

EU long-term livestock strategy

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EU invites feedback to help shape its long-term livestock strategy

EU strategy for livestock: [Call for evidence](#)

Update

The European Commission has been inviting feedback to help shape its European Union (EU) livestock strategy. The new strategy will address the challenges facing the sector, in particular the lack of young farmers, while seeking to accelerate the transition to more sustainable production. The opportunity to give feedback via the Commission's [Have Your Say](#) webpage closed on 10 April 2026.

Impacted products

Livestock and animal products

What is changing?

As announced in the [EU Vision for Agriculture and Food](#) and in the [Commission work programme 2026](#), the EU is inviting input from stakeholders to help shape its long-term livestock strategy. The European Commission aims to address the weaknesses of the livestock sector, and contribute to a transition to more environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable production, including improvements to animal welfare.

It will also assess better alignment of production requirements for imported products with existing EU requirements.

The feedback collected from this call for evidence and other consultations (e.g. through [Expert Groups](#)) will be summarised in a Commission communication. A plan is also under development for [Reducing the plant protein deficit of the European Union](#).

Why?

The EU livestock sector plays an important social and economic role in food security and in the environment. The sector faces many challenges, including low profits for farmers, leading to reductions in herds and the loss of new generations of potential farmers. Current issues also include the implementation of animal welfare rules, the spread of animal diseases, and greenhouse gas emissions. These challenges require long-term solutions.

Timeline

The strategy is expected to be published in June 2026.

Recommended Actions

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Background

The livestock strategy will complement the EU's [Vision for Agriculture and Food](#) and other initiatives, notably regarding [Generational renewal in agriculture](#), the [Bioeconomy Strategy](#), the [Water Resilience Strategy](#), [Digitalising the EU agricultural sector](#), and the [Rural Action Plan](#).

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- Commission work programme 2026: Europe's Independence Moment
- Reducing the plant protein deficit of the European Union
- EU Livestock Workstream
- Generational renewal in agriculture
- Bioeconomy Strategy
- Water Resilience Strategy
- Digitalising the EU agricultural sector
- Rural Action Plan

Sources

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