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SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL WELFARE

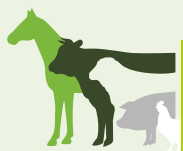
Ukraine 2025

dedicated to the World Day
for Farmed Animals



October 2, 2025
09:00 – 17:00 CET





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SUMMARY

The Sustainable Livestock and Animal Welfare Forum – Ukraine 2025 will explore how Ukraine's livestock sector is navigating transformation under multiple challenges, including the ongoing war and the EU accession process. The event aims to raise awareness of the urgent need to finalize the alignment of the national legislation with EU animal welfare standards and to ensure effective implementation of rules for the keeping, transport, and killing of farmed animals. A functioning official control system is essential not only for Ukraine's European integration but also for the development of international trade and the promotion of responsible, ethical livestock production.

While Ukraine is widely known for its crop production, the livestock sector also plays an important role in both national and global food security. According to the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, as of January 1, 2025, the country had 2 million head of cattle, 4.5 million pigs, 843,000 sheep and goats, and over 187 million poultry. These animals are kept on more than 77,000 farms and in 13.9 million households, engaging approximately 16 million people in agricultural production. Over 80,000 students are enrolled in agricultural universities and colleges, forming the foundation of the sector's future capacity.

Producers implement crisis-adapted management and better welfare practices. The government is working to harmonize policies with EU standards, and universities are updating curricula to reflect new demands. But are these efforts enough to reach the objectives? What strategies are needed to ensure lasting progress? How can all stakeholders work together more effectively to accelerate this transformation?

Representatives from the Ministry of Economy Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection, producer associations, businesses, academia, international technical assistance projects, and consumer organizations will come together to discuss these pressing questions.

The Forum will showcase practical examples, share lessons learned, and highlight the importance of coordinated action between policymakers, producers and scientists to build a sustainable livestock sector – even in times of crisis.

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EET	CET	
10:00–10:30	09:00–09:30	Welcome and opening. Towards Sustainable Livestock Farming
10:30–12:00	09:30–11:00	SESSION I. Animal Welfare Policy: Aligning with the EU
12:30–14:00	11:30–13:00	SESSION II. From Farm to Compliance: Implementing Animal Welfare Rules
15:00–16:00	14:00–15:00	SESSION III. Educating for Change: Building a Welfare-Ready Sector
16:30–17:30	15:30–16:30	SESSION IV. Expert Panel: Advancing Animal Welfare in Ukraine – Joining Forces for Sustainable Livestock
17:30–18:00	16:30–17:00	Closing remarks