

## General News

### Market Situation

This season's market is dominated by the fact that stocks for the main feed materials are low around the world and global demand is recovering post Covid 19. Weather issues in Canada, Russia and France have only heightened concerns on the supply side. This has resulted in the Matiff futures strengthening for both wheat and barley and import prices for physical supplies have followed the futures market upwards. On the logistics side, hurricane Ida has disrupted movement into and out of New Orleans. Switching export cargos into the domestic US market is causing a short-term blip as these cargoes will need to be honoured and shipped eventually. Low Water level problems in some rivers in Argentina continue to cause problems for loading cargoes from that region. Congestion at ports in China due to covid measures is also having an impact on the loading and unloading of containers. While the September WADE report did not immediately strengthen the markets. Other concerns over the cost of freight, the effect of La Nina weather, rising oil prices, tight labour issues and rising Covid 19 infection rates in third countries continue to keep the market supported for the short to medium term. The EU Commission

[September JRC Mars Crop report](#) focuses on Russian cereal crop conditions.

Considering the country as a whole, the yield of wheat (of which Russia is one of the world's main exporters) is expected to be almost 12% below last year's level and 8% below the 5-year average. In contrast, for grain maize, which is mainly produced in the south-west, the outlook is very positive, close to record levels. Global Grain prices for this week clearly reflect the dramatic cost and volatility in the feed material market place at the moment.

Future Markets	UK feed wheat	Paris milling wheat	Chicago wheat	Chicago maize
Contract month	Nov-21	Dec-21	Dec-21	Dec-21
Price (per tonne)	£202.50	€264.25	\$277.48	\$213.19
Change on week	£8.50	€11.00	\$11.57	\$5.81

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### EU Agri-Food Trade Sustains Increase, After a Slow Start in 2021

Latest EU agri-food trade figures published show that trade is following an upward trend, with exports increasing for the first half of 2021 [read more](#). The latest edition of "Price dashboard" is now available see [link](#)

### MEPS Support €5 Billion Brexit Fund

The EU's €5 billion Brexit Adjustment Reserve was approved in September. The aim of the fund is to support business, communities and jobs most impacted by Brexit and three factors are being used to calculate how much money each EU country will receive: the importance of trade with the UK, the importance of fisheries in the UK exclusive economic zone and the importance of neighbouring links in maritime regions bordering the UK. Ireland will be the largest beneficiary and will receive €1 billion followed by €810 million for the Netherlands, €670m for France, €590m for Germany and €350m for Belgium. Full details of the breakdown can be seen [here](#). The fund covers expenditure on Brexit related issues since 1 Jan 2020 so first instalments will be paid out in 2021. The remainder will be distributed in tranches up to 2025.

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### RASFF 'S SEPT 2021

Total Food & Feed	388
Total Feed	24
Feed Materials	19
Feed Premixtures	1
Feed Additives	1
Compound Feed	2
Pet food	1

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### WHAT'S ON

- Teagasc Oct events [read more](#)
- Oct 8 Basic PEF training
- Oct 12 Farm to Fork webinar
- Oct 19 Zero GHG webinar
- Oct 20 FEAC Premx committee
- Oct 21 FEAC Feed committee

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## New Timetable for Controls on Importing Animal Products into UK

The UK intends to introduce the same controls on incoming goods from the EU as on goods from the rest of the world. However, due to pressures on global supply chains caused by a wide range of factors including the pandemic and the increased costs of global freight transport, the UK government has decided to delay the implementation of some of these new controls, especially those relating to Sanitary and Phytosanitary goods.

- The requirement for pre-notification of agri-food imports will be introduced on 1 January 2022 as opposed to 1 October 2021.  
The new requirements for Export Health Certificates, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Phytosanitary Certificates and physical checks on SPS goods at Border Control Posts due to be introduced on 1 January 2022, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- The requirement for Safety and Security declarations on imports will be introduced as of 1 July 2022 as opposed to 1 January 2022.

IGFA members were asked to complete a DAFM survey if they were exporting any animal feed products to GB. This is to facilitate a smooth transition to the new procedures that will be required.

DAFM is concerned about the slow response rate to the survey and asked IGFA to remind you of the importance of engagement on this. Surveys to be sent to [FeedExports@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:FeedExports@agriculture.gov.ie). Even with the extension as outlined above it is important to engage with DAFM ASAP.

The survey form can be downloaded [here](#)



## GMP+ International Scheme Changes

As advised in [IGFA August feed issues](#) the EU has made changes (eased restrictions) on the use of processed animal proteins (PAPs) in feed according to the [Directive \(EU\) 2021/1372](#). GMP+ Feed Certification are striving to carry out scheme changes to reflect the change in the PAP regulation by 1 January 2022. GMP+ certified feed companies are reminded that feed materials may only be used if they are also listed in the [product list](#) of GMP+ International. Click here for the [application procedure](#) if the feed material you wish to use is not on the list.

## Covid 19 and Inspections

DAFM has informed IGFA that an extensive protocol in relation to Covid 19 has been developed. It includes the provision that Feed Inspectors use antigen tests and the results of these can be shared with any feed business. Feed Inspectors have been informed that they must comply with any procedures that the business requires them to adhere to, complete questionnaires, PPE etc. If a feed business refuses entry to a Department Inspector, the Inspector is required to notify his/her manager immediately. Feed assurance auditors are now gradually returning to on site audits and members should prepare themselves. Lisa Maguire is the Irish based auditor and getting in touch with her might be a good option to avoid having to bring auditors in from the UK and through airports.

For members looking for antigen test kits, David Bray from Abbott has agreed that the minimum pack size of Antigen test kits he will supply is now 300. Members can contact him at [David.bray@abbott.com](mailto:David.bray@abbott.com)

## IGFA Feed Committee outcomes

Organisational issues were discussed at the recent IGFA Feed Committee meeting in mid-September. The decision to postpone the IGFA Annual Dinner, originally scheduled for the end of January 2022, to January 2023 was confirmed. Although regrettable it was felt that the uncertainties and risks associated with Covid were too great, especially for an event as large as our Annual Dinner.

On more positive news - Bobby Roche, Roches Feeds and John Coleman, ADM will continue in their current roles as IGFA President and Chair of the IGFA Feed Committee. Bobby and John were congratulated and thanked for all their hard work, particularly during such a challenging few years for the feed industry.

## Sustainability

### IGFA Response to the Draft Nitrates Action Programme Consultation

The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage consultation on Ireland's draft nitrates action programme was published on 9 August. It contains a number of proposals to help improve air and water quality and improve biodiversity. The IGFA Feed Committee discussed the consultation at a recent meeting and the final IGFA response is available [here](#). The changes proposed will impact on various Agri stakeholders and especially farmers. They include measures on establishing a chemical fertiliser register, improving compliance and slurry and soiled water storage and management. There is also a proposal on livestock excretion rates and allocating an excretion factor to dairy cows based on milk yield. IGFA members were particularly concerned about the impact

of this proposal on efficiency and the lack of incentive it delivers to those farmers who are not only more productive, but are exercising best practice and management on their farms. The current nitrates action programme expires on 31 December 2021 and the new one will cover 2022-2025.

## European Parliament Draft Opinion on the Farm To Fork Strategy

MEPs on the agriculture and environment committees voted on 9 September 2021 on a draft joint opinion on the EU Commission Farm to Fork Strategy. Both Committees asked in particular for

- the reduction targets for antibiotic use, pesticides and nutrient losses to be mandatory as opposed to aspirational
- 0-tolerance for residues of pesticides meeting the cut-off criteria in imported agri-food products
- regulatory targets to be set for the reduction of GHG emissions
- the development of an EU protein transition strategy
- the establishment of differentiated VAT rates depending on the sustainability performance of products
- the promotion of the use of plant-based food waste for animal feeding where food waste cannot be prevented

As far as feed is concerned the opinion asks for

- due diligence for deforestation-free sourcing
- the preventive use of substances currently not classified as antibiotics but having antibiotic properties, i.e. coccidiostats as part of the revision of the feed additives Regulation

In advance of the above opinion being agreed, EU Agri food chain stakeholders, including FEFAC, issued a statement raising concerns about the impact of the farm to fork strategy on production levels and production costs for farmers. The statement also warned of the potential damage to the Agri sector if additional restraints are put in place. All MEPs will vote on this opinion at a Plenary session at the end of October.

## Environmental Footprint - Basic Training



The European Commission is hosting a short training webinar on the product environmental footprint (PEF) method on 8 October 2021 from 9 -10am (Irish time). It will provide a very basic introduction to the PEF method and to the Environmental Footprint method in general and no previous experience in the field is necessary. You can register at this link [EUSurvey - Survey \(europa.eu\)](https://eu-survey.eu)

## Webinar On Feed Industry Contributions to Zero-Net GHG Emission Targets



In September the EU and US administrations agreed on a common pledge to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030. The pledge highlights in particular the need for the investment in and implementation of technological solutions. Both administrations will aim to convince some of the world's largest economies to also sign up to the pledge in the run up to the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow in November. FEFAC is hosting webinar on the afternoon of 19 October on Feed industry contributions to zero-net GHG emission targets and is keen to emphasise the work undertaken by the feed industry. Register for the webinar [here](#).

## Technical News

### Feed Materials Catalogue

The European Commission published a draft Regulation amending the catalogue of feed materials. The Regulation modernises the marketing standards for the majority of the feed materials and sets rules and specifications for new entries. The draft Regulation is open for [feedback](#) until 7 October 2021 and FEFAC will prepare a response based on member input.

### Feed Additives REFIT of Legislation

The EU Commission services need information from operators on the use of feed additives (technical, economic, administrative). They intend to send individual questionnaires to interested parties including feed additives producers, traders, premix manufacturers and compound feed manufacturers. If you want to be involved, please register [here](#). Participation is open to both EU and non-EU based operators. This targeted consultation is one of the last 3 steps of the [consultation roadmap](#), which will also include interviews with feed chain associations (including FEFAC) and a workshop with Member States representatives and stakeholders within the next weeks.

### Products and Substances “Authorised” for Use In Organic Production

On 16 July 2021, [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1165](#) authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production was published. Part A of Annex III contains lists of feed materials and part B a list of feed additives that are allowed for organic

production from 1 January 2022. Specific conditions and limits are also listed. It is important to note that Annexes V and VI to [Regulation \(EC\) 889/2008](#) continue to apply until 31 December 2021.

## Outcome of SCoPAFF 20-22 September 2021

### ANNEX I OF REGULATION (EC) NO 767/2009 – MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVELS

Discussions took place to establish maximum levels for nutritional feed additives even when the substance is not added in the form of a feed additive. This proposal was triggered initially by concerns expressed by Member States that the benefit of using red algae to reduce methane emissions from enteric fermentation could be outweighed by the fact that this algae is high in iodine, hence the idea to limit the amount of iodine in the diet, using the max. level set in the authorization act of iodine compound. A letter from a FEFAC member, the Norwegian Seafood Association, to their authorities, was forwarded by FEFAC to the EU Commission to challenge this approach, the argument being the inconsistency with the objective of a more circular economy and use of new resources such as marine resources, rich in e.g. selenium would be counterproductive. The SCoPAFF was sensitive to the arguments and should restrict its approach to iodine. The topic will be further discussed at the next Animal Nutrition Committee, with a view to opposing the measure, even if limited to iodine, as it would set a dangerous precedent.

### EU CATALOGUE OF FEED MATERIALS

In the discussion on the EU Catalogue of feed materials, there was clear opposition from certain Member States to include “hemp silage”, “hemp flowers” and “hemp products” in the EU Catalogue. There will be a vote at the next SCoPAFF meeting, likely in December 2021.

### ETHYLENE OXIDE

There was a discussion on the management of incidences with ethylene oxide in feed and the SCoPAFF-animal nutrition confirmed its approach agreed at the meeting of April 2021, i.e. that the trigger for the decision to withdraw feed from the market was analysis with a cut-off set at LOQ. In this sense, the SCoPAFF confirmed its opinion that the measures imposed on the food side, i.e., withdrawal/recall based on traceability, should not apply to feed. A meeting is scheduled on 4 October 2021 between EU Commission services from different Units and national experts in charge of feed and food legislation to clarify this. During the SCoPAFF discussion on 20-22 September 2021, a number of authorities asked the EU Commission to define a set of principles to be used as a reference to support discussions on risk management measures, instead of a case-by-case approach. The EU Commission agreed to take up this task, but only once the ethylene oxide crisis will have been completely settled.

### REGULATION (EC) NO 429/2008 ON THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION OF FEED ADDITIVES

The EU Commission launched the stakeholders’ consultation on the draft proposal for a revision of Regulation (EC) No 429/2008 on the guidelines for the evaluation of feed additives. The amendments are triggered by an alignment with the “Transparency” Regulation (EC) 1381/2019, the reviewed EFSA Guidance Documents, the experience gained in the past years and previous. The deadline for comments is set for 15 October 2021. FEFAC will collect the comments via its Premix & Mineral Feed Committee.

## Animal Health

### Medicated Feed

EU Regulations on Veterinary Medicinal Products, 2019/6, and the manufacture, placing on the market and use of Medicated Feed, 2019/4, come into effect in January 2022. Delegated acts establishing specific max levels of cross-contamination for active substances in non-target feed are due to be published by 28 January 2023. DAFM veterinary division have advised they are still working on the Statutory Instrument (SI) with the Legal Services Division. IGFA has been assured that the SI will be published before the deadline but it is unlikely a draft will be available for us to view before the final quarter of 2021.

DAFM have hosted a series of Webinars to provide information on the changes that these new EU Regulations will bring. A number of useful presentations have been done on changes to prescribing. The first 2 presentations below are most relevant to the feed industry.

National Veterinary Prescribing System - Peter Collins	<a href="https://assets.gov.ie/130133/8c5555ff-65d5-4b77-ab81-8916daf6f429.pdf">https://assets.gov.ie/130133/8c5555ff-65d5-4b77-ab81-8916daf6f429.pdf</a>
Overview of Prescribing under EU 2019/4 & 2019/6 - Caroline Garvan	<a href="https://assets.gov.ie/130130/15d92e8b-ece8-48d6-ba04-f295c767a83c.pdf">https://assets.gov.ie/130130/15d92e8b-ece8-48d6-ba04-f295c767a83c.pdf</a>
Applying the Regulations to Prescribing Practices from 2022 - Niamh Muldoon, VCI	<a href="https://assets.gov.ie/130131/e0b049e7-297e-4c8b-ac91-ef42dc082a00.pdf">https://assets.gov.ie/130131/e0b049e7-297e-4c8b-ac91-ef42dc082a00.pdf</a>
Lessons from Cellcheck - informing prescribing regime for mastitis control - Finola McCoy, Animal Health Ireland	<a href="https://assets.gov.ie/130132/aba1a2df-5e78-4fce-827b-8c41e9536889.pdf">https://assets.gov.ie/130132/aba1a2df-5e78-4fce-827b-8c41e9536889.pdf</a>

Two webinars were held last week for IGFA medicated feed business operators that demonstrated the NVPS screens for Medicated Feed. A training video will also be put on line which we will circulate to members as soon as it is available.