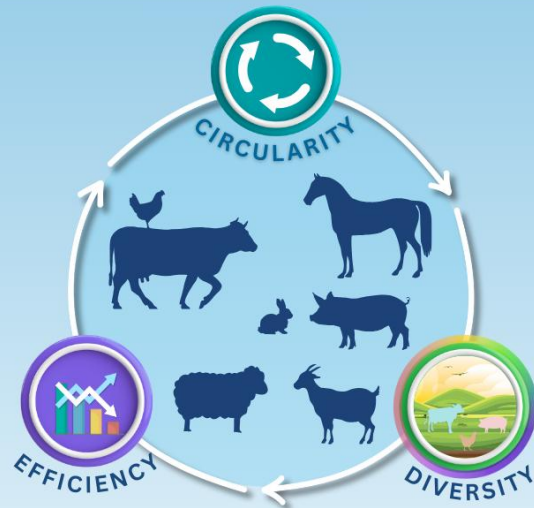


**LIVESTOCK FARMING SYSTEMS  
IN NEXT GENERATIONS**

CAN WE IMAGINE  
THE FUTURE?

**Joint session**  
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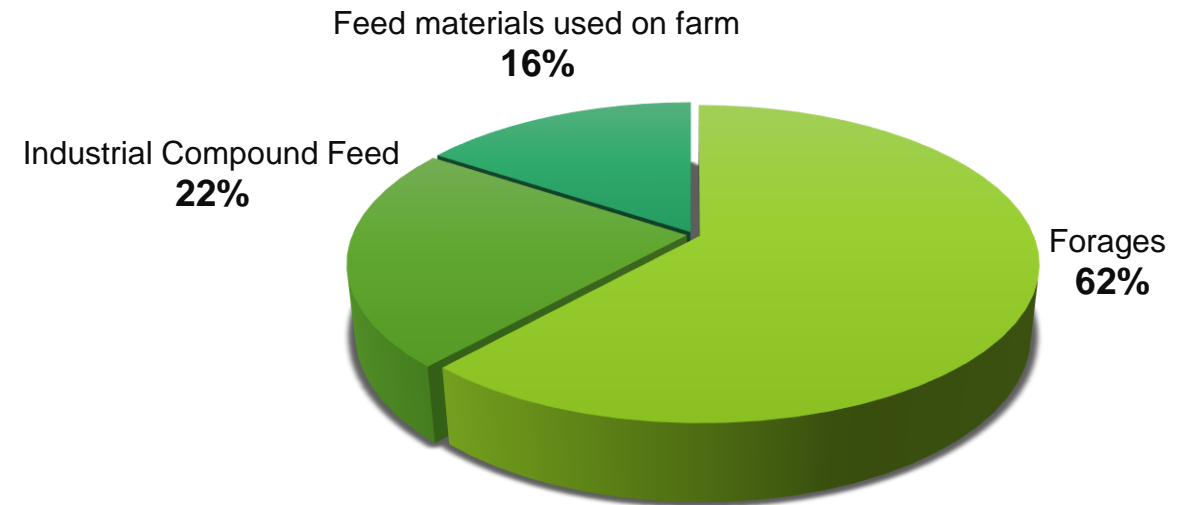
*“The Future of EU Agriculture and Food: Livestock  
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Pedro Cordero – President

# Who is FEFAC?

- European Association of Compound Feed Manufacturers *(premix and compound feed)*
- Non-profit organization founded in 1959
- Represents 28 National Associations in 27 European countries *(incl UK, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey)* and 3 EU Feed sector associations *(EFFPA, EMFEMA & FAMI-QS)*
- Our Mission...  
    **“to be the voice of the European animal feed industry”**

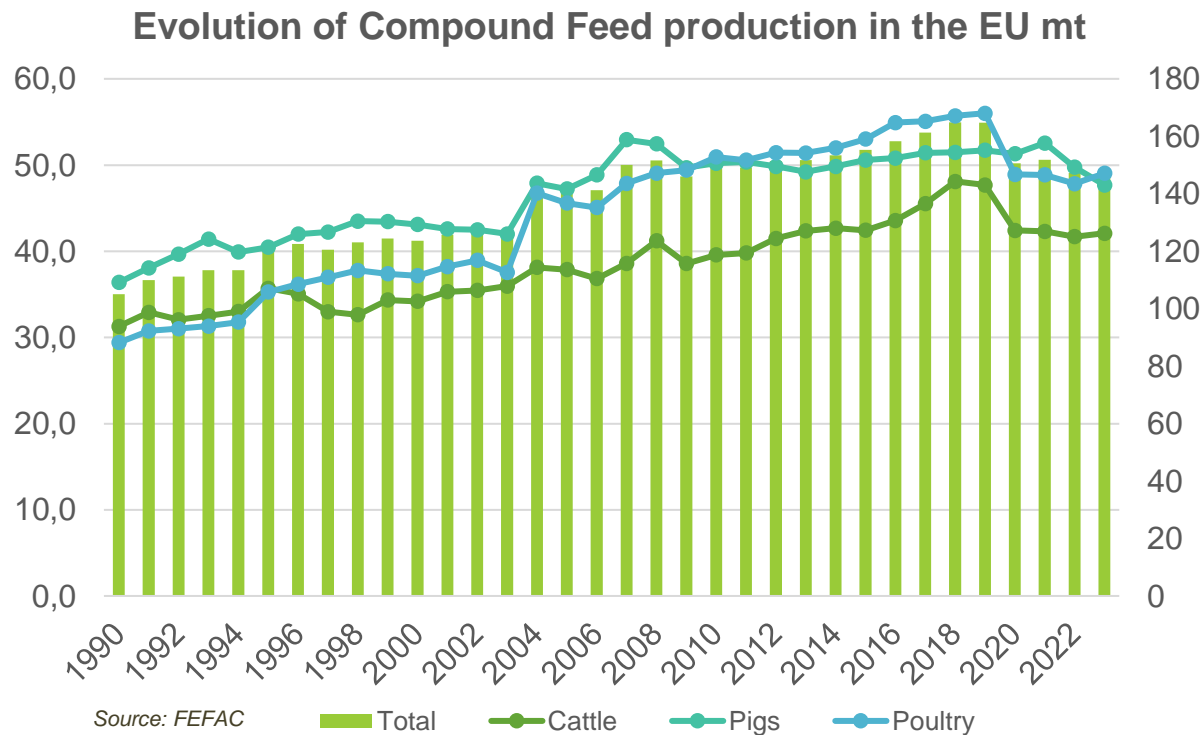
**Livestock sourcing in feed in the EU27  
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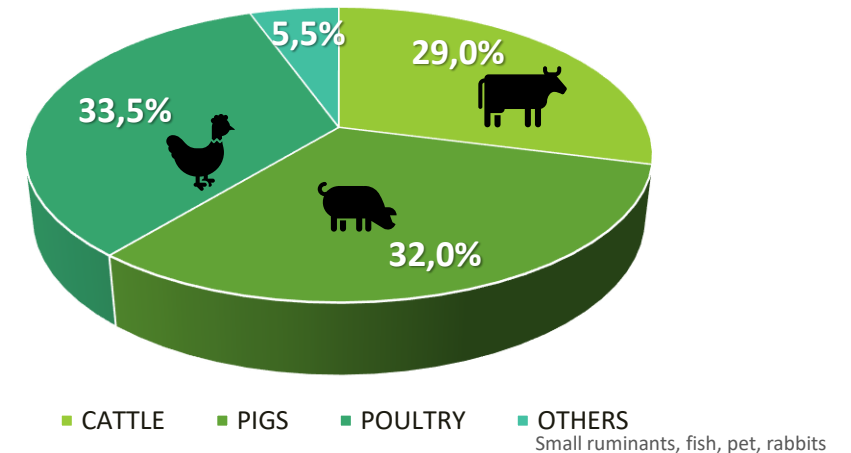
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# The animal feed sector in the UE

Stable trend in the EU with heterogeneous development by specie / country



**Industrial Compound Feed by Specie - EU (2023)**



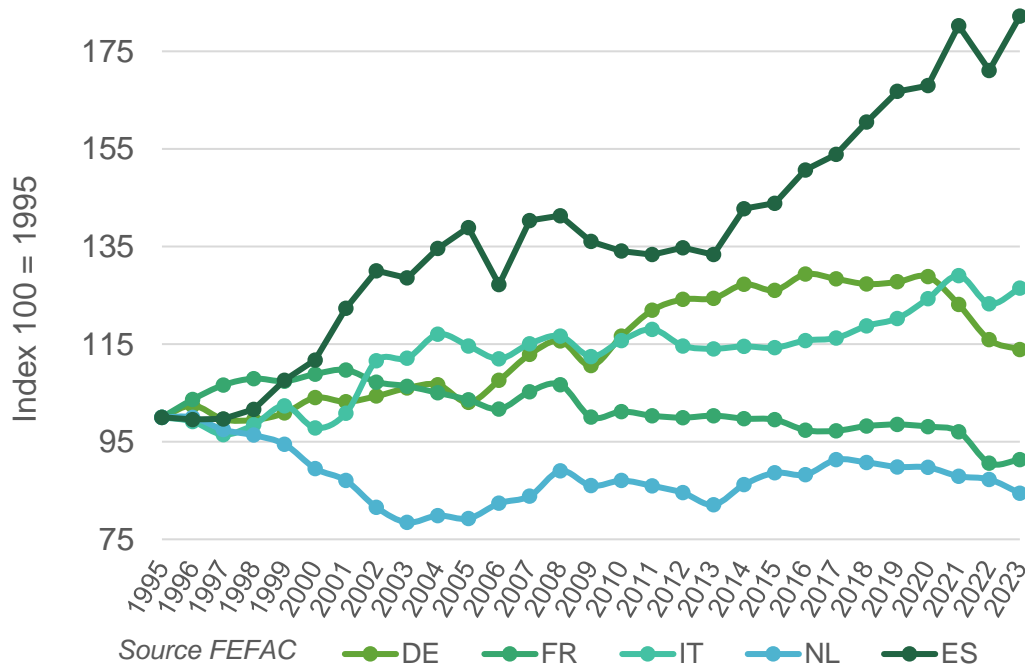
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**2024 EU Industrial Compound Feed 147 mt (> 0.5% vs 23)**

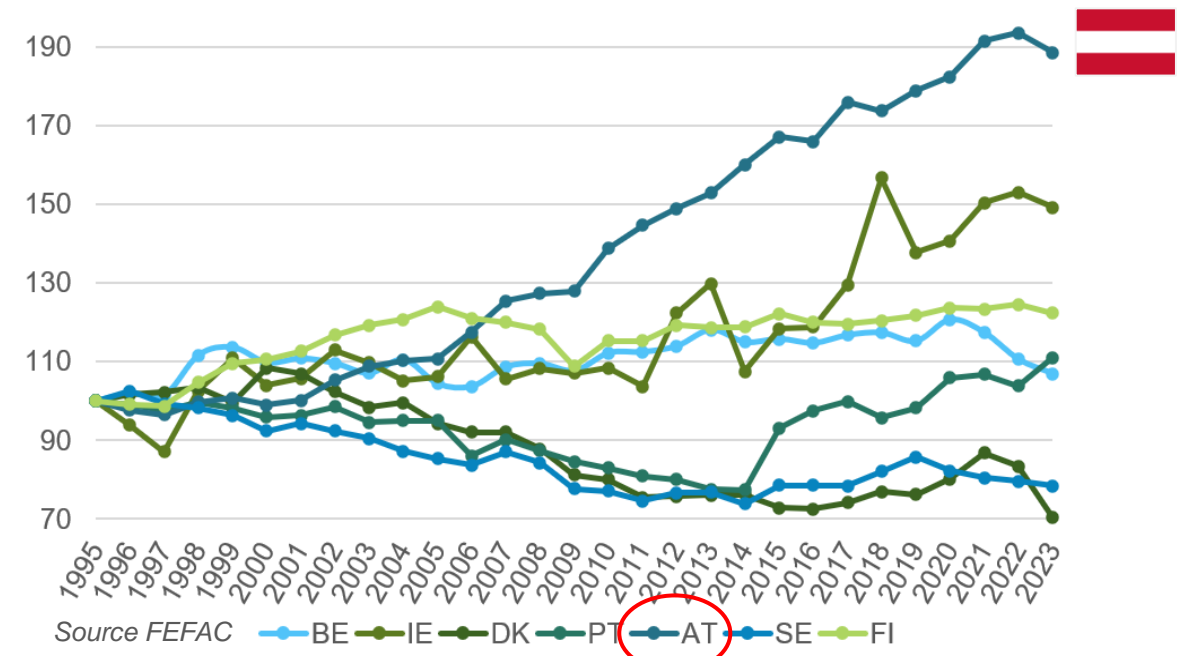
Ruminants	+ 0.3 %	Pigs	0.00 %
Poultry	+ 1.3 %	Others	- 0.7 %

# The animal feed sector in the UE

Evolution of compound feed production certain EU Member States 3/1



Evolution of compound feed production in certain EU Member States 3/2



- Compound Feed Production in **AUSTRIA** grew by 90% since 1995
- Food products self-sufficiency ratio in Austria is 108 % (average)
- Ranking from 73% in Poultry, 100% in pork to 148 % in Beef & Calf

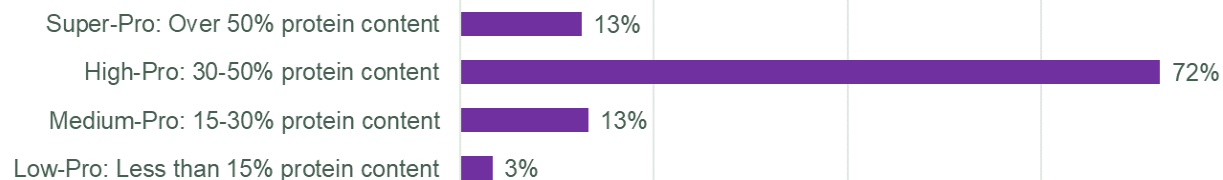
# The animal feed sector in the UE

## Strengths

- Efficient and sustainable answer to the animal protein demand
- Contribute to the food chain circularity by using co-products
- Innovation in more sustainable feeding strategies
- Strong procedures to secure feed safety and biosecurity
- Reduce feed footprint minimizing the livestock environment impact
- Value creation in livestock and aquaculture production

### European dependency on protein raw materials

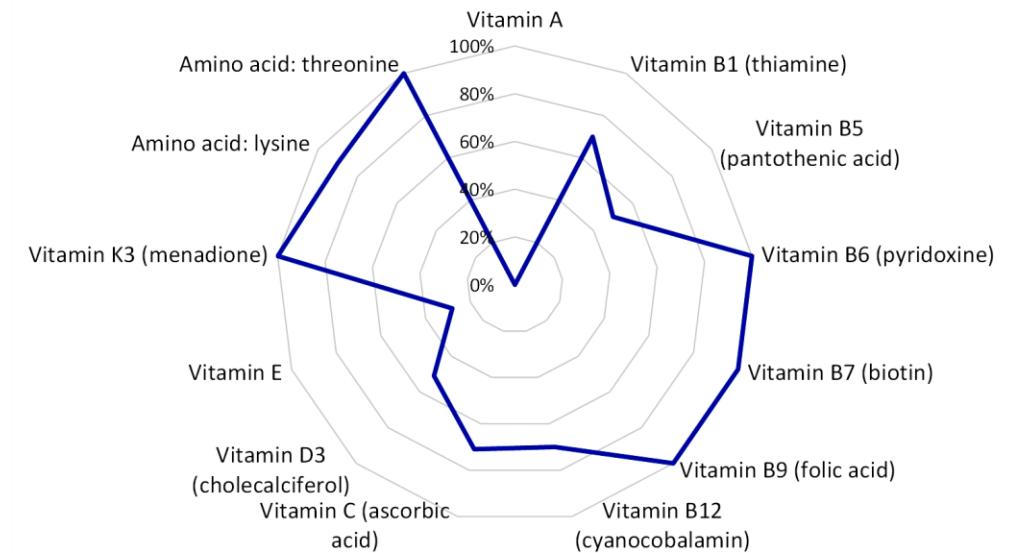
% feed use of foreign origin (5 years average)



## Weaknesses

- Dependency on the global market for feed proteins
- Vulnerability regarding access to essential feed additives

### EU dependency on feed additives





# New EU Commission vision for agriculture and food

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Develop a prosperous, stronger, and more innovative agri-food system that benefits both farmers and consumers and contributes to feeding the world sustainably.



## ✓ *Attractiveness*

Transforming agriculture into a viable and attractive profession

## ✓ *Competitiveness*

Strengthening the Agri-Food sector position in global markets facing the geopolitical changes and leveraging a regulatory harmonization and simplification to ensure the same standards in all products

## ✓ *Future-proofing*

Providing support to the farmers to measure and improve their farm-level sustainability performance to achieve EU's climate & biodiversity targets

## ✓ *Connection*

Valuing food and fostering fair living and working conditions in rural areas

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Global food security and European food sovereignty will continue to be a priority on the EU's global agenda in terms of security and competitiveness.

- **Ensure a competitive and resilient sector and food security**
  - Diversify trade relations
    - supply chains, regional food systems, distribution channels -
  - Increase resilience of the farming sector (crisis management tools)
  - Simplify EU policies
- **Strategic plan to address protein supply challenge**
  - High protein crops, alternative protein sources
  - Innovation in crops varieties - NGTs - adaptation to climate conditions -



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## EBAF – European Board on Agriculture and Food Chaired by the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food, Christophe Hansen

#	Organisation Name
1	Agroecology Europe (AEEU)
2	Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC)
3	CONSEIL EUROPEEN DES JEUNES AGRICULTEURS (CEJA)
4	CropLife Europe
5	EuroCommerce
6	Eurogroup for Animals
7	Euromontana
8	EuropaBio
9	European agri-cooperatives (COGECA)
10	European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)
11	European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)
12	European Employers' Group of Professional Agricultural Organisations (GEOPA)
13	European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
14	European farmers (COPA)
15	European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions (EFFAT)
16	European Food Banks Federation (FEBA)
17	European Landowners' Organization asbl (ELO asbl)
18	European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD)
19	European Liaison Committee for Agriculture and agri-food trade (Celcaa)
20	European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
21	Euroseeds
22	Fédération Européenne des Fabricants d'Aliments Composés (FEFAC)
23	Fertilizers Europe
24	FoodDrinkEurope
25	FoodServiceEurope
26	Greenpeace European Unit
27	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU Regional Group (IFOAM EU Group)
28	Rural Youth Europe (RYE)
29	Slow Food
30	Stichting BirdLife Europe (BirdLife Europe)

## Objectives

- High-level advice to the European Commission (DG AGRI) on strategic policy developments for the new vision
- Support a new culture of dialogue, trust, and participation of all stakeholders, including actors in the food chain and civil society
- Advise the Commission in the preparation of policy initiatives on the future of agriculture and food
- Long term initiative (five years)

**FEFAC is one of the 30 selected organizations**



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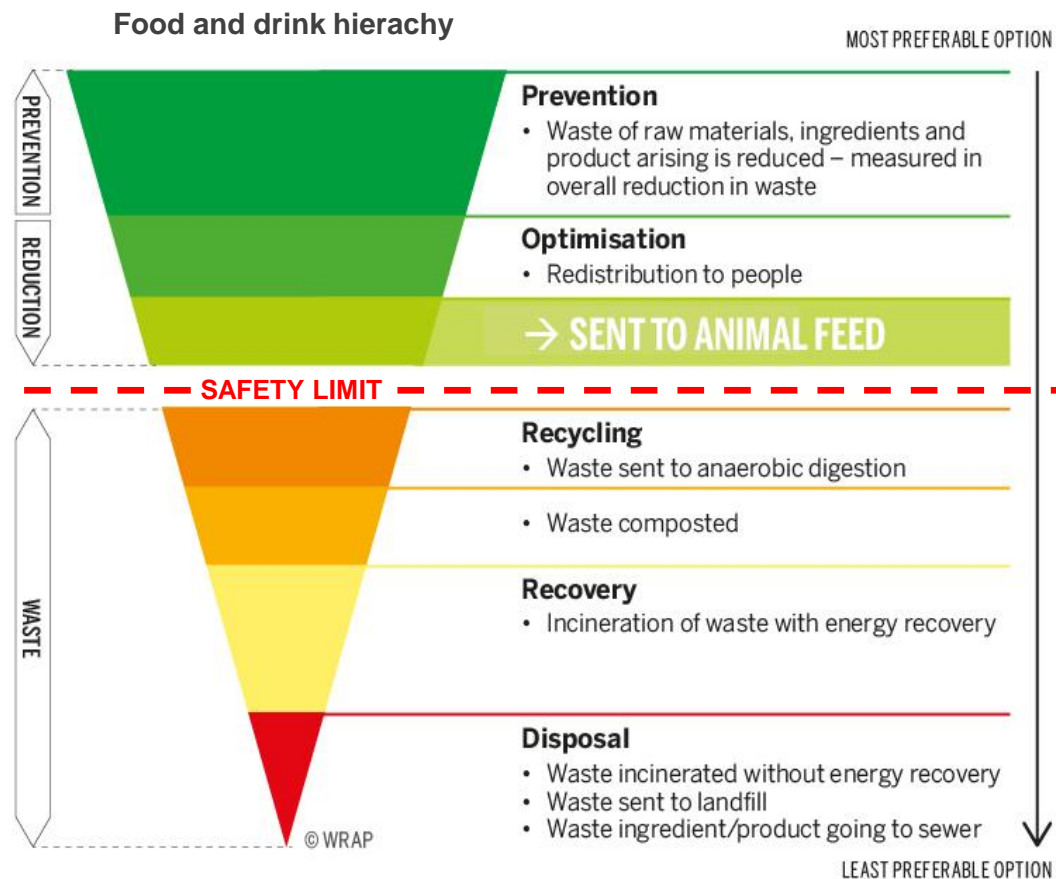
## TOP 5 FEFAC priorities for the European Board on Agriculture and Food

- ✓ **COMPETITIVENESS** of the EU animal feed and aquaculture sectors
  - *Greater coherence of EU rules to ensure they do not create a competitive disadvantage*
- ✓ **RESILIENCE** of the animal feed sectors (livestock and aquaculture)
  - *Reduce strategic dependencies on critical additives*
  - *Reduce protein imports for animal feed*
- ✓ **CIRCULARITY** of EU feed production supporting decarbonization efforts in livestock and aquaculture systems
  - *Maintaining a level playing field among bioeconomy (energy) players*
  - *Harmonized monitoring of biomass flows (Available Biomass Balance, KPI's)*
  - *EU Circular Feed Roadmap* \*



# Circular feed solutions

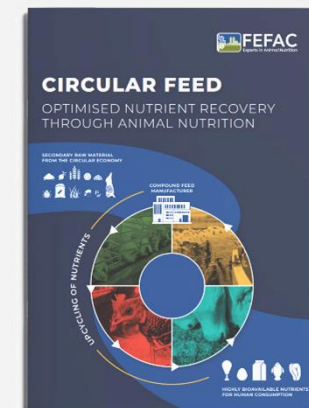
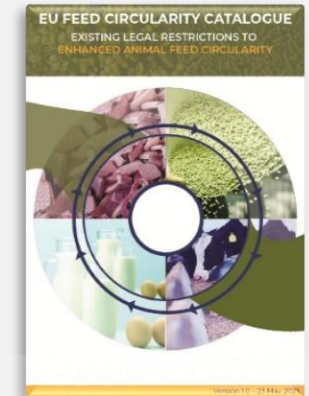
## Reaching the next level lifting legal restrictions



- Minimize food waste
- Reconsider ban on certain animal origin materials in feed

→ **Feed Safety remains prerequisite**

- Nutrient recovering from processed waste - incineration or biological -
- Avoid competition with Bioenergy



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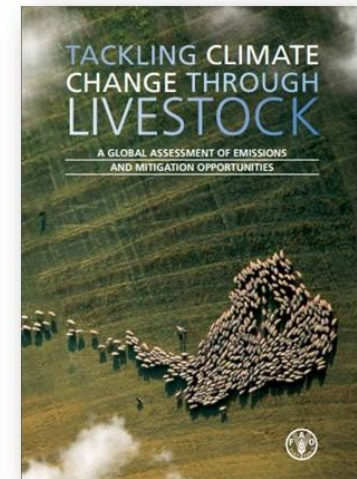
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✓ **COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS** balanced to strengthen food security in the EU and globally

- *Crucial to ensuring the sustainable supply of ingredients for animal feed*
- *Strategic in times of geopolitical tensions*
- *Harmonization and regulatory simplification (EUDR, etc.)*

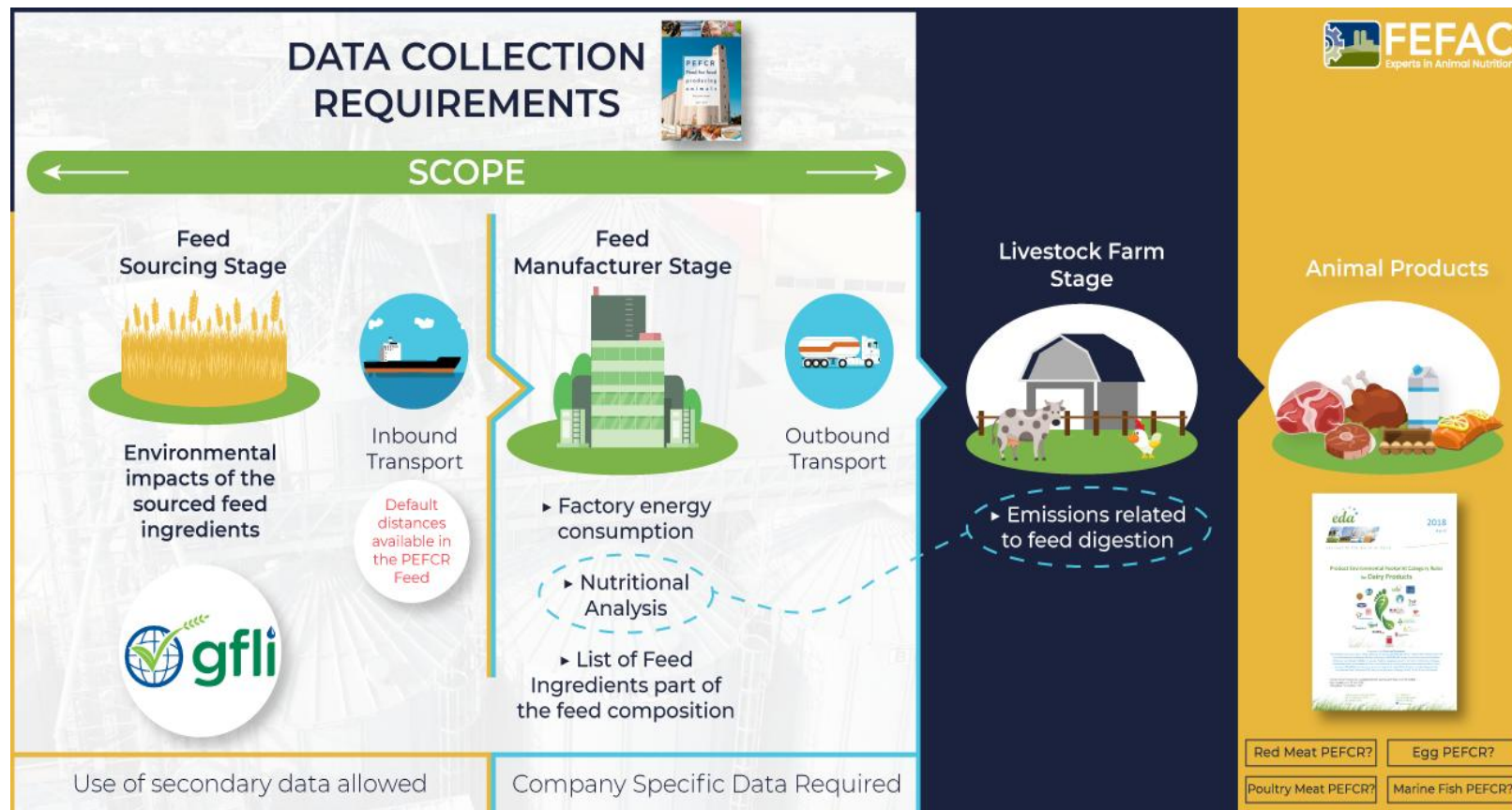
✓ **INNOVATION** and investment capacity in animal nutrition research

- **Green feed labelling** (feed represent 45% of the footprint in livestock - FAO 2013)
- *Digital tools, eco-schemes (CAP), precision feeding, gut health, animal welfare*
- *NGT's, modernization of the feed additives legislation*



# Green Feed Labelling guidelines

## FEFAC & COPA- COGECA Code of Good Labelling Practices (voluntary B2B labelling)





# Long-term EU livestock strategy

## Launching of a workstream on livestock (5 years)

### Who is on the workstream?

- Stakeholders from across the sector, Civil Society Member States authorities and ad hoc Speakers from academia

### Purpose

- To propose policy pathways for its long-term deployment
- To promote sustainable sector practices  
(e.g. additives for methane emissions control)
- Enforcement of effective biosecurity measures
- Territorial Approach: address issues at regional/local level
- Science-Based Approach: define “common ground” using evidence and research
- Focus on “overarching” sectoral issues





# Long-term EU livestock strategy

Main conclusion from the 1st meeting of the livestock workstream (27 May)

## Challenges

- Diversity of livestock production systems
- Market does not itself remunerate livestock farmers
- Commoditization of some attractive market niches (e.g. organic. etc.)
- Unfair competition from 3<sup>rd</sup> country products

## Takeaways

- Stronger focus on key points
  - *generational renewal, farm resilience, risk management, digital transformation, knowledge transfer and innovation* -
- Evolution vs revolution of the livestock sector
- Tailored approaches for territorial realities
- Sustainability requirements can be addressed through the different livestock production systems.



# Take home

- The vision for agriculture acknowledges the importance of the livestock sector in sustainable food systems
- Competitiveness and food security are new priorities, next to environmental concerns and societal expectation (well being, health)
- Urgent need to tackle key vulnerabilities (critical materials as feed additives, proteins, etc.)
- Potential of “feed solutions” to support the vision (footprint, circularity, animal health & welfare)
- Innovation & research to support a resilient livestock sector, and methodologies to quantify the footprint and assess operators' investments (including circularity).
- Critical role of **atf** in the EU Research Agenda on livestock

## FEFAC contributions





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