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EU COMPOUND FEED PRODUCTION UP BY 0.7% IN 2012

SAME TREND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN 2013 IN A CHALLENGING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FEED AND LIVESTOCK SECTORS

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Final results for 2012

During the XXVI FEFAC Congress “- How to Stay Profitable in Volatile Times” on 5-8 June 2013 in Cracow, FEFAC members have provided final estimates for the compound feed production for the EU-27¹ in 2012. The total production estimate is now set at 152.7 mio. t, i.e. 0.7% above the 2011 figure. Pig feed has seen its production fall by -1.4%, whereas cattle feed recovered from its 2011 drop with a +2.4% in 2012. Poultry feed continued increasing by 1.5%, thereby confirming its position of leading segment of compound feed above pig feed.

The most important factors which have weighed on the EU feed demand in 2012 were the still fragile economic situation of the pig sector and soaring feed material costs.

Among the largest producing countries, UK and Poland performed well, with annual growth close to resp. 3% and 5%, boosted by the demand for resp. cattle and poultry feed. On the opposite side, The Netherlands and Hungary saw their production fall between -1.5 and -2%. The production volume in France Germany and Spain remained stable. Production of poultry feed in Southern Europe was affected in particular by the implementation of the new welfare standards for laying hens.

The high cereals' prices over the last two years contributed to improve the competitive market position of industrial compound feed production vs. home mixing. However, this gain was offset to a certain extent by the development of alternative pig feeding strategies based on roughly grinded feed and liquid feeding.

Overall, Germany's position as leading EU country in terms of total compound feed production was strengthened, ahead of France and Spain who are “shoulder to shoulder” for the second position.

¹ Greece, Malta and Luxembourg excluded

Outlook for 2013

FEFAC market experts foresee a stabilisation in poultry feed production, a further reduction in pig feed production (-1%) and a slight increase in cattle feed demand (+1%). Of course, these elements may be affected by weather conditions affecting the forages yields or disease outbreaks. Further market uncertainties are also linked to the impact of the implementation of the new group-housing requirements for sows. Overall, compound feed production is expected to remain unchanged vs. 2012.

The demand for agricultural commodities is expected to remain high in 2013, with the main consequences of maintaining quotations at a high level. The quotations for agricultural raw materials increased significantly during the second half of 2012. After two major crop failures for soybean in South and North America, the positive impact on global quotations of the record harvest for soybean in Brazil in 2013 may be undermined by the storage and logistics challenges it could trigger. On the cereals side, the record Brazilian maize harvest should also weigh on global quotations. However, the uncertainty is still important regarding the quantity and quality of the next harvest in the Northern hemisphere, due to bad weather conditions in major exporting countries. The average cost for supply of feed materials is expected to remain firm in 2013 to 2012.

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Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 22 national Associations in 21 EU Member States and will count two more active members with the Croatian and the Bulgarian Compound Feed Manufacturers Associations as from 1 July 2013. FEFAC represents also Associations in Turkey, Serbia, Russia, Switzerland and Norway 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 470 million tonnes of feed a year, of which app. 150 million tonnes are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry was estimated at €45 billion for 2012.
3. For more information see our web site (www.fefac.eu) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: fefac@fefac.eu.

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PRODUCTION INDUSTRIELLE D'ALIMENTS COMPOSES
 PRODUZIONE INDUSTRIALE DI MANGIMI COMPOSTI

2011-2012
 estimations/estimates

INDUSTRIELLE MISCHFUTTERPRODUKTION
 INDUSTRIAL COMPOUND PRODUCTION
 (1 000 t)

PAYS LAND PAESE COUNTRY	BOVINS/RINDER BOVINI/CATTLE			PORCS/SCHWEINE SUINI/PIGS			VOLAILLE/GEFLÜGEL VOLATILI/POULTRY			A. ALLAITEMENT/MILCHAUST. SOSTIT. DEL LATTE/MILKREPLACERS			AUTRES/ANDERE ALTRI ANIMALI/OTHERS			TOTAL/INSGESAMT TOTALE/TOTAL		
	2011	2012	%TAV	2011	2012	%TAV	2011	2012	%TAV	2011	2012	%TAV	2011	2012	%TAV	2011	2012	%TAV
DE	6.357	6.341	-0,3	9.966	9.676	-2,9	5.820	6.184	6,3	152	145	-4,6	724	733	1,2	23.019	23.079	0,3
FR	5.149	5.211	1,2	5.643	5.514	-2,3	8.628	8.572	-0,6	357	363	1,7	1.517	1.483	-2,2	21.294	21.143	-0,7
IT	3.610	3.500	-3,0	3.460	3.420	-1,2	5.700	5.850	2,6	145	140	-3,4	1.607	1.584	-1,4	14.522	14.494	-0,2
NL	3.451	3.523	2,1	5.734	5.244	-8,5	3.801	3.943	3,7	652	650	-0,3	496	480	-3,2	14.134	13.840	-2,1
BE	1.244	1.253	0,7	3.653	3.682	0,8	1.365	1.392	2,0	39	38	-2,6	159	182	14,5	6.460	6.547	1,3
UK	4.869	5.152	5,8	1.654	1.682	1,7	6.468	6.532	1,0	1	2	100,0	1.426	1.469	3,0	14.418	14.837	2,9
IE	2.102	2.555	21,6	650	701	7,8	477	501	5,0	:	:	:	353	455	28,9	3.582	4.212	17,6
DK	860	918	6,7	2.648	2.649	0,0	545	548	0,6	:	:	:	174	170	-2,3	4.227	4.285	1,4
ES	6.816	6.925	1,6	8.732	8.996	3,0	4.442	4.260	-4,1	:	:	:	1.057	946	-10,5	21.047	21.127	0,4
PT	720	710	-1,4	890	860	-3,4	1.420	1.400	-1,4	:	:	:	255	255	0,0	3.285	3.225	-1,8
AT	452	472	4,4	274	274	0,0	493	504	2,2	:	:	:	214	206	-3,7	1.433	1.456	1,6
SE	850	825	-2,9	350	315	-10,0	550	550	0,0	1	1	0,0	145	145	0,0	1.896	1.836	-3,2
FI	642	662	3,1	318	309	-2,8	296	317	7,1	:	:	:	94	106	12,8	1.350	1.394	3,3
CY	120	117	-2,5	50	37	-26,0	54	50	-7,4	1	1	0,0	103	103	0,0	328	308	-6,1
CZ	448	427	-4,7	795	735	-7,5	887	853	-3,8	4	3	-35,0	229	282	23,1	2.363	2.300	-2,7
EE	40	40	0,0	140	140	0,0	48	48	0,0	:	:	:	2	2	0,0	230	230	0,0
HU	530	530	0,0	1.410	1.380	-2,1	1.660	1.640	-1,2	:	:	:	630	620	-1,6	4.230	4.170	-1,4
LV	52	19	-63,5	90	29	-67,8	169	90	-46,7	:	:	:	30	9	-70,0	341	147	-56,9
LT	48	59	22,9	78	78	0,0	284	295	3,9	2	2	0,0	14	20	42,9	426	454	6,6
PL	889	905	1,8	1.752	1.750	-0,1	4.774	5.115	7,1	:	:	:	323	330	2,2	7.738	8.100	4,7
SK	198	212	7,1	204	230	12,7	226	247	9,3	:	:	:	12	12	0,0	640	701	9,5
SI	98	98	0,0	74	59	-20,3	226	208	-8,0	:	:	:	11	14	27,3	409	379	-7,3
BU	94	109	16,0	240	246	2,5	590	489	-17,1	:	:	:	24	32	33,3	948	876	-7,6
RO	155	170	9,7	1.520	1.600	5,3	1.660	1.750	5,4	:	:	:	20	20	0,0	3.355	3.540	5,5
EUR 27 *	39.794	40.733	2,4	50.325	49.606	-1,4	50.583	51.338	1,5	1.354	1.345	-0,7	9.619	9.658	0,4	151.675	152.680	0,7

* Sans le Luxembourg, la Grèce et Malte/Ohne Luxemburg, Griechenland und Malta/Without Luxemburg, Greece and Malta/Senza Lussemburgo, Ellas e Malta

_: no forecast available; 2005=2004 figures

: non disponible/not available