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## Nextfood - Educating the next generation of professionals in the agrifood system

### Practice Abstract #47: NextFood survey on skills for the future of sustainable agrifood / forestry

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In the period between summer 2020 and spring 2021, NextFood partners UNISG, RUC and ISEKI-Food Association have been running a survey on skills for the future of sustainable agrifood / forestry. Targeted at farmers, academia, students, food processors and retailers, policy makers, activists in the agrifood and forestry sector, stakeholders are asked in their own words to identify the 3 most important skills or expertise in their daily work and the 3 skills or expertise they would most like to have for their future as a successful stakeholder in sustainable food and forestry. Questions oriented at farmers, advisers to farmers and agriculture students aim to discover the most important skills or expertise missing in the current training and to discover which skills and knowledge this target group would like to learn online and how they would like to learn this.

Following, the survey aims to discover the extent to which respondents on a continuum of 1-6 points on a Likert scale agree if a set of skills will become important in the future. The set of skills range from networking skills; communication including about sustainable food and forestry; interdisciplinary skills; collaboration between academics and non-academics ; planning for the future (visioning); efficiency at daily tasks through the use of digitalization, robotics, and other technologies; ability to adapt to changes; skills to use resources efficiently; real-life complex problem-solving; thinking about entire systems and applying holistic knowledge; and skills to shorten/localize the food / forest value chain. The survey was completed by 500 respondents from 40 countries, mainly researchers with a good gender balance, and the results will be published during summer 2021.