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GLOBAL FEED LCA INSTITUTE PROVIDES PEF WITH FREE DATABASE

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Together with its sister organisations in the United States (AFIA) and Canada (ANAC) as well as the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF), FEFAC has launched the Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI). The GFLI aims to provide a freely accessible, transparent LCA (life cycle assessment) database of feed ingredients. This will allow for globally harmonised assessments and benchmarking of environmental footprint calculations of feed manufacturing. The GFLI has established a formal partnership with the FAO and LEAP (Livestock Environmental Assessment Performance), ensuring it is compliant as regards methodological requirements.

In addition, the technical concept of the GFLI is designed to also be compliant with the PEF, the Product Environmental Footprint project, coordinated by the European Commission. FEFAC Chairman of the PEF Pilot Project on Feed Nick Major: “As feed supply chains have international dimensions, it’s great to see synergies take place between global and regional activities. The PEF Pilot Project on feed we are working on in Europe can take advantage of the work on this global LCA database that is already being developed”.

To accurately measure the environmental impact of animal products such as meat, milk and eggs, developing an objective, harmonised LCA calculation method for the footprint of feed production is a pre-requisite. FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens: “Given the significant share of feed production in the environmental footprint of animal products, feed is also the key area where emission mitigation strategies can be developed. With the animal nutrition solutions we provide in combination with resource efficient feed technology, the compound feed industry looks at drive towards measuring environmental performance with great confidence.”

The Europe-based project part of the GFLI is set to be ready by summer 2016, which is well in time for the PEF Pilot Project on Feed scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 25 national Associations in 24 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 480 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 30% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at € 50 billion.
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