



55th FEFAC Annual General Meeting

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“Competitive livestock production in Europe from sustainable feed sources”

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The EU Agenda 2020 flagship initiative on Resource Efficiency is a key business driver for the European compound feed industry. Feed is the most important single factor for the sustainable development of livestock and aquaculture production. Feed conversion rates have improved by more than 30% over the past 25 years, thus reducing considerably the ecological footprint of livestock production.

Understanding the contribution of the European feed industry in providing safe, sustainable, and competitive feed by giving value to former foodstuffs, which for various reasons cannot be sold as food for human consumption, is one of the key objectives of the 55th FEFAC Annual General Meeting, taking place on 15 June 2012 in Brussels.

Key policy and decision-makers from the European Commission, the European Food & Drink Federation, FDE, and the European feed industry, will share their perspective on the need to adapt the regulatory framework in order to allow the controlled and safe production, and use of feed materials from former foodstuffs in animal feed.

In the second discussion panel, FEFAC will take stock of the current progress in the CAP reform debate at Council and European Parliament level. Key note speakers from DG AGRI, COCERAL representing grain and feed trade, and UECEBV, representing the EU meat and livestock trade sector, will discuss the impact of the proposed CAP reform measures on the competitiveness of the EU livestock sector.

FEFAC President, Patrick Vanden Avenne, invites experts from Member Associations, companies and stakeholder organisations to actively participate in the FEFAC Annual General Meeting highlighting that "the European feed industry is fully committed to support the competitiveness and sustainability of livestock production in the EU and at global level, thus contributing to global food security, pointing to the need for more proactive, flexible market management measures to maintain viability of EU feed supply".

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 22 national Associations in 21 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Norway, Croatia, Serbia and Russia with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 110,000 persons on app. 4,000 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-27 consume an estimated 467 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 30% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry in 2011 is estimated at € 50 billion.
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