

## Licence agreement between DVT and GFLI

**Milestone decision: New data licensing option for environmental assessment enhances transparency and comparability in the feed industry**

*Bonn.* The German feed industry is set to benefit from increased transparency and comparability in environmental assessment. The German Feed Association (DVT) has concluded a licence agreement with the Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI). This provides all interested member companies with access to a comprehensive database for life cycle analysis (LCA) of animal feed, which sets a precedent for a new type of license to cover a full market. The data enables internationally consistent calculation of the environmental footprint and provides a reliable basis for sound analysis. This agreement is pioneering in ensuring a uniform method for determining the ecological footprint of agricultural animal husbandry, thus facilitating objective comparability. At the outset, it will work in closed cooperation with the just established QS Climate Platform to document uniform values for the meat industry.

### Access to standardised environmental data

The licence agreement permits companies to utilise the data on individual raw materials for commercial purposes, including internal assessments, consulting activities, reports, presentations, and research and development projects. The aim is to objectively evaluate feed rations, taking into account their environmental impact, and to identify potential for optimisation. The data provides a fact-based basis for decision-making that supports the further development of the industry from a sustainability perspective with sustainable feeding strategies. 'As pioneers in objective sustainability reporting, we as feed industry are proud to be able to provide farmers with all the data they need to assess the environmental impact of feed rations,' emphasises Dr. Hermann-Josef Baaken, Managing Director of DVT.

### Uniform assessment standards as a new initiative

The Global Feed LCA Institute operates an independent, internationally accessible and continuously updated database. It standardises the environmental assessment of feed and its components throughout the entire

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life cycle (life cycle assessment). The agreement with the DVT is a significant milestone, as it is the first time that globally comparable assessment figures are made available on such a large scale. We are aware that companies in Denmark, the Netherlands and France are also preparing similar agreements.

### **Further information**

The Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI) is an independent institute specialising in animal nutrition and the food industry. The institute's primary objective is to develop a globally accessible, evolving database for animal nutrition life cycle assessment (LCA). This database is designed to support meaningful environmental assessment of feed and promote continuous improvement in environmental performance in the food and feed industry. The GFLI currently has 22 member associations and 25 member companies from around the world. The LCA data contained in the database, comprising around 1,900 data sets for raw materials and their origins from all regions of the world, is sourced from various research institutes, universities and companies. More information: [Global Feed LCA Institute \(GFLI\)](#)

#### *About DVT*

*The German Feed Association (DVT) is an independent trade association that represents the interests of companies that manufacture, store and trade in feed, premixes and additives for farm animals and pets.*