



58TH FEFAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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“Securing the future of EU livestock and feed production”

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It is with great pleasure that FEFAC can announce the 58th FEFAC AGM in Cologne, 10 June 2015, on the key conference theme “**Securing the future of EU livestock and feed production**”. Without a shadow of a doubt this theme provides the key for the new EU institutions and the industry to refocus their activities ensuring the strategic raw material supply as well as the integrity of the feed chain in order to maintain a competitive, safe and sustainable livestock industry in Europe.

The EU feed and livestock industry is dependent on a properly functioning regulatory framework that safeguards market access to feed materials which are vital for the competitiveness of the EU feed and livestock industry. In the last decade, FEFAC has seen free market access “under pressure” because of the EU’s increasing requirements on feed safety, genetic modification and sustainability. Joost Korte, DG AGRI Deputy Director General, has been invited to give a key note speech from the European Commission’s perspective on how to secure the strategic EU feed material supply at public session of the 58th Annual General Meeting.

A second expert panel composed of European Commission officials (DG SANCO, FVO), competent control authorities will look back on 10 years of experience with the new EU feed legislative framework as well as a looking into the future with DG SANCO’s upcoming feed-related working priorities. The key debate will focus on how to secure the integrity of the EU feed chain through more effective cooperation between official feed control and the sector’s own check systems, in the context of the review of the EU regulation on official controls in the EU feed and food chain.

FEFAC President, Mr Ruud Tijssens, looks forward to welcoming you in Cologne at the 58th FEFAC Annual General Meeting, which will be co-hosted by VICTAM, at the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Your active participation to this event will provide a unique occasion to hear experts’ views and information on the key elements to maintain a competitive EU livestock industry which can take advantage of new global market opportunities to provide products of animal origin to a growing world population.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers’ Federation, represents 24 national Associations in 23 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia 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-28 consume an estimated 470 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 2013 is estimated at €55 billion.
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