

# 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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