

# NOVEL FOOD



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# Definition and characteristics

- ▶ Foods derived from a process that has never been used before or foods that have undergone genetic modification.
- ▶ Novel foods are defined as foods that were not consumed to a significant degree by humans in the EU before 15 May 1997, when the first regulation on these foods came into force.
- ▶ Novel foods' can be innovative foods, foods produced with new technologies and production processes, and foods that are or have been traditionally consumed outside the EU.



# The foods of the future: nutritious, good and sustainable



- ▶ Novel foods represent a highly nutritional food source and ecologically sustainable alternatives to traditional foods.
- ▶ The new foods can be :
- ▶ **More nutritious**, because they are naturally richer in fibre, vitamins and antioxidants that keep the body healthier.
- ▶ **Lighter**, because they are cooked simply and naturally to keep all the nutrients intact, without extra fats and oils.
- ▶ **Tastier**, because thanks to new cooking techniques, they can bring out the pure flavour of these ingredients.



# Safety and approval Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

- ▶ These foods are not part of the European culinary tradition and, once authorised, can be placed on the market.
- ▶ Novel food is controlled: it must not be toxic, it must be labelled and it must not be nutritionally disadvantageous.
- ▶ They must be assessed for safety and approved according to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283
- ▶ They allow us to change our food production system by using food by-products, new low-impact sources or new technologies.
- ▶ Innovative food packaging can lower or eliminate the risk of bacterial contamination. The innovative packaging has got antimicrobial effects.



# Categories: Vegetables, Insects, Meat or Fish

All are considered novel food:

Guar gum, noni juice, baobab fruit and some insects such as Chinese centipedes, tarantulas, silkworms, butterflies, scorpions, beetles, crickets, and the most innovative one **CULTIVATED MEAT** or **FISH**.



# CULTIVATED MEAT

## How is cultivated meat made?

- ▶ The process of making cultivated meat takes a few weeks and starts when cells are taken from a farm animal. (To grow a beef burger, for example, real cow cells are needed. For a nugget, real chicken cells are obtained.)
- ▶ After that, the cells are put into bioreactors and fed “an oxygen-rich cell culture medium,” they grow and change into muscle, fat and connective tissues that make up meat. At this point meat is ready to eat.

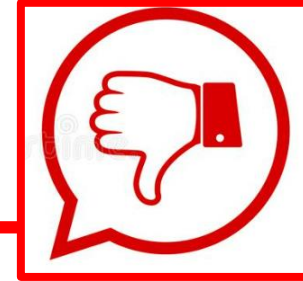


# CULTIVATED MEAT



## ▶ ADVANTAGES:

- ▶ No pain for the animals
- ▶ Less water and electricity consumption compared to farming
- ▶ less pollution
- ▶ cultivated meat can also be eaten by vegetarians



## ▶ DISADVANTAGES:

- ▶ Low consumer acceptance
- ▶ lack of long-term research



# A company producing cultured meat: Planted Foods

- ▶ Planted Foods is a leading Swiss company in the production of cultured meat. The four founders chose a glass-walled factory as a provocation against slaughtering: vegan meat production can take place in front of everyone's eyes.
- ▶ The factory is located in Kempttal (Switzerland)





# Planted Foods -Switzerland



- ▶ The heart of the company is a glass greenhouse built into the historic factory *building*.
- ▶ On the first floor, technicians are tinkering with new textures in the laboratory, in the kitchen next door the results are put to the test, in the Planted-Hiltl Bistro employees meet in a living room to exchange ideas.
- ▶ **Planted Foods comes in second at the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award 2022**