

# Case Study

*Yeast pro/postbiotics  
usage and impact on  
CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in Europe*



## Overview

In an effort to achieve sustainable improvements, the use of specific yeast probiotics and postbiotics in ruminant and poultry feed could reduce by up to 2.5% the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions out of the 502 MiT eq CO<sub>2</sub> generated by livestock in Europe per year – equivalent to removing 9.7 million out of 250 million new cars from EU roads per year or planting of 568 million trees!

## Impact

Results showed reductions of carbon footprint of animal production when using probiotics and postbiotics:

- -5% CO<sub>2</sub> eq per kg of milk when using probiotics (early/mid lactation in dairy)
- -5% CO<sub>2</sub> eq per kg of live body weight when using probiotics (fattening beef)
- -8.4% CO<sub>2</sub> eq per kg of live body weight when using postbiotics (full cycle broilers)

As the % reduction in LCA is based on a specific supplementation period, the total CO<sub>2</sub> saved is calculated on the average value obtained in kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq / kg milk or meat for the full animal production period.

## **Supporting Materials:**

- [Quantification of the Environmental Impact of Feeding Yeast Probiotic \*Saccharomyces cerevisiae\* Actisaf Sc 47 in Dairy Cow: A Life Cycle Assessment Approach](#)
- [Does the Use of the Yeast Probiotic \*Saccharomyces cerevisiae\* Actisaf Sc 47 Reduce the Environmental Impacts of Beef Cattle? A Study Based on Life Cycle Assessment](#)
- [Phileo\\_White paper LCA dairy.pdf](#)
- [Phileo\\_White paper LCA beef.pdf](#)
- [Brochure Safmannan for sustainable poultry production EN 202409.pdf](#)

## Additional sources:

- FAO, EUROSTAT EU27 2023
- Statista Research Department
- European Commission Climate change

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