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FEFAC calls for an EU contingency plan to safeguard essential EU feed supplies

Ahead of the Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRIFISH) Council on 28–29 September, FEFAC has written to the Irish EU Council Presidency chair for Agriculture, Minister Martin Heydon, calling for an urgent EU contingency plan to safeguard essential feed supplies to the EU livestock sector.

FEFAC members, representing EU compound feed and premix manufacturers, alerted the EU AGRIFISH Council that the combined exceptional effects of the severe summer drought, the disruption to Ukrainian feed-grain supplies through the Black Sea corridor and the approaching implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) are threatening essential feed supply chains for fibre, energy and protein sources for the 2026/27 marketing year.

“The cumulative impact of these pressures significantly increases the risk of disruption of essential feed material supplies”, the letter states. FEFAC President Nicolas Coudry-Mesny warns that “shortages and higher costs could undermine the viability of EU dairy, pork and poultry production, add to food price inflation and increase reliance on imports of products of animal origin”.

FEFAC calls on the European Commission and Member States to set up a contingency plan before the end of 2026 in order to identify all available measures to mitigate the impacts of reduced home-grown feed-grain availability, address constraints on Black Sea supplies of feed grains (maize and oilseed meals) and reduce the sourcing complexities linked to EUDR implementation for essential feed ingredients, notably soybean meal and palm kernel expeller, which could lead to supply chain disruption and loss of market access to vital imports.

[Read the full letter here.](#)

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers’ Federation, represents 27 national associations in the 26 European countries.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 23% (147 million tonnes) are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €63 billion.
4. For more information, see our website (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.
5. The forecast for 2026 is subject to change.