

Introduction of 'Future of EU livestock' study

- **External study** on Future of EU livestock: How to contribute to a sustainable agricultural sector?
 - carried out by two independent experts
 - published by the European Commission (14 October)
 - introduced at Farm to Fork 2020 conference (16 October): Building sustainable food systems together
- Goal: contribute to **evidence-based debate on sustainability of livestock sector**
- Focus: combine **three far-reaching impacts** of EU livestock sector: environmental, economic and social, and **give balance** between negative and positive effects
- **Role of policies**: CAP, F2F and governance



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- **Sustainability** of EU livestock
 - negative and positive environmental effects of livestock (GHG emissions and biodiversity in grassland)
 - economic and socio-cultural gains (40% value of agricultural activity, 4 mln employed in livestock farms, 50% of proteins in diet)
 - EU production efficiency in global context
- **Role of innovation**
 - reduce negative impacts and benefit from positive ones
 - account for climate, health and animal welfare
 - increase efficiency, use ecological approaches, more circular practice, connect crop and livestock sectors



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Welcome comments and feedback

Links to the study:

[Future of EU livestock, overview and general information](#)

[Future of EU livestock, executive summary](#)

[Future of EU livestock, full report](#)



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