

The union has written to the government to call for urgent action to help UK farmers produce enough food to keep supermarkets stocked and affordable.

"The government must act now, with a clear signal that food security is a priority for the nation," the NFU said.

Its letter warned that disruption to food production, supply chains and the availability and affordability of food in the shops **could last for years.**

Earlier this week, the boss of one of the world's biggest fertiliser companies, Yara International, warned that **the war in Ukraine would deliver a shock to the global supply and cost of food.**

The Federation of Wholesale Distributors has also warned that the increase in fuel prices will lead to **people paying more for food in shops and restaurants.**



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NFU president Minette Batters said the government must work with farmers to address food supply issues

NFU president Minette Batters told the BBC that the rising cost of producing fruit, vegetables and meat could cause farmers to make less at a time when the nation needs more.

"I think the whole world has got to recognise that this is not something we've faced before, we are going to see wheat price inflation levels that have never happened," she said.

"The real danger is that farmers contract, they decide not to invest, they hold back from planting, and we produce less food," she said.