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Circular economy provides turning point for the EU Feed Industry to reposition itself

Contributions shown at XXVII FEFAC Congress should improve societal acceptance of EU livestock & feed sectors

FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens opened the Congress by listing the many solutions the EU feed industry brings to societal challenges such as climate change and antimicrobial resistance. With the current political attention for the circular economy, ForFarmers Raw Material Director Tony Bell considered that the feed industry should use this new podium to showcase its resource efficiency credentials through the extensive use of co-products from the food industry and other sectors which combined with its knowledge in animal nutrition offers a significant contribution to the EU's Circular Economy objectives. Nicolaj Cristoffersen from the Danish Pig Meat Industry signalled that sustainability demands have increasingly become a market driver over the past years, which should lead to interesting opportunities in the light of the expected increase in global demand for meat. The speakers agreed that for the circular economy to become a market driver and a sales argument in the food supply chain, reliable performance indicators are needed to correctly measure the

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environmental footprint of animal products, for example with the European Commission coordinated Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) and the FAO-led global LEAP project. All presentations given can be found [here](#).



FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens opens the XXVII FEFAC Congress

Ruud Tijssens re-elected as FEFAC President until June 2017

EUROFAC joins FEFAC as from 1 June 2016

At the General Assembly meeting on 22 April 2016, the delegates re-elected Ruud Tijssens as FEFAC President for another year. He will continue to work with the Praesidium members Anton Einberger (DVT, Germany), Cristina de Sousa (IACA, Portugal), Tony Bell (AIC, UK), Witold Obidzinski (IZP, Poland), Alberto Allodi (ASSALZOO, Italy) and Jesper Pagh (DAKOFO, Denmark), whose mandates have also been extended. Jean-Michel Bousset, newly elected President of [EUROFAC](#), will replace Alain Guillaume (SNIA) in the FEFAC Praesidium as from 1 June 2016. EUROFAC, which represents 85% of the French

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compound feed and the total premix industry, will take over the FEFAC membership from SNIA on the same date.

FEFAC Council adopts FEFAC 2030 Feed Industry Vision

Feed Industry Vision to be presented at FEFAC-FEFANA conference on "Innovation in Animal Nutrition" on 9 June 2016

The Feed Industry 2030 Vision outlines the role of the feed industry as a knowledge-driven, reliable partner to a sustainable, competitive EU livestock sector. The vision is presented in an overarching document on the [Animal Feed Industry](#), which is supported by 3 pillar visions on [Animal Nutrition](#), [Feed Safety Management](#) and [Sustainability](#). The documents highlight the feed industry's contribution to livestock farming as a business activity, for example

through the industry's gatekeeper role when it comes to assuring feed safety thanks to highly efficient feed safety management systems and to facilitating market access to competitively priced raw materials. At the XXVII FEFAC Congress, Javier Valle, senior policy advisor on animal nutrition and feed safety at COPA-COGECA, emphasised the livestock farmers' appreciation of the nutritional knowledge of feed manufacturers, which strongly contributes to the widening amount of resources available for feed. In the road to 2030, FEFAC foresees the continued development of animal nutrition science, feed safety management systems and market transparency to accommodate sustainability demands. In addition, the expectation is that IT technology in combination with the feed mills' industrial capacities can contribute to "precision feeding" methods & systems; however, a prerequisite is that livestock farmers are supported in their financial investments & management capabilities in order to stay competitive.

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Soybean cultivation not a driver of illegal deforestation in Amazon Biome

Since the implementation of the Soy Moratorium, Brazilian authorities are closely monitoring deforestation in the Amazon Biome via satellite. In the 2014/2015 soybean campaign, soybeans have been identified on 28,768 hectares of accumulated deforestation since 2008. These 28,768 hectares correspond to 0.84% of Amazon Biome deforestation in non-conformity with the Soy Moratorium. The effective soybean supply chain measures are recognised by Brazilian minister of environment Izabella Teixeira, who stated "we can no longer state that new deforestation in the Amazon Biome is associated with soybeans". More information on the soy moratorium and Brazil's Forest Code can be found in the [presentation](#) given by ABIOVE President Carlo Lovatelli at the XXVII FEFAC Congress.

STATE	2008/2015 (ha)
MATO GROSSO	21,887
RONDÔNIA	1,159
PARÁ	5,722
TOTAL	28,768

Soy-related illegal deforestation in the Amazon Biome in the period 2008-2015
Source: INPE, 2015

Commissioner Andriukaitis sees Role for Feed Industry to further reduce Food Waste

Proposal to exclude feed materials from the scope of waste legislation aimed to stimulate feed use of former foodstuffs

In a video statement at the XXVII FEFAC Congress, European Commissioner for Health & Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis highlighted the livestock and feed sector's contribution to reducing food waste, one of the

Commission's top priorities. He stressed that in order to maintain consumer confidence in using 'unconventional' feed materials in European livestock farming, human and animal health must be secured at all times. Andriukaitis invited the feed industry to become involved in the Commission's food waste platform where stakeholders and Member States can exchange best practices. DG SANTE Head of Unit for Animal Nutrition & Veterinary Medicines Stefano Soro highlighted the Commission proposal to exclude feed materials from the scope of the Waste Framework Directive as one of the policy actions that should contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals on food waste. Most concretely, he

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pointed to the expectation that the proposed measure will facilitate and stimulate the feed industry's use of former foodstuffs such as unsold bread and broken biscuits.

Concerted International Efforts looking to map out Credible Figures on Livestock's Shadow

LCA methodology projects PEF, LEAP and GFLI paving the way for reliable environmental footprinting of animal products

During a session on new tools for environmental footprinting at the XXVII FEFAC Congress, Chair of the EU PEF Pilot feed consortium Nick Major outlined FEFAC's European and international involvement in the LCA projects Product Environmental Footprint (PEF; coordinated by the European Commission), the Livestock Environmental Assessment & Performance Partnership (LEAP; coordinated by FAO) and the [Global Feed LCA Institute](#) (GFLI; coordinated by IFIF). He stressed the importance for the feed industry to use harmonised measurement tools for environmental performance, as they belong in the pre-competitive domain. In the Feed PEF Pilot, which can make use of the [database provided by the GFLI](#), the category rules for feed production are currently being drafted and expected to be assessed and approved by DG ENVI still in 2016.



Panel discussion on environmental footprinting.
From left to right: Nick Major (ForFarmers), Henning Steinfeld (FAO), Brent Babb (USSEC), Nicolas Martin (FEFAC)

FAO Coordinator of the Livestock Sector Analysis & Policy Branch Henning Steinfeld illustrated both the socio-economic and the environmental importance of the livestock sector globally as it is linked to virtually all 17 UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#). He stressed that although livestock production may compete with vegetable food production in terms of land and water use, approximately 80% of the 6.4 billion tonnes of biomass used in feed globally is not an edible resource to humans. Steinfeld noted that the initial FAO report "Livestock's Long Shadow" (2006) created some [misconceptions](#) around the

environmental footprint of the global livestock sector, but expressed his satisfaction that its publication led to the current industry involvement to develop harmonised LCA methodologies and GHG mitigation strategies to improve its resource efficiency.

FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines bring Transparency and Convergence to Responsible Soy Market

Soy producers from Argentina, Brazil & USA brought together in historic setting

In the final session of the XXVII FEFAC Congress, high-level representatives from Aapresid (Argentinian no-till farmer organisation), ABIOVE (Brazilian oilseed crushers) and USSEC (US Soybean farmers) and discussed the development of sustainability related to soy production in their countries. In all three soy exporting countries, the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines are considered to enforce the soy farmer to invest in sustainable farming practices and seek support from local certification schemes. In the panel debate, FEDIOL Secretary General Nathalie Lecocq expressed her support for the Guidelines as they increase convergence and transparency in the responsible soy supply chain and she looked forward to continuing the FEFAC-FEDIOL partnership to realise a mainstream market transition.



Panel discussion on responsible soy sourcing.
From left to right: Nathalie Lecocq (FEDIOL), Javier Valle (Copa-Cogeca), Carlo Lovatelli (ABIOVE), Jim Sutter (USSEC), Pedro Vigneau (AAPRESID)

AGENDA:

- **9 June 2016:**
1st FEFAC/FEFANA Conference on "Innovation in Animal Nutrition" (Brussels)

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