

**Question for written answer E-000043/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protein crop production in the EU

As part of the 'Farm to Fork' strategy, the Commission has undertaken to examine EU rules in order to reduce dependence on critical feed materials, including soya. It is to do that by focusing on EU-grown plant proteins and on alternative feed materials such as insects, marine feed stocks (e.g. algae) and bioeconomy by-products (e.g. fish waste). Furthermore, through research and innovation the Commission will be helping to increase the availability and number of sources of alternative proteins such as plant, microbial, marine and insect-based proteins and meat substitutes.

1. What steps have already been taken in this context and what results can the Commission present?
2. How will the Commission step up its efforts regarding plant and alternative proteins in its next protein strategy?

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