



The UK's growing Edible Insect sector could bring in over £100m to the UK economy

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The Woven Network has carried out a survey of its members to build a picture of this little-understood sector and help it to be more visible.

We have had responses from 11 UK-based edible insect companies out of the 26 we are working with. Based on the growth that we have seen in companies in the sector over recent years, the income they have already generated and their expectations for the future, we estimate that **the sector could have generated around £112m in revenue by 2025.**

This is in the context of significant global expansion of the farmed insect protein sector which Barclays Research estimate could be worth up to **8bn USD by 2030.**

Dr Nick Rousseau, Founder and MD of the Woven Network said:

“The edible insect sector in the UK is one of the most progressive and innovative in Europe and currently has a healthy mix of farming operations and companies developing and selling a wide range of products into the UK and overseas markets.

We are coordinating the work of preparing and submitting Novel Food dossiers to the Food Standards Agency that will clearly show that our products are safe for consumers. Indeed, our members have already generated over £6m in income from selling edible insect products with no ill effects.”

Editors Notes

The report is available on the Woven Network website at: ...

The Woven Network is the UK's membership organisation for businesses operating in the edible insect sector.

<https://woven-network.co.uk>

Insects and their protein are being farmed and developed for human consumption from Pembrokeshire to East Anglia to Lincolnshire to Aberdeen! Given the much smaller footprint of insect farming in land, resource and GHG terms, the sector could have a significant place in the future Food Strategy as the Government seeks to drive to Net Zero.

There are over 1,800 species of edible insects, globally, and many have provided valuable nutrition for centuries in many countries.

Edible insects are increasingly available in the West - according to the International Platform for Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) around 9m Europeans consumed products with insects in 2019 with no known cases of harm¹.

Our "Entomap" gives a sense of the locations of companies and farms across the country:

<https://woven-network.co.uk/uk-entomap/>

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¹ <https://ipiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/10-06-2020-IPIFF-edible-insects-market-factsheet.pdf>