





# Protein Plan

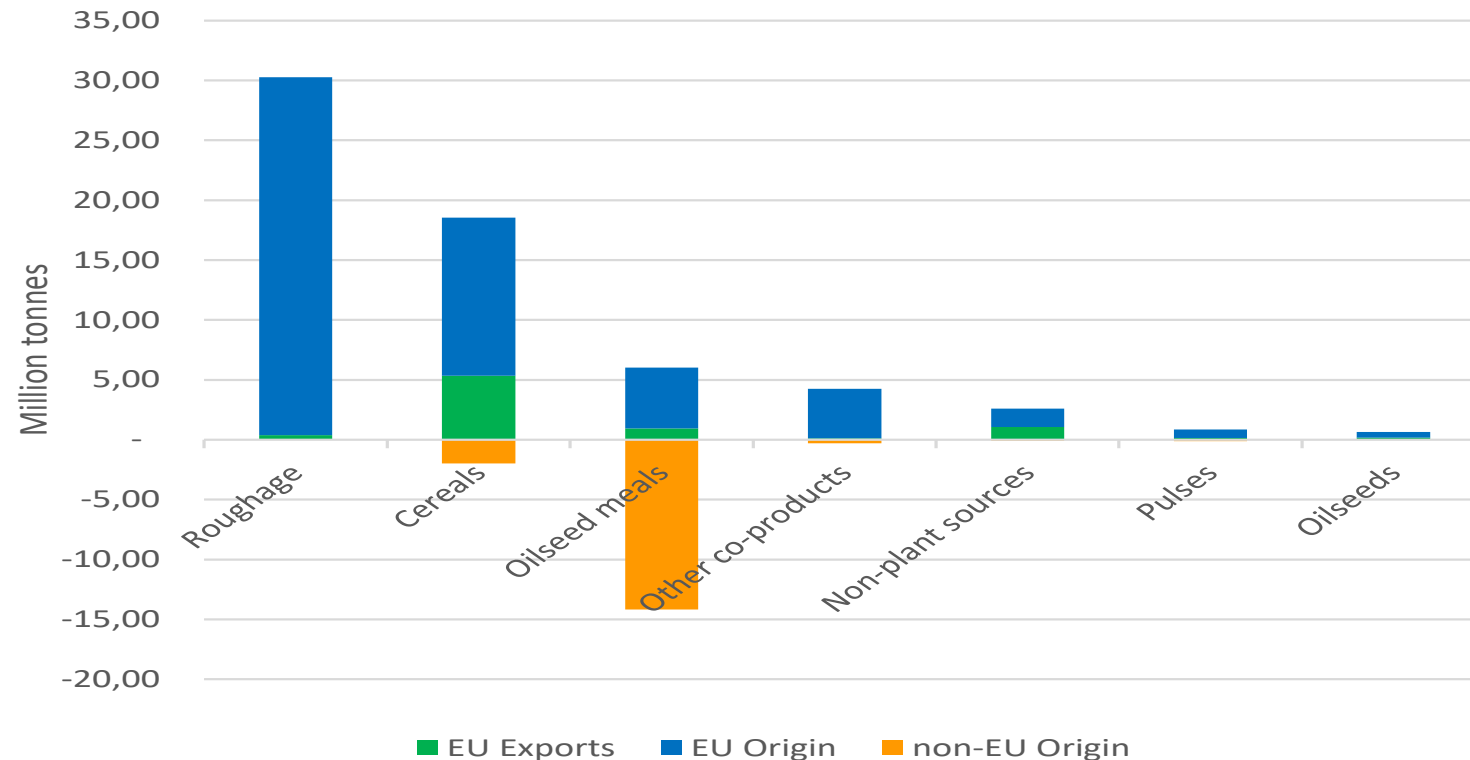
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# Why is protein on the EU agenda?

- A critical dependency on high-protein feed

Origin of protein used for feeding EU livestock and exports of those products (in Mt protein)

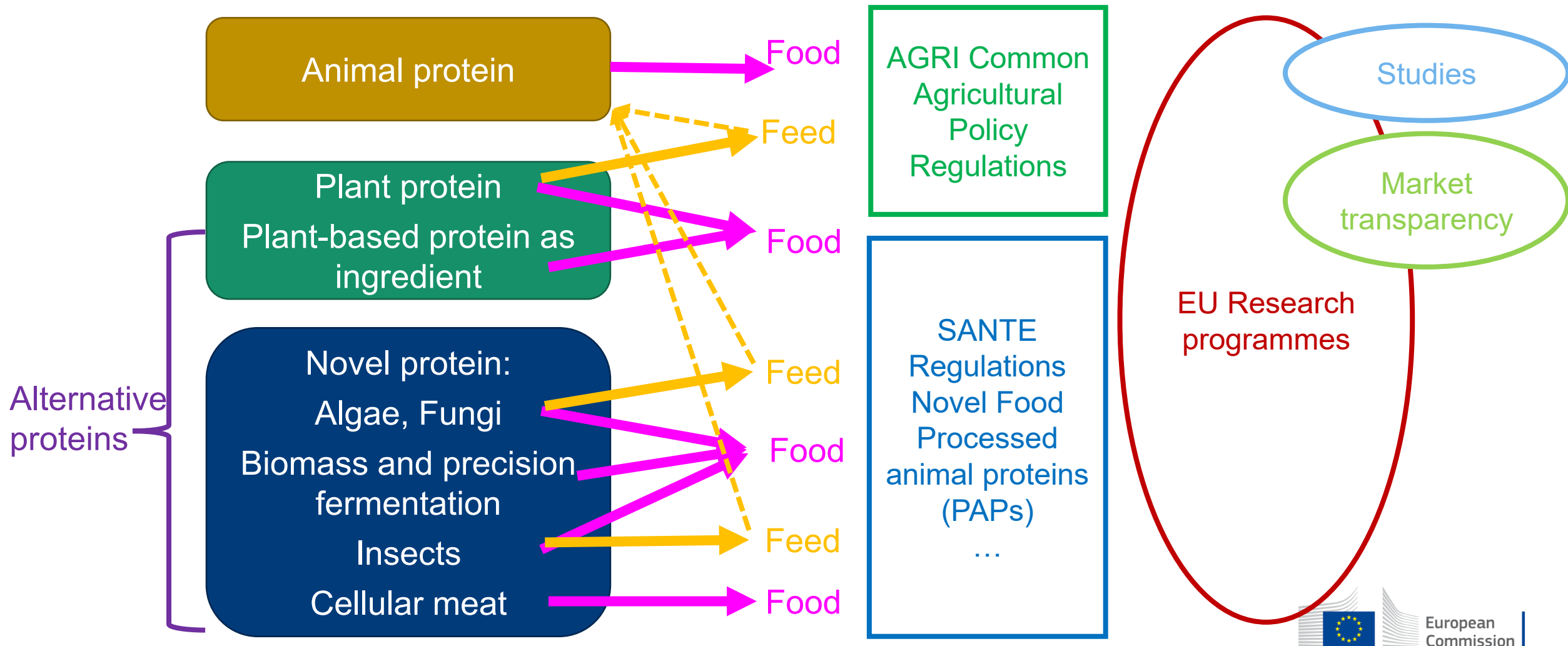


Source: DG AGRI - EU Feed Protein Balance Sheet – forecast 2022/23.

# Why is protein on the EU agenda?

- A critical dependency on high protein meals for feeding its livestock
- Also driven by environmental and societal considerations
  - Food security – current EU agri-food system resilience/stability
  - Deforestation concerns
  - GHG emissions and environmental performance
  - Nitrogen leakage
  - Fertilisers price
- [Vision for Agriculture and Food - European Commission](#) (February 2025)
  - Comprehensive plan to create a more self-sufficient and sustainable EU protein system

# The protein EU regulatory and policy landscape

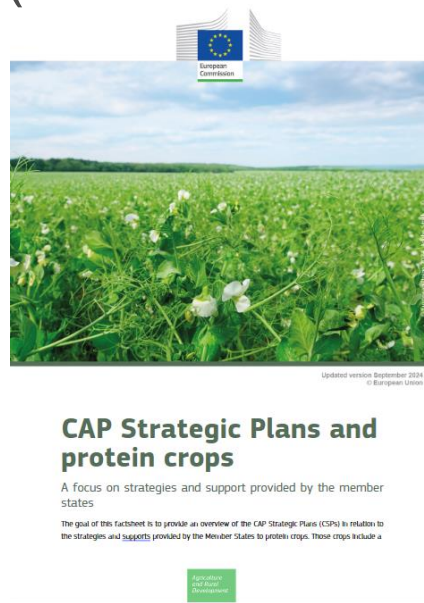
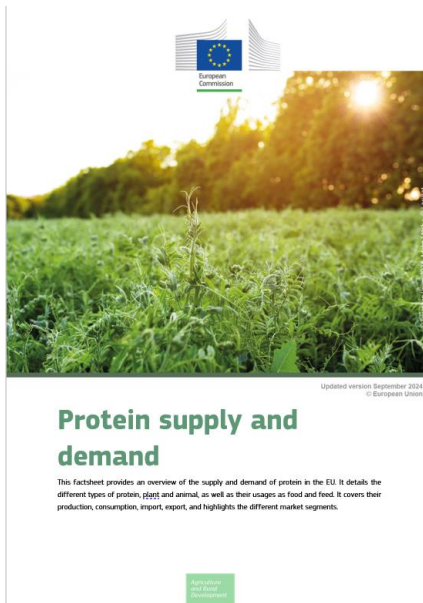


# What has been done so far?

- Common Agricultural Policy: support to producers and supply-chain organisation
  - Extended coupled income support to farmers for protein crops
  - Eco-schemes: protein crops remunerated for their environmental services
  - Operational programmes open to protein crops producers organizations (investments, risk management...)
  - Rural Development instruments (risk management, investments, cooperation, knowledge transfer, advise...)
  - Good Agricultural and Environmental conditions for support: favor protein crops
- Research and Innovation: 120 projects, EUR 640 million
- Market transparency: publication of protein crop prices

# What has been done so far?

- EU protein policy review: data and information gathering, wide stakeholders consultations (2022-2023-2024)



- Studies on feeding strategies and on closing the EU protein gap

[https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/farming/crop-productions-and-plant-based-products/cereals/reducing-plan-protein-deficit-eu\\_en](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/farming/crop-productions-and-plant-based-products/cereals/reducing-plan-protein-deficit-eu_en)

# What has been proposed under the last CAP reform proposal (July 2025)?

- Creation of a **protein crops sector** in the Common Market Organisation Regulation
- Facilitation of the **organisation of the value chain**: recognition of producers organisation mandatory for Member States for protein crops
- Reinforcement of the support for protein crops under **operational programmes** by recognised producer organisations
- Enable the setting of **marketing standard** for protein crops: for origin-labelling of protein crops (dried pulses and soya beans)
- Future income support: better targeting of decoupled payments and coupled income support



# Next step: a comprehensive plan

- Based on the EU protein policy review and the wide consultation presented earlier
- **All sources** of protein in a system approach, not just soybeans
- Acknowledge **synergies** and complementarities (food/feed, feeding systems, circular economy)
- A **value chain approach**: coordination from farm to retail
- Acknowledge the **environmental and health benefits** of legumes and plant-based protein
- **Research and innovation** throughout the chain

# Thank you!



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