

Christine Tacon – Biography

Christine Tacon is best known as the first Groceries Code Adjudicator, a role she finished in October 2020. She achieved significant cultural change in nearly 8 years in office, bringing greater fairness for producers supplying the UK's largest supermarkets. She adopted a collaborative approach to the role and two 3-yearly government reviews concluded the GCA was "an exemplary model of a modern regulator with an international reputation" and "highly effective".

Christine is chair of MDS, a graduate recruitment and training business offering two years' work experience and a qualification in management for future leaders of the food and fresh produce industry. MDS is run on behalf of its members in the food supply chain: from growers to retailers, engineering consultants to agro-chemical producers.

She is Chair of Red Tractor, the Assured Food Standards brand which manages and promotes assurance on behalf of the food industry. Post Brexit Red Tractor will be vital to promote UK food over imported goods

She is also chair of the BBC Rural Affairs Committee which meets to inform producers and researchers about current rural activities: members include a vet, a vicar, farmers of all sizes and types, environmentalists, a national park. The content informs many radio programmes as well as BBC Countryfile.

Christine, a Chartered Engineer, ran the Co-operative Group's farming business for 11 years. She is a director of the AF Group, a national purchasing co-operative for farmers and is a founder of Women in Food and Farming, a network to help women in the industry develop their skills and confidence.