



Sustainable Agriculture and Technology (Agri-Tech)

By 2050, the global population is projected to rise to over 9 billion, with a radical increase in the number of people living in urban areas. According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), in order to feed this rapidly growing population, food production must increase by approximately 70 per cent.

Armed with statistics and projections such as these, it is fundamental for food and agricultural industries to sit up and take notice; and work intelligently to deliver sustainable and sufficient food sources to feed the world's growing population.

At Michelmores, we consider this to be one of the most interesting and challenging industries and we are passionate about working with businesses developing and implementing innovative solutions.

One emerging industry within Sustainable Agriculture is the commercial rearing of insects as an alternative source of protein in animal feed. Insects have been identified by both the United Nations and the European Union as a sustainable and safe alternative to plant based protein in animal feed. In 2017, a change in EU law permitted the use of certain species of insect in aquaculture. Following which, 2018 saw a 40% increase in investment in the industry. Further amendments to European animal feed legislation are anticipated to permit the use of insects in poultry feed. Michelmores have been supporting the UK's developing insect farming industry for several years.

Building on the firm's position as a leading agricultural law firm in the country, we have a cross-sector team of highly regarded, passionate lawyers; dedicated to advising clients in relation to a comprehensive variety of contentious and non-contentious agricultural, agribusiness and agri-tech matters.

These include:

- food production and distribution;
- animal feed (including insect and alternative protein sources);
- farming equipment technology;
- agrochemicals; and
- renewable energy (including anaerobic digestion, wind and solar power).

Our specialist Agricultural team is supported by dedicated Commercial, Corporate, Technology and Innovation, Intellectual Property, Food and Drink and Energy teams. Together, we are able to provide practical, commercial and technical advice to established agribusinesses, start-ups and inventors with an agri-tech innovation, investors, landed estates, landowners, farmers and food producers. We can draw on our extensive agricultural, regulatory and commercial expertise to help clients to add-value to their business and realise their commercial objectives.

Sustainable Agriculture and Agri-Tech team:



Ben Sharples - Partner
ben.sharples@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9303



David Thompson - Partner
david.thompson@michelmores.com
+44(0) 1392 687656



Charles Courtenay - Partner
charles.courtenay@michelmores.com
+44(0) 20 7788 6328



Adam Corbin - Partner
adam.corbin@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9324



Tom Torkar - Partner
tom.torkar@michelmores.com
+44(0) 1392 687626



Alex Watson - Partner
alex.watson@michelmores.com
+44(0) 1392 687608



James Frampton - Partner
james.frampton@michelmores.com
+44(0) 1392 687505



Rachel O'Connor - Senior Associate
rachel.o'connor@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9308



Josie Edwards - Senior Associate
josie.edwards@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9337



Freya Lemon - Senior Associate
freya.lemon@michelmores.com
+44(0) 20 7788 6303



Sarah Philips - Senior Associate
sarah.philips@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9354



Seema Nanua - Solicitor
seema.nanua@michelmores.com
+44(0) 117 906 9328