



## A1 Food

### Food and Climate Change in Malmö

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### Executive Summary of your abstract

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### Abstract

The climate impact of the food industry is becoming increasingly questioned, and many studies now point to the food we eat as having a similar climate impact to the energy we use in our buildings, or the impact of the transport sector. The science around this is, however, highly complex, contradictory and unclear. At the same time there are a number of other major issues linking food to the environment and health, which make the issue of sustainable food systems highly compelling.

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## Resumé

Trevor Graham is Head of the Sustainable Development Unit in the City of Malmö working with a broad spectrum of sustainability issues from urban development and regeneration, education for sustainable development, and issues such as green events and Fair Trade City.

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