

**Beef Task Force
of the EAAP Cattle Network Working Group
Background information**

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THE BEEF TASK FORCE of the EAAP Cattle Network Working Group

***Created during the 1st workshop organised by
the EAAP Cattle Network WG in Uppsala
(Sweden, 3–4 June 2005) on “Perspectives of
beef production in Europe”***

➤ *Role of the Beef Task Force*

- to monitor developments in the beef sector in Europe,***
- to identify research needs and priorities in developing tools and methods for policy impact analysis and for monitoring and analysis of farm strategies.***

History of THE BEEF TASK FORCE of the EAAP Cattle Network Working Group

*A project supported by
the EAAP Cattle Network Working group
in collaboration with
the Livestock Farming Systems Commission
& the Cattle Study Commission...*

*...focusing on proposals for common projects between
European countries concerning the new context of
production (CAP reform, market rules, number of farms
decreasing ...), leading to comparisons (competitiveness
and sustainability of beef production)*

*Micro-analysis of the farming systems is useful both for
policy makers and farmers*

and completing the Agribenchmark network (FAL)

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Collaboration :

***Writing a report on the Impact of the CAP on
European beef farming systems***

Contribution of the Beef Task Force

***Describing a common classification and zoning for
farming systems and regions in European
livestock***

***Be ready to participate in future European tenders
about CAP implementation***

1- The policy issue: historical and technical analysis of the EU Common Agricultural Policy: objectives and applications (SFP) for farmers among countries.

2- The diversity of beef farming systems in Europe: zoning of the livestock regions, types of BFS : location and production involvement.

3- Separate national analysis of the CAP implementation (country part)

Main systems, Methods, Main results (farm income and strategies for the farms to adapt, etc)

4- A common analysis

Consequences on production (herds and products) and market (exports/imports, prices, quality, etc).

Consequences on livestock involvement in global and individual income and in land use.

BTF SCHEDULE

for the REPORT and WORKSHOP

Steps

Exchange

Dates

Project start

Role and objectives

Upsalla, June 2005
EAAP Annual meeting

Project coordination

*First exchanges on methods,
results. Report framework*

Paris, November 2005
BTF meeting

Project coordination

Opening to other E.U. partners

Braunschweig, May 2006
within Agribenchmark conf.

Project progress

*Proposals for National parts and
BFS classification analysis.*

Rome, November 2006
BTF meeting

Project progress

*Contribution for National parts
and synthesis*

Mails, Spring 2007

Workshop

*Report Communication,
new steps*

Dublin, August 2007