

Update on Animal Feed

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Same as in previous years:

Feed determines baby food & chocolate

■ Why?

- Soy products & derivatives are used in almost everything
- Soy is key to all product categories to remain available GMO-free or become GM – possibly forever

■ Soy products

- 80% of every single soybean goes to animal feed
- Remainder is for food (oil, lecithin, flour, protein ...)

➤ Conclusion:

- Economic power of feed surpasses everything else

Consequence for food and environment

- **Feed industry looks after itself**
 - Natural to have little concern for other food chains
 - Powerful in its effect on „everything else“
- **European feed industry and sustainability**
 - High level of interest expressed by FEFAC
 - But practically very limited scope
 - GMO issue is ignored „with a vengeance“.
- **Urgently needed**: Industry must register latest research on „**irresponsible sustainability**“ (presented here today)

Various solutions

- **Replace soy meal with locally produced proteins**
 - Grow soybeans in Europe?
 - Use other legumes or resort to grass (Campina's dairy!)?
- **Change consumption behavior**
 - All Europeans to become vegetarians?
 - Unlikely in near future – and would not change the trend in the protein producing giants like Brazil
- **Solution**: Make GMO-free soy meal available to EU feed industry more easily and engage the retailers.
- Producing **GMO-free** products **must make economic sense!**

Availability of GMO-free soy meal in Europe today

- Overseas soy crushers ship to Rotterdam
- The soy meal (< 0.1 percent GMO content) is ...
 - ... produced without GMOs
 - ... ordered and delivered without GMOs
- Systems (i.e. the entire logistics) are segregated & laid out for GM-free goods ...
- ... and taken forward to the point of consumption
- This method has been applied successfully with millions of tons for over a decade in a host of EU Member States

Thank you...

... for your attention

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