FAO LEAP Guidelines on Feed Additives launched

On 21 September 2020 FAO officially launched the **LEAP guidelines for assessment of the environmental performance of feed additives in livestock supply chains**. By significantly acting on feed efficiency, feed additives influence the environmental footprint of livestock production.

The document, largely grounded on the work of the IFIF-FEFANA Specialty Feed Ingredients Sustainability (SFIS) Project, aims at providing a harmonized approach to the assessment of environmental performance of feed additives, taking into consideration the impact of their production and use all along the supply chain for large ruminants, pigs and poultry. While capturing the environmental impact of the production of feed additives, the guidance compares it to the potential benefits from their use: reduction of GHGs, ammonia efficiency and improved feed efficiency.

The FAO LEAP Guidelines come at the time of the starting implementation of the European Green Deal / Farm-to-Fork Strategy with some very ambitious sustainability goals. Such targets would be unattainable without innovative feed additives, as has been explained by FEFANA in a dedicated brochure and an extensive position paper.

A number of supporting Fact Sheets summarising the contribution of specialty feed ingredients to sustainability, animal welfare and the fight against anti-microbial resistance are also available from the public website of FEFANA.

About FEFANA

FEFANA (EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures) is the united voice of the specialty feed ingredients business in Europe. Our membership comprises manufacturers and traders of feed additives, functional feed ingredients, premixes and other mixtures of specialty ingredients that enter the food chain via feed. FEFANA facilitates the dialogue between EU institutions and feed business operators while promoting feed and food safety and a fair and competitive market. For any additional information please contact the FEFANA Secretariat at info@fefana.org or visit our website at www.fefana.org.