



Issue of the month

CAP reform: EU feed industry "wishlist"



Patrick Vanden Avenue
FEFAC President

FEFAC members have welcomed the new Commission's legislative proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with high expectations. FEFAC President Patrick Vanden Avenue highlighted the EU's

responsibility to respond to the global challenge for feed and food production: "the global demand for food products will continue to grow while agriculture faces an unprecedented level of market price volatility and increasing demands for the sustainable use of natural resources. FEFAC members have agreed to take up the challenge of sustainable and competitive feed production hoping the new CAP will provide the necessary institutional framework to support cooperation between public and private sector initiatives to meet its objectives".

The loss of competitiveness in the EU livestock sector, linked to high volatile prices of major feed ingredients, has led to a prolonged crisis for different animal production sectors. For FEFAC, the EU feed and livestock sector needs to increase its productivity to be able to achieve its full potential on the EU and global market. The new CAP should, therefore, stimulate

research and innovation in order to accelerate the modernization of EU agriculture, whose technological basis is aging fast. The feed industry is committed to promoting the most efficient and sustainable use of the available resources. In order to unlock Europe's considerable production potential and efficiency gains, the new CAP reform needs to provide the means to operators to tackle price volatility while supporting investments in new technologies to improve its long-term sustainability and competitiveness. The "greening CAP package", in particular, should allow farmers to optionally grow environmentally friendly protein crops to help reducing EU's protein deficit.

The new CAP should be active in the area of market stabilization, as a preliminary step to allow investment in the agricultural sector. The recent prolongation of the suspension of TRQ wheat import duties is an excellent measure which has removed uncertainty from the marketplace.

The European Commission's contribution to improve market transparency by sharing its latest market forecasts to be collected and further refined in the new DG AGRI MARS system connected to the new global market information system AMIS, is another encouraging sign of its commitment in this context. FEFAC is convinced that the G-20 Farm Ministers action plan on

International News

IFIF / FAO 5th Annual International Feed Regulators meeting

In view of preparing the 2nd CODEX Task Force on Animal Feeding, IFIF, in cooperation with FAO, agreed to host two workshops at its 5th Feed Regulators meeting on 23-24 January 2012 in Atlanta to discuss the main outcomes of the consultation of the CODEX draft working documents on Risk assessment guidance and a prioritised global list of feed hazards. The meeting will also serve to exchange experience with regard to recent feed safety emergencies including the fall-out from the Fukushima disaster in Japan.

food price volatility endorsed at the G-20 Cannes summit in November 2011 provides a unique opportunity for the EU institutions to "raise the game" for EU Agriculture.

Feed industry in action

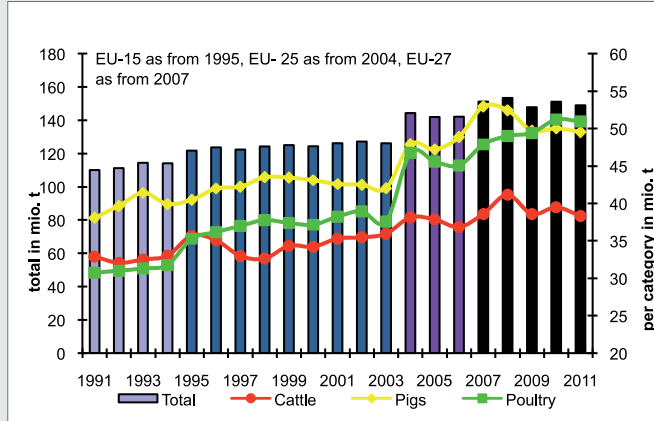
FEFAC has teamed up with 13 partners representing national associations and corporate feed manufacturers, including its US sister organisation AFIA, to develop a global LCA database listing carbon footprint values and feed sector specifications for LCAs of major globally traded feed ingredients. This project is listed as one of the key actions in the new FAO Multilateral agreement on a Partnership on benchmarking and monitoring the environmental performance of livestock supply chains.

The project will analyse and incorporate results from relevant national LCA/CFP feed projects, e.g. in The Netherlands (CFPAN - Carbon Footprint Animal Nutrition), US, France, UK and Sweden. The results should allow FAO and international organizations representing the meat, dairy and egg sector to refine current global LCA assessment of livestock products.

Facts and Figures

EU Compound feed production in 2011 down by 1.5% vs. 2010

According to latest FEFAC experts' estimates, compound feed production in the EU-27 would be around 149 mio. t in 2011, to be compared with 151 mio. t in 2010. Unexpectedly, cattle feed demand which was said to increase in 2011 due to the spring drought, actually decreased by 3% due to the warm autumn.



Pigfeed would drop by 1% as expected whereas poultry is also decreasing by 0.5%, in particular laying hens feed, due to the fact that a number of laying hens farms preferred stopping rather than adapting to new welfare standards.

feed facts

On the feed agenda:

- IFIF / FAO 5th Annual International Feed Regulators meeting, 23-24 January 2012, Atlanta (US)
- CODEX Task Force on Animal Feeding, 20-24 February 2012, Berne (CH)
- FEFAC 55th Annual General Meeting, 15 June 2012, Brussels (BE)

News from the Feed and Food Chain

EU Food SCP Roundtable

At its plenary meeting on 8 December 2011, the Food SCP Roundtable adopted its report on "Communicating the environmental performance along the food chain". The purpose of this report is the identification of suitable tools for communicating the environmental performance of food and drink products. The first part the report provides an assessment of existing tools for conveying environmental information for B-to-B and B-to-C communication. The second part of the report is dedicated to recommendations.

Regarding methodology, the draft Food and Drink Environmental Assessment Protocol will be delivered in March 2012 and will then undergo public consultation.



[http://www](http://www.responsiblesoy.org)

The website of the month

WWW.RESPONSIBLESOY.ORG



FEFAC members are actively supporting the implementation of sustainable agricultural production methods. FEFAC is fully committed to the promotion of responsible soy production at global level. Since 2005, FEFAC is a member of the global Round Table on Responsible Soy which developed and adopted in 2010 the 1st global standard for responsible soy production. This code is the result of a multi-stakeholder negotiation and includes 5 core principles and 23 criteria covering responsible labour conditions, community relations and environmental responsibility as well as legal compliance

with land rights and good business practice. FEFAC considers the implementation of global requirements for good agricultural practices, as a critical step to ensure the responsible production of soy in South America and other soy growing regions. Key users have taken up the commitment to ensure that any soybean meal used is meeting the requirements for responsible soy by 2015.



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