**Research shows that UK grocery shopping habits have changed to combat food waste**

New research has shown the lifestyle changes UK consumers are making to reduce food waste since the start of the pandemic: almost two-thirds (63%) say they are more likely to shop often and in smaller quantities, to avoid having to throw away unwanted or spoiled food. A similar number (67%) are now likely to buy more frozen food for the same reason, and three-quarters (76%) suggest they are prepared to buy the ‘ugly’ fruit and vegetables that so often sit unwanted on the supermarket shelf. The survey of more than 1,000 UK adults was commissioned by Proagrica, a global provider of technology solutions for the agriculture and animal health industries.

**Aldi Belgium to ensure efficient water use in fruit and vegetables production**

Aldi Belgium is introducing stricter rules for suppliers on the use of water when growing fruit and vegetables. The discounter wants to use water more efficiently around the world, and the move makes the group the first discounter to introduce these requirements on growers. Aldi Belgium relies on local fruit and vegetables, and sourced around 80% of the vegetables in the 2020 Belgian fruit and vegetable season from local suppliers. However, not all fruit and vegetables are always available in Belgium, forcing the discounter to obtain certain products from other countries.