Long Chain Omega-3-PUFAs (DHA & EPA)

#### **Protection** from

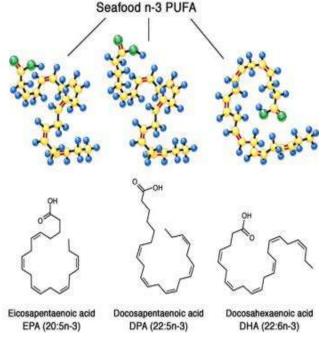
- Heart attacks and strokes
- Cancer
- Diabetes mellitus

#### **Improved**

- Brain health
- Vision
- Muscle and joint health

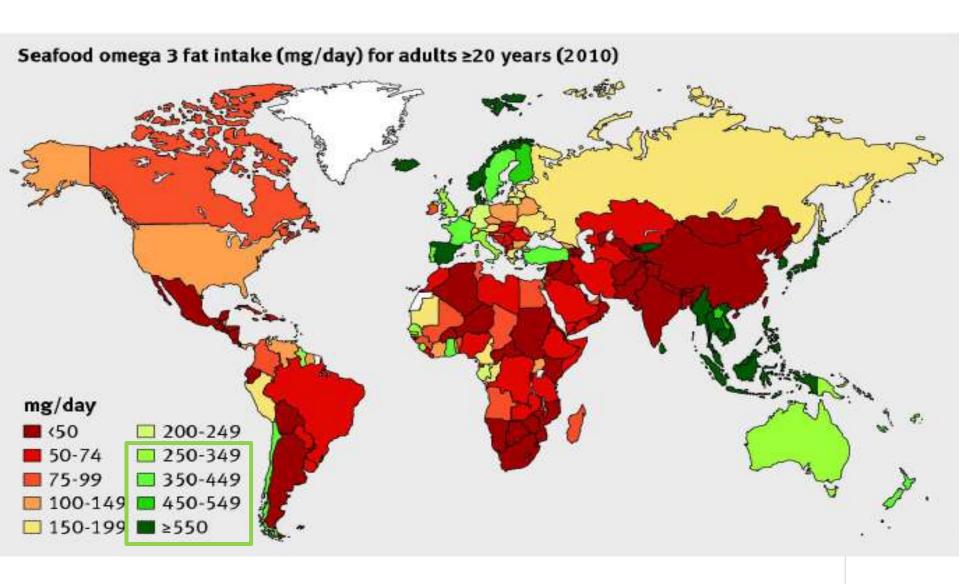






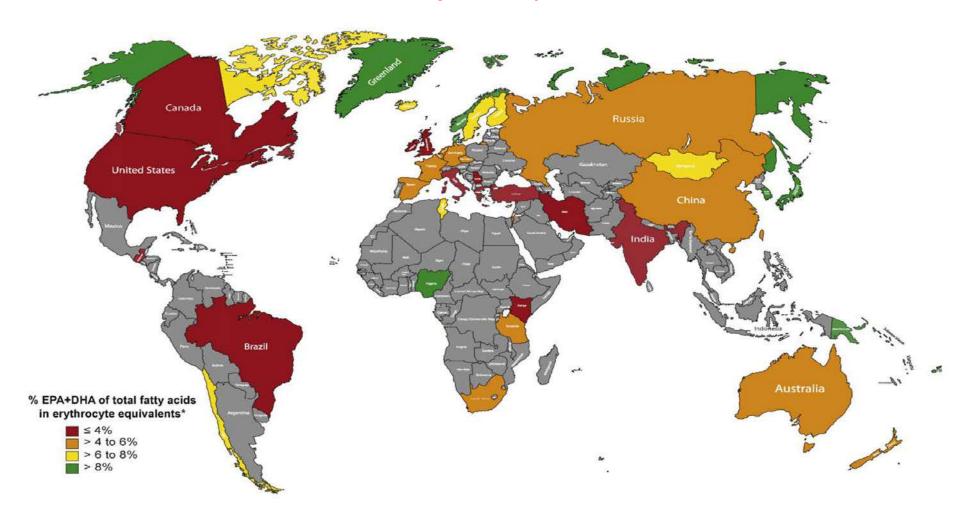


## Only 20% of World's Populations Consume Recommended Intake of Seafood Derived Omega-3-PUFAs (≥ 250 mg/day)



#### Global Blood Levels of EPA and DHA in Adults

(Omega-3-Index = sum of EPA+DHA as a percentage of total fatty acids in erythrocyte equivalents)

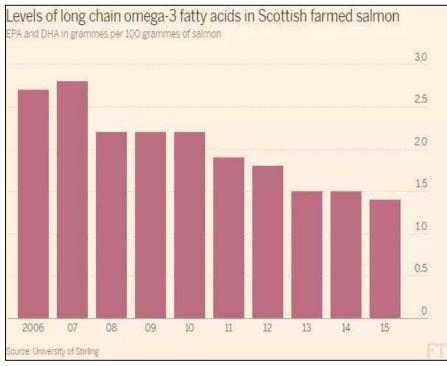


## Fall in Fish Catch Threatens Human Health Golden CD et al Nature June 2016; 534:317-20

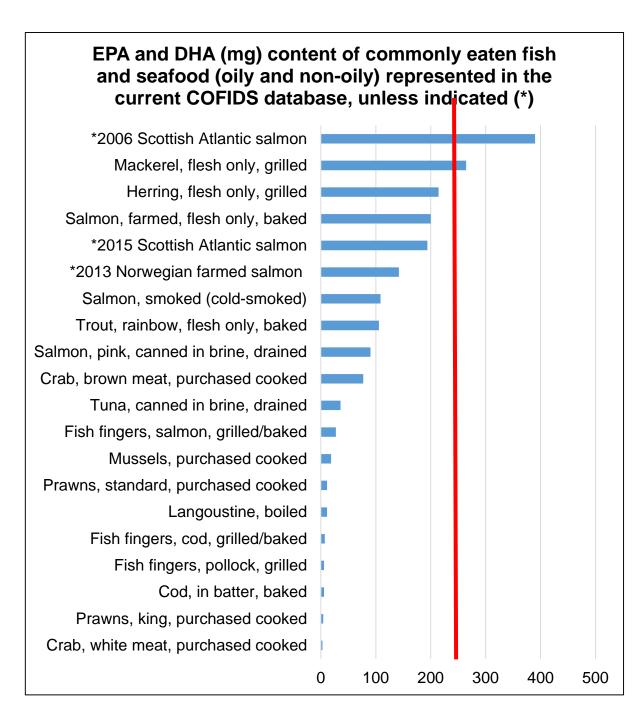


## Fisheries Challenged by Rising Cost of Fish Oil in Feed

**Financial Times April 2017** 



Dietary
Recommendations
 of
 "One Oily Fish /
Week Delivering
250mg DHA and
 EPA / Day"
Are Out of Date



## **Are Supplements the Solution?**

Omega-3-PUFA supplement trials have not consistently

provided the same benefits as oily fish.





Omega-3 fatty acids for the primary and secondary preventior of cardiovascular disease (Review)

Abdelhamid AS, Brown TJ, Brainard JS, Biswas P, Thorpe GC, Moore HJ, Deane KHO, AlAbdulghafoor FK, Summerbell CD, Worthington HV, Song F, Hooper L

#### Authors' conclusions

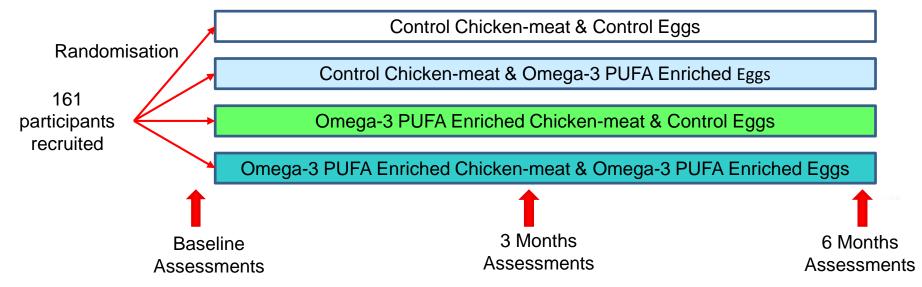
This is the most extensive systematic assessment of effects of omega-3 fats on cardiovascular health to date. Moderate- and high-quality evidence suggests that increasing EPA and DHA has little or no effect on mortality or cardiovascular health (evidence mainly from supplement trials).

#### **An Alternative Solution**

Natural enrichment of commonly eaten foods such as chicken-meat and eggs with algae-sourced omega-3 PUFAs. (Devenish OmegaPro)







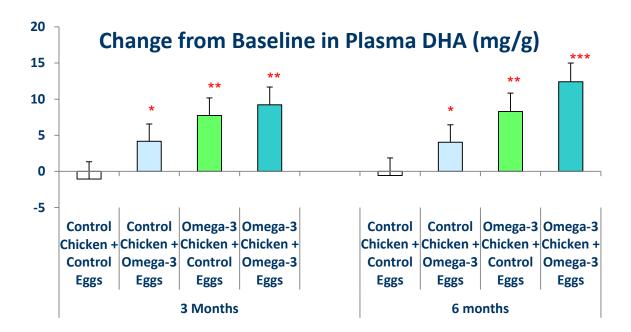
# Clinically and Statistically Significant Increases in Plasma DHA & EPA Levels with Eating Omega-3 PUFA Enriched Chicken and Eggs

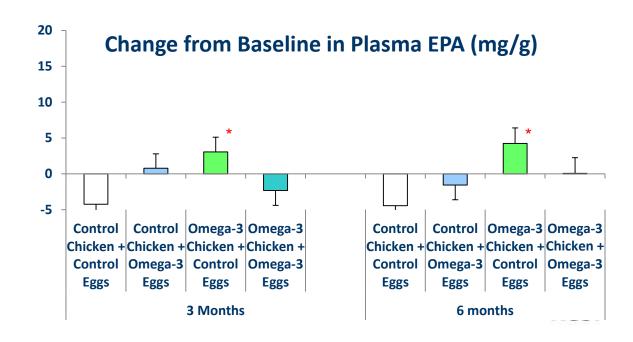
Compared to the group eating both control chicken and control eggs

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* p<0.05
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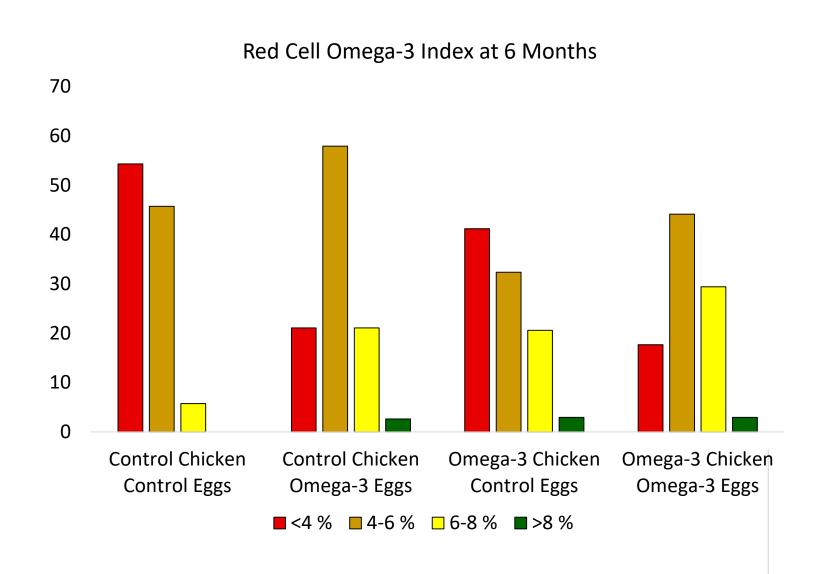
\*\* p<0.01

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## Eating Omega-3 PUFA Enriched Chicken-Meat & Eggs Resulted in Substantial Shift in the Distribution of the Omega-3-Index in a Healthy Irish Population

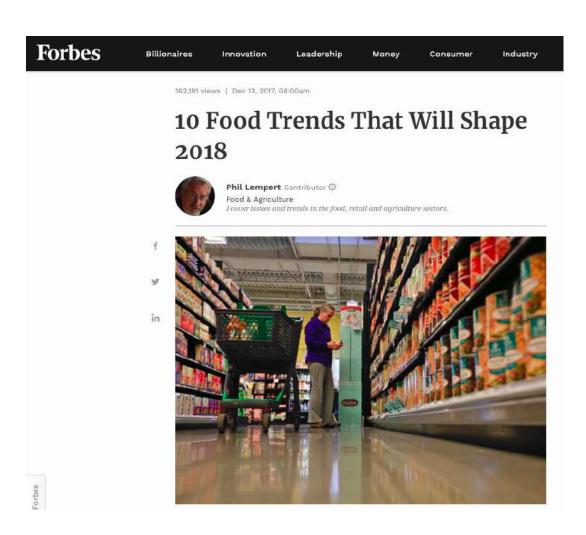




#### Recolouring the Omega 3 Map Green will Require Multiple Contributing Sources

	Wild Oily Fish	Farmed Oily Fish	Naturally Enriched Meats	Naturally Enriched Eggs	Biofortified Food Coatings	Biofortified Dairy Foods (Milk, Cheese)	Supplements
EPA+DHA Content (mg/100g or mg/pill)	500-2000	0-2000	100-250	100-250	100-250	20-100	250-4000
Sustainable Environmentally Friendly Source	++ (at limit)	++	++++	++++	++/??	++ / ??	++/??
Freedom from Toxins	++ / ??	++ / ??	++++	++++	++ / ??	++/??	++ / ??
Stability (Protected from Oxidant Damage)	++++	++++	++++	++++	??	??	++/??
Bioavailability	++++	++++	++++	++++	??	??	++ / ??
Component of Healthy Balanced Diet	++++	++++	++++	++++	++	+++	
Likely Lifelong Adherence	++	++	++++	++++	++	+++	





"In 2018, look for EPA and DHA omega-3s to explode and become pervasive ingredients in all food and beverage products, for all consumers, from infants to seniors."



# Potential for Front of Pack Labeling for Beneficial Nutrients such as Long Chain Omega-3 FAs

#### **Each 120 g serving contains**

40 mg DHA + EPA	15% of guideline daily amount
125 mg DHA + EPA	50% of guideline daily amount
300 mg DHA + EPA	15% of guideline weekly amount
1 g DHA + EPA	60% of guideline weekly amount



#### **Conclusions**

- Poor dietary habits, particularly low intakes of healthy foods, are leading risk factors for morbidity & mortality.
- Ending malnutrition will require comprehensive food system interventions to promote the production, distribution and consumption of healthy foods.
- Greater focus of EU Agri-Food interventions on;
  - Improved food quality
    - Reduced added salt, sugar and trans fatty acids
    - Protective micronutrients within a whole food matrix (fibre, minerals, vitamins and omega-3-PUFAs)
  - Clear labeling of advantageous nutrients in addition to disadvantageous components

