

## **Where does your food come from?**

### **Book Proposal**

There is a great need for people to know where their food comes from in order to appreciate the importance of farming and the associated agricultural industry.

It may not be possible in the future to import whatever we require: it may not be available (re climate change and population growth) and we may not be able to afford it.

Our capacity to produce our own food may also be affected by climate change in addition to pressures on land use.

I propose a book for children, as important in itself but also as an effective way of educating adults.

Enclosed is a proposed Contents list.

The book could easily be produced at several levels (related to the age of children or for adults) and, in particular, could be oriented towards the needs of schools.

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