

Media release

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Performance record of the Swiss dairy, meat and egg sectors:

Feed imports are becoming increasingly sustainable

Switzerland imports its animal feed responsibly. In 2024, 92.5% of soya feed imports came from Europe - with Italy as the main supplier - and 97.8% were sustainably certified. This development shows that Swiss importers and agriculture take their responsibility for the environment and animal husbandry seriously.

Europe instead of overseas

Last year, a total of 243,015 tonnes of feed soya were imported into Switzerland. Of this, 224,851 tonnes came from Europe, in particular from Italy (59%), Ukraine (15%) and Austria (8%). Imports from Brazil - long the main supplier - accounted for only 6%. "This means that Switzerland sources almost all of its feed soya from European cultivation," summarises Fortunat Schmid, President of the Swiss Soya Network.

Sustainability as the industry standard

With a 97.8% share of sustainably certified goods, a new high was reached in 2024. Nine procurers imported 100% certified feed soya, while three others imported between 90% -100%.

Other animal feed is also becoming more sustainable

Progress is not only evident in soya: other feed components are also increasingly coming from Europe or are sustainably certified.

- In 2024, over 90% of **feed wheat, barley and oats** were imported from neighbouring European countries such as Germany and France. In addition, glyphosate residues were below the detection limit (<0.01 mg/kg) in all samples analysed, which underlines the care taken by importers.
- 100% of the **broken rice** was certified sustainable and came from Brazil.
- In the case of **maize gluten**, the target of 50% European origin was achieved for the first time - with imports mainly from Austria, France, Bulgaria and Hungary.

A common goal

The Swiss animal feed industry shows that sustainable supply is also possible for global goods. The Swiss Soya Network works independently and without government support with procurers and producers to further improve sustainability and transparency along the entire value chain.

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