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# NewsFEED

## Update on XXVIII FEFAC Congress 8-9 June in Cordoba

### *Competitiveness of EU feed & livestock sector headlines the programme*

On 8-9 June 2017, FEFAC will hold its XXVIII Congress in Cordoba, Spain, in combination with the V Spanish Animal Nutrition Congress. The [Congress](#) keynote session is dedicated to the competitiveness of the EU feed & livestock sector. European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development, Mr Phil Hogan, will provide an outlook on the CAP post 2020 debate. Subsequently, the newly elected FEFAC President will take part in a round table discussion with Copa-Cogeca Secretary General Pekka Pesonen, EDA President Michel Nalet and CESFAC President Fernando Antúnez, moderated by Rose O'Donovan, Agrafacts.

## EU Commission launches publication of comprehensive EU protein balance sheet

### *Overview of protein crops – a useful tool in CAP post 2020 discussions*

In April 2017, the European Commission published for the first time an overview of total EU production, consumption and trade of all marketable sources of proteins used in animal feed production. The [EU protein balance sheet 2015/2016](#) confirms the high EU deficit on protein-rich sources such as soybean meal and soybeans for EU crushing, while it also shows the bulk of raw protein requirements is provided through cereals. The publication of this independent tool to monitor the balance of demand and availability of protein crops in the EU was [jointly welcomed](#) by Copa-Cogeca, COCERAL, FEDIOL & FEFAC, who foresee increased market transparency. This allows for informed discussions on the potential impact on the availability of protein sources for EU livestock farmers following

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legislative changes for example to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) as well as non-agricultural policies related to biofuels, phytosanitary and trade. The Commission has indicated that a second EU protein balance sheet will be published after the summer of 2017 once data are available for the whole marketing year 2016/17, which will contribute to the discussions within the scope of the new EU Market Observatory on European cereals, oilseeds and protein crops, which is scheduled to hold its first meeting on 20 July 2017.

## EFSA-EMA joint opinion on AMR highlights role of animal nutrition

### *Another step in road to recognition of contribution of animal nutrition to animal health*

The EMA and EFSA [Joint Scientific Opinion](#) on measures to reduce the need to use antimicrobial agents in animal husbandry (RONAFA), issued in January 2017, confirms the position FEFAC has communicated in its Vision 2030. The report explicitly mentions animal nutrition as a key tool to increase the ability of animals to cope with pathogens. Beyond the inherent safety of the feed and the need to comply with feed hygiene requirements, EMA and EFSA focus in particular on the importance of the nutritional balance and the management of diet transitions, especially for piglets. In addition, the use of highly digestible protein sources, with a proper balance in amino acids, and the use of certain feed additives such as organic acids or probiotics can contribute to the well-being of farm animals.



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The RONAFA report provides a clear signal that the European Commission should include a chapter on animal nutrition in the new EU Action Plan on AMR, with subsequent involvement of the feed industry in national action programmes. FEFAC members have asked for more research funds to be dedicated to establishing the efficiency of the different feed solutions to boost animal health. Peter Radewahn, Vice-Chair of the FEFAC Animal Nutrition Committee, will further elaborate on the feed

industry's AMR solutions at the [FIAAP Animal Nutrition Conference](#) in Cologne on 14 June 2017. On 20 June 2017, FEFAC will organise a conference with IFAH-Europe and FEFANA on the importance of animal health and animal nutrition industries for the livelihood of EU livestock farming. For further details on FEFAC's position of animal nutrition as part of the One-Health Action Plan to support Member States in the fight against AMR see [here](#).

## FEEDfact

### ***"Restrictions on the use of resources as feed for food-producing animals"***

Following disease outbreaks in early 2000s, the EU banned the use of certain raw materials as feed for food-producing animals. There is a general ban on the use of animal proteins, with some exceptions.



Source: EFFPA brochure – ["Keeping food losses in the food chain"](#)

## FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens gives feed industry view on former foodstuffs

### ***Former foodstuffs establish role of feed industry in food waste debate***

On 29 March 2017, the European Former Foodstuff Processors Association (EFFPA) organised an [event](#) in Brussels where FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens outlined the relation between former foodstuff processing and compound feed manufacturing. He highlighted the continuous progress of the former foodstuff processing sector, delivering a contribution to the sustainability of the feed industry with a nutritious feed material that originates from the food industry. Tijssens stressed the importance of the feed safety dimension, calling on food operators who deliver former foodstuffs to take their responsibility as feed business operators seriously and make efforts to optimise the risk management along the chain, with help from safety assurance schemes.



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# Memorandum of Understanding between Soy Supply Chain Partners

## *FEFAC signs agreement on Brazilian responsible soy with AproSoja, ABIOVE, FEDIOL & IDH*

On 19 January 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by AproSoja, ABIOVE, FEFAC, FEDIOL and IDH at the Brazilian Embassy in Lisbon, with the purpose of strengthening cooperation in the area of responsible soy production in Brazil. The most essential points of the agreement with additional explanations have been made available in an [explanatory factsheet](#). The Steering Group committee, as part of the MoU, held its first meeting in April 2017 in São Paulo where the partners discussed and evaluated individual actions and projects that can feed into a joint strategic working plan. Further details discussed at this meeting can be found [here](#). The 2<sup>nd</sup> MoU Steering Group committee is scheduled for 25-26 October 2017 in Brussels.



One of the key objectives of the MoU is guiding the Brazilian soy farmer programme Soja Plus towards benchmarking against the [FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines](#). As of May 2017, [16 programmes](#) have been positively benchmarked by ITC.

### **AGENDA:**

- **8-9 June 2017:**  
XXVIII FEFAC Congress (Cordoba, Spain)
- **13-14 June 2017:**  
Agrivision (Noordwijk aan Zee, The Netherlands)
- **13-14 June 2017:**  
VICTAM – FVG Select (Cologne, Germany)
- **14 June 2017:**  
FIAAP Animal Nutrition Conference (Cologne, Germany)
- **20 June 2017:**  
Animal nutrition & animal health: Key to the livelihood of EU livestock farming (Brussels, Belgium) (on invitation only)