



SARAH MACKIE NFST BOARD MEMBER

Sarah Mackie has been involved in farming and the food industry all her life. A farmer's daughter from Aberdeenshire, Sarah was brought up at Balquhindachy, Methlick where she lives today. The family farms are mixed farming enterprise concentrating on Simmentals, potatoes, pigs and cereals.

Sarah graduated with a BSc Hons in Agriculture and Land Management, and subsequently combined working at home with a part-time role selling game and venison for a local game dealer.

Following a Nuffield Farming Scholarship - studying the food chain in America - Sarah joined Safeway Plc initially as beef buyer and subsequently as fish buyer and Senior Product Developer.

In 2006 Sarah joined Tesco stores as Senior Buyer for Scotland. Today, as Category Manager for "Local", she heads up the four Tesco local sourcing teams across GB, ensuring that the stores stock the right local range for the customers in that area.

Sarah has instigated many events to help raise awareness of Scottish and local produce - such as "Scotland's Favourites" - as well as media and consumer events.

Sarah was instrumental in the Aberdeenshire President's Initiative in the 2009 RHS. Today, Sarah is a board member of NFST, an ARAgS and continues to be involved in farming.