

Scotch whisky



Based on the Hutton's contribution to barley development and industry resilience, it is estimated that the Hutton helped safeguard approximately:

- **£269.9 million in whisky sales in 2024**
 - **£136.6 million in GVA and 435 jobs supported across the UK.**
 - Equates to **£97.8 million in GVA and 310 jobs supported in Scotland**



At its most fundamental level, whisky consists of two basic ingredients: barley and water. Through its genetic research the Hutton makes a significant contribution to the value added by the former, whilst its research on water resource management is becoming increasingly important to the latter. Taken together these areas of work means the **Hutton plays an important role in underpinning the continued, long-term productivity and resilience of the sector.**



In addition to **crop development**, the Hutton has also contributed to the sustainability of the industry through work on **water resource management**. This includes supporting practical, nature-based solutions to help distilleries manage water supply risks during dry periods, ensuring production can be maintained despite changing environmental conditions. An important focus for much of the research the Hutton undertakes with and for the whisky industry relates to the twin challenges of **biodiversity loss and climate change**, and how the industry can most effectively respond to this.

