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### FEFAC-FEFANA Conference puts Innovation in Animal Nutrition on the EU Agenda

***Commissioner for Health & Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis identifies innovation in animal nutrition as a vital element to foster animal health***

The first joint FEFAC-FEFANA conference in Brussels held on 9 June 2016, which attracted over 170 participants, showcased a series of solutions that animal nutrition science can provide to livestock farming in order to meet the food chain's expectations. In a [keynote speech](#), Commissioner Andriukaitis emphasised the important role of science and innovation to address key EU challenges and objectives. In addition, he identified innovation in animal nutrition as a vital element to foster animal health and an important step forward on fighting against anti-microbial resistance.

FEFAC and FEFANA presented the vision 2030 of a modern feed industry that intends to shape a smart, resource efficient Europe through innovation and public-private partnerships. In a [joint document](#), FEFAC and FEFANA outlined the feed industry solutions to meet current and future challenges to the EU livestock sector.

At the conference, FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens stressed the role of animal nutrition in the food chain circular economy. "It is thanks to animal nutrition science that the feed industry is able to annually convert 90 million tonnes of co-products into high-value feed ingredients for food-producing animals. Innovation in the area of alternative feeds as well as feed processing technology make it possible to continuously reduce the feed industry's environmental footprint", he said.

FEFANA President Marco Bruni stated there is a strong market demand for innovative feed additives to improve the

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feed efficiency of the EU livestock sector, but regulatory hurdles slow down the process. "The feed industry vision is, therefore, also a call on policy makers and risk assessors for more stakeholder dialogue, next to a call for investment in scientific research in animal nutrition", Bruni added.

A video interview by Feednavigator.com with President Ruud Tijssens can be found [here](#).



**Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis during the FEFAC-FEFANA "Innovation in Animal Nutrition" Conference**  
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## The Feed Chain in Action

### ***The FEFAC 2030 Feed Industry Vision: A Call to Partnership***

During its XXVII Congress in Antalya earlier this year, FEFAC adopted its [2030 Feed Industry Vision](#). The vision covers the pillars Animal Nutrition, Feed Safety Management and Sustainability to highlight the EU feed industry's capacity to provide effective solutions to the livestock farmer's key challenges. With this contribution, FEFAC aims to facilitate a sustainable future for the EU livestock sector where profit, planet and people are equally taken care of.

The European feed industry moves animal nutrition science back into the spotlight and onto the EU agenda. "Animal feed solutions" should become a common concept in the societal and food chain debate when it comes to challenges faced by the livestock sector. The FEFAC 2030 Feed Industry Vision is a call to partnership for a competitive EU livestock sector which can rely on safe, nutritionally optimised, cost-effective and environmentally friendly feed.



***FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens (left) together with FEFANA President Marco Bruni at the FEFAC-FEFANA Conference on 9 June 2016 © Yanne Boloh***

The complete 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Feed Chain in Action, written by FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens, can be read [here](#).

## **Open Letter to Commission President Juncker on Three Pending GM Soy Beans**

### ***COCERAL, FEDIOL & FEFAC call on the Commission President to push for authorisation as a matter of urgency***

In the [open letter](#), COCERAL, FEDIOL & FEFAC warn for severe trade disruptions if the three GM soy traits are not authorised in the EU before the summer break. EFSA deemed the GM products safe for food and feed use in 2015 already. The now over five months delay following the Appeal Committee vote of 11 January 2016 goes against the EU Ombudsman's verdict in January 2016. Emily O'Reilly

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qualified the average delays in GM trait approval as maladministration and requested the Commission to take decisions "within reasonable time" (see [NewsFEED #1](#)). The US Soybean Export Council and the American Soybean Association also [expressed](#) their concerns to Commissioner for Health & Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis as the delay in approval heavily interferes with the new soy cropping season.

## **Brazilian Soy Working Group (GTS) renews Soy Moratorium indefinitely**

### ***Soy Moratorium to be lifted when CAR & PRA are ready to take over***

The GTS, formed by members of the government, private sector and civil society in Brazil, [expects](#) that the Soy Moratorium can "soon" be replaced by the Forest Code's instruments for environmental law enforcement; the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) and the Environmental Compliance Program (PRA). The Soy Moratorium is generally recognised as an effective measure that strongly contributed to reducing the share of soy-related illegal deforestation in the Amazon Biome to only 0.8% in 2015. FEFAC and FEDIOL [welcomed](#) the indefinite renewal, while from a broader perspective highlighting that the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines are in line with the Brazilian Forest Code, thereby allowing for environmental law enforcement to facilitate responsible soy production. For more information on Brazilian environmental governance and soy production, see [here](#) a presentation given by ABIOVE President Carlo Lovatelli at the XXVII FEFAC Congress in Antalya in April 2016.

## **FEFAC showcases a Responsible and Resource-Efficient Feed Industry at the European Parliament**

### ***Chairman of the FEED PEF Pilot Nick Major spoke at Environmental Sustainability of Livestock Farming Event on 27 April 2016***

In his [presentation](#), Major highlighted the strong reduction in feed conversion rate of farm animals over the years through advanced animal nutrition science as well as the extensive use of co-products such as brewer's grains, DDGs and citrus pulp as examples of feed industry resource efficiency. He criticised that findings of the FAO report "Livestock's Long Shadow" (2006) are still often quoted today ("livestock farming is responsible for 18% of global GHG emissions") in the public arena, while the FAO already made more accurate data (14.5%) available in its report "[Tackling Climate Change Through Livestock](#)" (see also [The Feed Chain in Action - Tackling climate change through animal feed](#)). Major explained that environmental

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footprinting science for feed production is, however, still undergoing maturation and is most concretely discussed in the Commission-coordinated Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) pilot on feed. To show the progress made on the resourcing of responsible soy, he pointed to increased market transparency with ITC's independent assessment of standards that wish to be benchmarked against the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines. A video summary of the event can be found [here](#) and a video interview with Nick Major can be found [here](#).



**Nick Major at the European Parliament**

## Consumer Goods Forum recognises FEFAC approach to tackle deforestation as a “twin-track”

### *Eleven responsible soy programmes now in compliance with FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines*

The second edition of the Consumer Goods Forum [guidelines for responsible soy sourcing](#) make reference to the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines as an important stepping stone towards a soy supply chain with zero-net deforestation. CGF recommends its members to use the [soy standards](#) positively benchmarked by ITC if they seek to ensure that the purchased soy does not come from illegally deforested land. As of 7 June 2016, there are eleven responsible soy programmes in compliance with the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines. The [continued recognition](#) of the value of the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines by supply chain partners is an indirect response to the publication of the WWF Soy Scorecard on 30 May 2016, which [fails to acknowledge](#) current developments in both the market and the producing countries.

#### **AGENDA:**

- **26-27 September 2016:**  
4th International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- **17 November 2016:**  
Animal Task Force Seminar (Brussels)

## FEEDfact

### *“Feed safety is a prerequisite for food safety and human health”*

Feed safety is a crucial pillar in the animal food chain. Animal feed needs to be safe to minimise threats like BSE, swine fever, dioxin and aflatoxin contamination and antimicrobial resistance. The FAO published a [video](#) to underline the crucial importance of feed safety in the light of the launch of the Feed Safety Multi-Stakeholder Partnership in April 2016, which will help to ensure that meeting the doubling in global demand for animal feed by 2050 is done safely.

