

# Development of plant proteins in the European Union

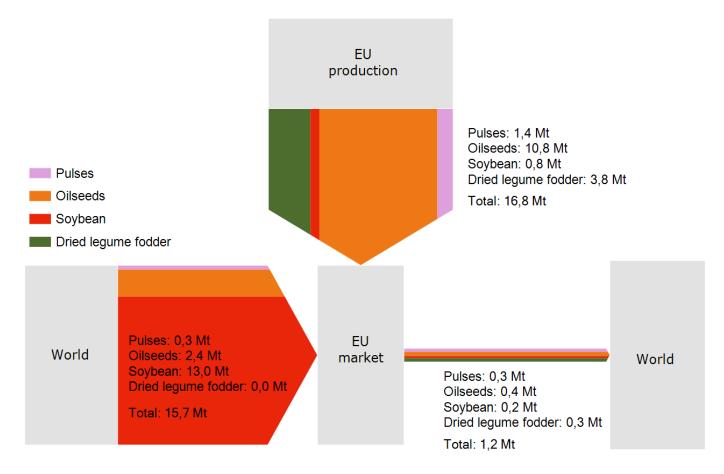
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### Supply and Demand for Protein Crops (2016 in Mt of crude protein)



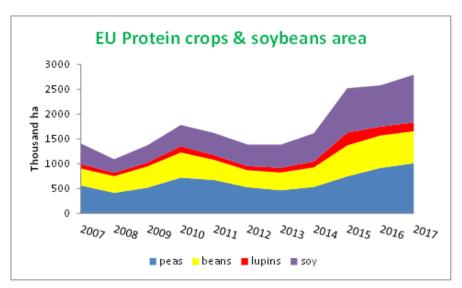


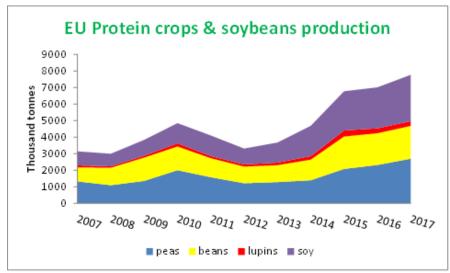
### EU protein crops and EU soya production on the rise

#### Area/production more than doubled since 2013

EU protein crops (peas, beans, lupins): 5 million tonnes

EU soya: 2.8 million tonnes







#### **Actions to establish the Protein Report**

#### 4 Expert workshops:

- April: "research" in Brussels
- June: "environment and agronomic practices" in Romania
- July: "supply chains" in France
- September: "market segments" in The Netherlands

## Member States involved in preparation:

- France
- Austria
- Romania
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Germany
- Denmark

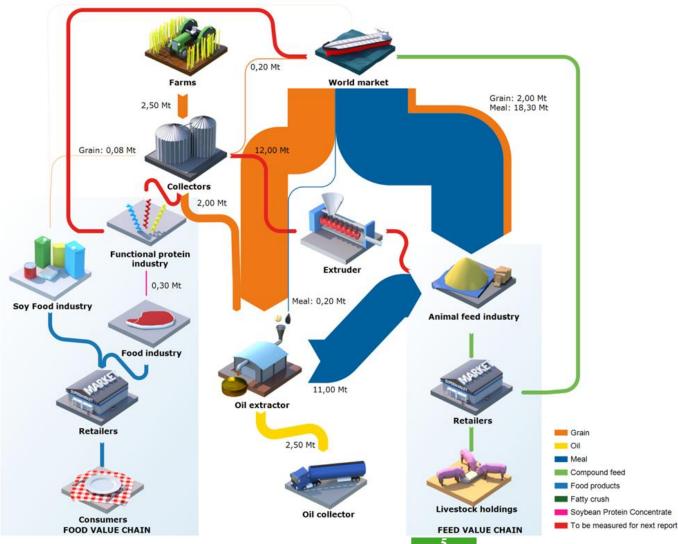
### Stakeholder survey:

- 444 replies from experts
- research and innovation highest priority
- Supply chain development
- Joint efforts of actors necessary

Externally contracted market study



#### Supply chain soya



Grain: 0,02 Mt

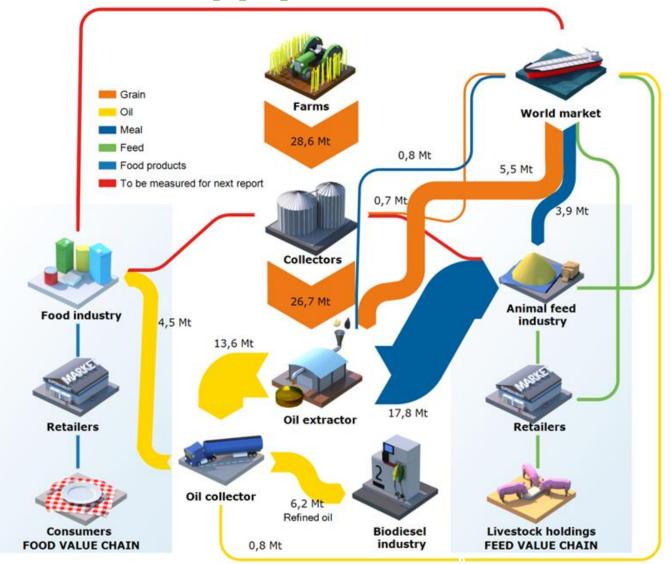
95% is import, both beans and meals

Mainly for feed

Food is non GM, mainly EU sourced



#### Supply chains other oil seeds



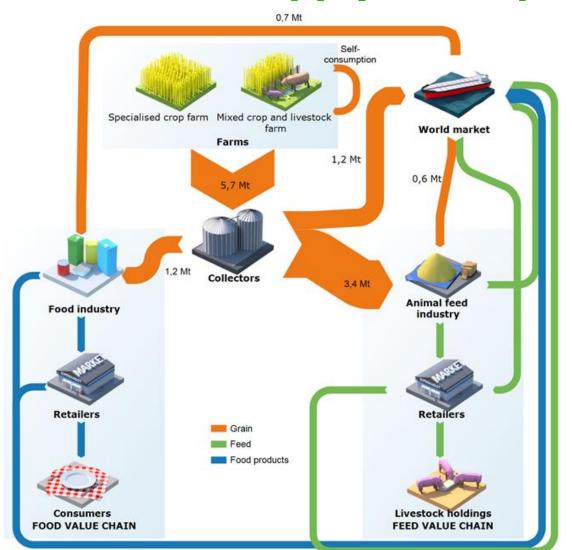
80% EU sourced Mainly Rape seed

Strong link with RED-II (biodiesel)

Meals for feed, mainly dairy



#### Supply chain pulses



25% for food (Mediterranean)

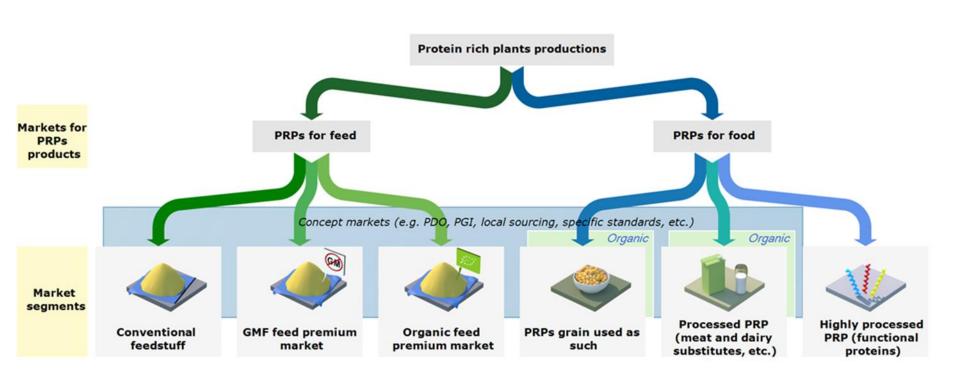
Export also for food (India, Egypt)

Feed more in North Europe

Relative important in organic farming



#### **Market segments**





#### **Drivers and Trends in feed markets**

	Conventional feed	Premium feed (non-GM, organic)
Drivers		
	Price	Consumer demand (health, environment)
	(year round) availability	Value added (extra margin for producer/brands)
	Protein & amino acid content	Labelling
Trends		
	Shift livestock production to Poland, Romania, Spain	Non-GM milk (Germany, Austria)
	Shift market to premium/sustainable segments	More sustainable (poultry)meat and eggs
		Growing organic demand (Scandinavia, Germany, Austria)



#### **Drivers and Trends in food markets**

	Pulses as food	Meat and dairy replacements
<b>Drivers</b>		
	Flexitarians	Flexitarians
	Supply chains with multi-annual commitments	Supply chains with multi-annual commitments
	Mediterranean and ethnic foods	GM free → EU sourced
Trends		
	Growing demand as meat alternative	Growth of 7% annually
	Research in taste and easiness of cooking	Improved availability in supermarkets
	Decrease in diets with traditionally higher shares of pulses (mediterranean)	Both main food companies and private labels



#### Policy (CAP) instruments today

- Greening: crop diversification, Ecological Focus Areas
- Voluntary coupled support (16 Member States)
- Rural development measures (supply chains, link to EIP-AGRI operational groups)
- Strengthening of farmers in supply chains: facilitation of recognized PO/APO the joint production and selling in all sectors
- Research: European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI) (14 programmes), Horizon 2020 (4 programmes)



#### Policy (CAP) instruments of tomorrow?

- Strengthening of farmers in supply chains: Directive on Unfair Trading Practices
- CAP strategic plans: needs analysis, setting of objectives
- Sectorial programmes for other products
- Enhanced conditionality: crop rotation instead of diversification
- Eco schemes (voluntary for farmers, mandatory for MS)
- Coupled income support
- Rural development: agri-environmental measures, innovation, knowledge transfer, investments
- Research: Horizon Europe



#### Commission report on "Development of Plant Proteins in the EU"

- Current supply and demand situation of plant proteins in feed & food
- Market developments & drivers in the different segments for feed and food use
- Environmental benefits & agronomic practises
- State of play in plant protein research
- EU Policy Instruments and Initiatives of Member States
- Recommendations



#### **Further information**

The EU plant protein website:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cereals/development-of-plant-proteins-in-europe\_en