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The European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) releases new version of Code EFABAR “Code of Best Practice on Animal Breeding and Reproduction”

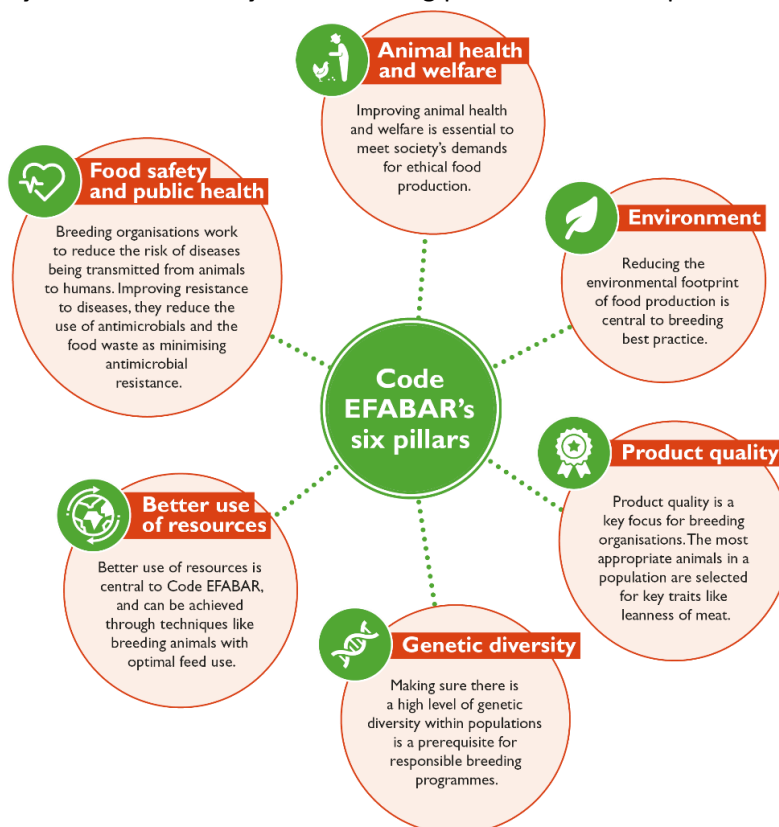
During the annual general meeting of EFFAB on May 28, 2020, the new version of the Code of Good Practice for farm animal breeding organisations, the Code-EFABAR 2020, was launched. Code EFABAR has been an important way for breeders to show their commitment to responsible breeding since its first launch in 2006.

Animal breeding and reproduction form a vital part of European food production systems. Across Europe, millions of animals are bred every year, including **beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, laying hens** and many different species of **fish**. The implementation of animal breeding programs by breeding companies, cooperatives and organisations in Europe, focus on a combination of traits that aim to improve animal **health and welfare, food safety and sustainability**. The breeding practices that companies adopt, directly impact the animals that farmers rear to provide sustainable, nutritious and tasty food to EU citizens.

Code EFABAR is a voluntary initiative of best practices to be used by EFFAB members that commit to defined **criteria of responsible breeding of livestock species**.

Code EFABAR recognises the central role of sustainability in safeguarding both European and global food security for today and the future. In 2020, the Code’s six core values were updated to align with relevant UN sustainable development goals (SDGs), incorporating new elements that optimise food safety and public health, resource efficiency, environmental impact and animal health and welfare.

Code EFABAR aims to contribute to increased transparency in the food production systems, building an understanding and a dialogue that is part of this process. Animal breeding is a part of the solution to the challenges addressed by the EU Green Deal and the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies.



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