

## FEFAC Sustainability Charter: Progress Report DVT

The DVT is strongly committed to promoting sustainable food systems by increasing resource and nutrient efficiency in feed. As already described in last year's annual report, we continue to work closely with the scientific and consultancy environment such as the working Groups on Feed & Feeding of the German Agriculture Society, the leading scientific association of agriculture working on standard procedures. Against this background we are involved in the development of best practice applications. In addition to a adopted guidance for handling nitrogen and phosphorus reductions in feed (available here: [www.dlg.org/de](http://www.dlg.org/de)), the DVT has established an internal ad-hoc working group for climate protection with experts in animal nutrition. In this special working group, the DVT and other industry stakeholders in the first step are collecting data to calculate the reduction potential of ammonia emissions from feeding. Initial results show that there is a high reduction potential between 30% and 40% from 2000 to 2030 (30 years). The results of the study will be published in June 2021.

The DVT promotes sustainable sourcing practices. For this purpose, the DVT is a member of the German Sustainable Palm Oil Forum ([www.forumpalmoel.org](http://www.forumpalmoel.org)) (FONAP) and is committed to increase the shares of sustainable palm oil used in the German feed industry significantly, starting with milk replacers through company commitments. In the meanwhile, numerous milk replacers have signed a voluntary commitment to use 100% sustainable palm oil by a certain date. The „next level target“ is to increase the shares of sustainable palm oil used through signed commitments by compound feed companies. We are also gradually approaching this goal: some compound feed producers have also already made commitments.

According the two-years annual palm oil report (available here: [www.forumpalmoel.org/download](http://www.forumpalmoel.org/download)) the use of sustainable palm oil in the feed industry is increased from 3% in 2013 to 25% in 2019. Through its participation in FONAP, DVT is committed to intensifying networking with other actors at the European level, with the aim of strengthening the exchange with actors in producer countries in the sense of an intercontinental dialogue and maintaining existing contacts with other national initiatives as well as expanding cooperation. Within the EU, the aim is, among other things, to work towards a harmonized formulation of targets (e.g. 100% in all sectors, recognition of several certification systems) and coordinated reporting in the national initiatives, as well as joint communication of key messages.

In addition, for the first time, we conducted a survey among our members on the use of deforestation-free soy (according to the DVT/FEFAC definition). The results of the survey show that 2/3 of the soy purchased today (2020) is sourced from regions with a negligible risk of deforestation. With regard to broadening the scope of certifications in the soy sector, the DVT working groups are currently discussing the possibility of integrating programs compatible with the FEFAC guidelines into existing German standard-setting processes in order to strengthen a uniform approach on the national market and further improve the proportion of certified soy.

As part of our sustainability strategy developed this year, which consists of three core areas;

- 1.) Environment & Efficiency,
- 2.) Economy & Use of Resources,
- 3.) Communication,

we held an international expert panel during the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA). In our view, communicating precisely how the feed industry is already contributing to increasing the circular economy and global food security is a core task of the association. The expert panel, which was held under the theme of „Sustainable feed for sustainable food: global solutions for climate resilience and climate protection“, focused the global and local possibilities for reducing the ecological footprint of feed for specific animals, illustrated the effects for achieving climate protection goals and discussed concrete proposals for solutions in the procurement of agricultural raw materials.

Another established education format is the Oil and Feed Millers Best Tour, which DVT organizes once a year together with the Association of the oil-refining and oil-crushing Industry, OVID, and in cooperation

with the US Soybean Export Council (USSEC). This format is aimed more at the practitioners and leaves the higher political level.

Last but not least, it is particularly important for DVT to support the development of innovations and new technologies. This year, we are therefore participating in a demonstration project on domestic legume cultivation, in which we are member of the project advisory board. For us, participation is aimed at the overarching objective of improving cooperation between the parties involved in the value chain and thus optimizing the entire process flow.