EU protein strategy

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Draft European Parliament Report: European Protein Strategy

What is changing and why?

The European Parliament wants the European Commission to urgently write a new protein strategy so that the EU does not have to rely on importing proteins that are particularly needed to feed animals.

The Parliament wants the strategy to include:

- introducing rules that make it easier to bring new feed additives to the market
- allowing more sorts of biodegradable waste to be used as feed
- making sure that protein producers can earn money from using biowaste in energy production
- a certification scheme that allows producers to show how protein crops help to reduce carbon
- making sure that agricultural policy and rules on how public bodies buy food will help farmers who produce protein-rich crops
- new food labelling that shows how much carbon has been produced when growing and making food and feed
- funding research to find new ways to make plant-based protein and other kinds of protein.

Actions

Non-EU countries that want to sell plant-based proteins to the EU should:

- keep a close eye on the new EU protein strategy to understand how it might affect their trade
- think about the benefits of investing in eco-friendly supply chains to meet the demand for green proteins in the EU market.

Timeline

The European Parliament will finalise its suggestions in October 2023. The Commission plans to release its new protein strategy at the beginning of 2024.

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