

# **European Animal Breeders Unveil Vision for 2030**

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The European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) proudly announces the official publication of the European Animal Breeders Vision for 2030, outlining key achievements, priorities and objectives that will guide the sector in the coming years. As animal breeding plays a fundamental role in ensuring sustainable, competitive, and resilient farming systems, this vision sets the direction for the future of European livestock and aquaculture breeding.

Responsible and balanced breeding programs are crucial for **ensuring food security** and **safety**, as well as improving **animal health** and **welfare**, mitigating impact on the environment and developing adaptation strategies to **climate change** for the **benefit of farmers and citizens**. These programs are also key for improving circularity within the entire **food system**.

Balanced breeding lays on addressing the three fundamental pillars of sustainability: **environmental sustainability**, **economic viability** and **social responsibility**.

Based on these three pillars, EFFAB proposes a blueprint for the next 5 years:

- 1. Considering responsible and balanced breeding as a basis for policy initiatives
- 2. Boosting sustainable competitiveness of breeding organisations, rural and coastal areas
- 3. Preserving and developing R&I skills in the EU requires more support

EFFAB is committed to working closely with policymakers, stakeholders, farmers and breeders to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for European animal farming, with the goal of ensuring Europe's sustainable competitiveness. The vision provides a roadmap for achieving these goals while supporting food security and safety for all of Europe.

### Read the full European Breeders Vision for 2030

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### About EFFAB

EFFAB (European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders) represents the sector of animal breeding and reproduction in Europe. From ruminants to insects, from conventional to organic systems, we aim at genetically improving various farm animal species, to better meet the challenges of sustainability and animal welfare. Technology, responsible science, and innovation are key to our work and to the future of farming. <u>www.effab.info</u>

### About balanced breeding

Balanced and responsible breeding means finding a sustainable compromise for the people, the planet, and farmed animals between traits related to the health and welfare of animals, their environmental impacts, and the quality and quantity of production (milk, meat, fish meat and eggs) whilst keeping genetic diversity.