

**Question for written answer P-014201/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Lack of EU capacity in the animal feed sector

Europe is currently importing more than 30 million tonnes of soybeans, soybean meal and dried distilled grains with solubles (DDGs) annually in order to meet its animal feed needs.

Global projections for consumption of vegetable protein in animal feed suggest that demand will continue to increase by around 6% each year until 2020. This indicates that Europe will face growing competition on the animal feed market in the years to come.

Could the Commission provide:

1. an assessment of the amount of protein that it will be necessary to import in order to meet demand for animal feed in the period until 2020;
2. its best possible assessment of the price changes for animal feed which European producers might face in the period until 2020;
3. and an overview of the steps which the Commission plans to take in order to ensure that the EU is self-sufficient in the animal feed sector?