



Do public meals contribute to better health and welfare?

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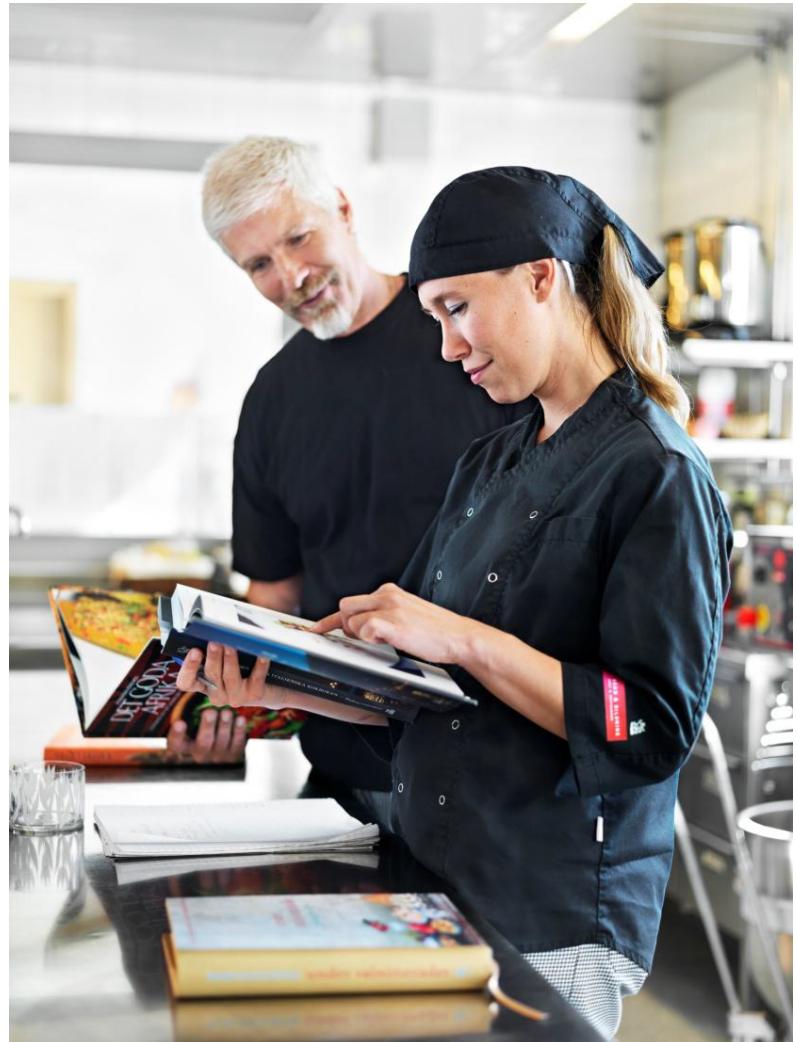


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Public meals in Sweden

- 3 million public meals are served daily
- Public meal business purchase food stuff for 7,4 billion SEK + external contractors 1 billion SEK (2009)



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Target areas

- Knowledge and skills
- Organisation and mandate
- Attitudes and values
- Products of good quality



Meal quality



Welfare

“the general well-being of an individual or group of individuals”

(Wikipedia)



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School meals

- School meals has gone from attempting to curb undernutrition to curtailing overnutrition
- The school meal has become a symbol of universal national welfare, but also as being of second class quality

(Persson Osowski, 2012)

- The individual is allied with the Swedish welfare state rather than the family

(Berggren & Trädgård, 2010)



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”Ideal” school lunches

- School meals to be cooked at school, preferably just like home
 - Healthy, natural, ecological food items
 - Free choice
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- ”People are no longer satisfied with second class food, but expect more from institutional meals”



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Persson Osowski 2012

School lunch can make a difference

- 50% of children consumed vegetables at school lunch, compared to 25% at lunchtime on Saturday.
(Jälmlinger, Marmur, Callmer, 2003)
- Improved school food supply, health education and physical activity can help reduce childhood obesity
(Cochrane review 2011)

Potential role of public meals

- Reduce socio-economic differences
- Equal opportunities to healthy food
- Impact on sustainable food consumption
- Integrated in care, education "edu-care"
- Reduces isolation



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Undernutrition among elderly

Estimated prevalence:

- 25 % of hospitalised geriatric patients
- 50 % of individuals at geriatric care



Public meal challenges

- Too little is eaten
- Problematic eating environments
- Lack of individual adjustments
- Low-priority area
- Second-class meal



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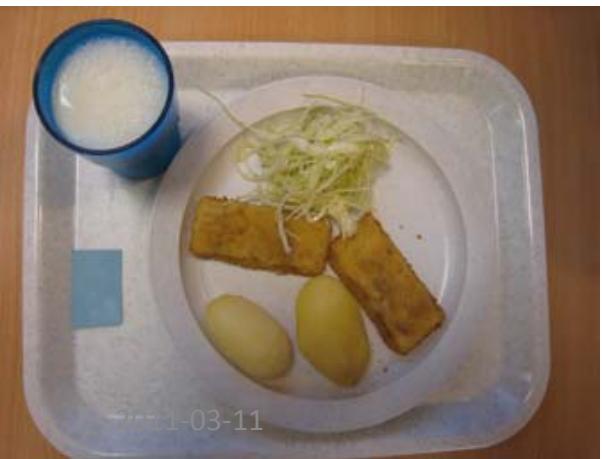
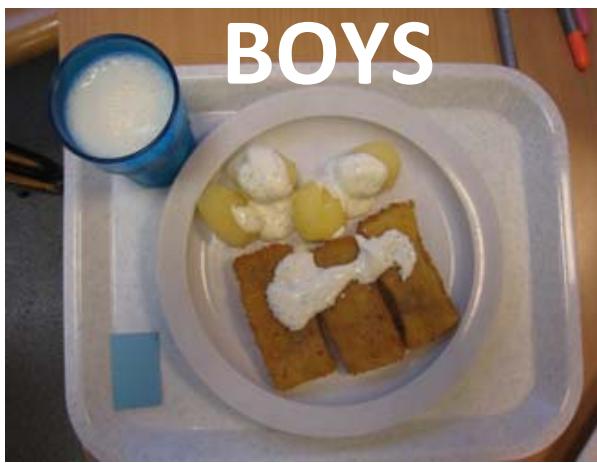
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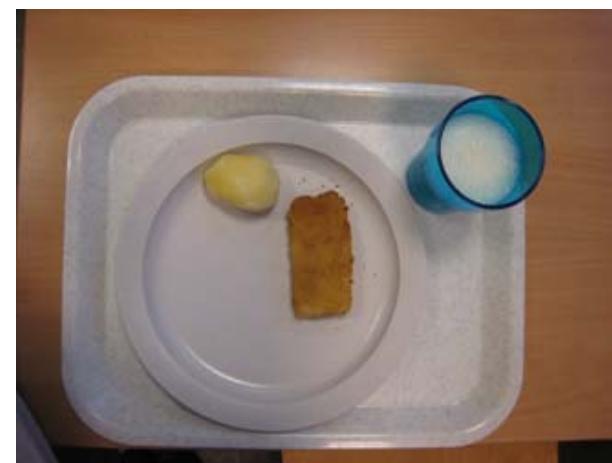
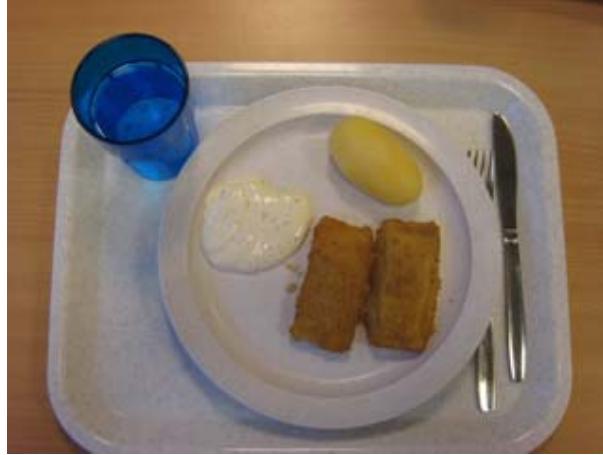
What's on your tray?

- 20 randomly selected lunchtrays in school year 7

Vad har du på brickan?
Brown, Georgsson, 2008







Meals with great potential



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Yes,

GOOD public meals
that are eaten up!



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