EU protein system action plan

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Action Plan for resilience, strategic autonomy and sustainability of the EU protein system

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) plans to reduce its reliance on imported high-protein feed by increasing sustainable domestic protein production and improving the use of local resources. To achieve this, the EU will support protein crops through:

- income and other financial support for producers of protein crops
- investment in storage and processing
- new financial risk management tools
- greater use of local grasslands for animal feed
- support for research and technologies that advance alternative proteins (e.g. plant-based, fermentation-based, algae, insects)
- improved use of agricultural and food processing co-products as sources of protein.

Import diversification will remain necessary, with Ukraine identified as a potential additional source of protein and soyabeans.

Timeline

The Action Plan will start to be implemented immediately, with the aim of increasing the share of protein from EU-produced oilseeds and protein feed crops in the EU from 25.8% in 2025 to 35% by 2035.

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