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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU agricultural statistics – equines

The European equine sector contributes significantly to key EU objectives, including sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, rural development, animal welfare and tourism. Since Regulation (EU) 2018/1091¹ came into force, horses and other equines have been excluded from official agricultural statistics. This has created a major data gap, limiting our understanding of the sector's economic, environmental and social value, and making it more difficult to design effective policies or provide targeted support.

How does the Commission plan to reintegrate horses and other equines into EU agricultural statistics in order to properly reflect the sector's contribution and ensure it is considered in future policy development?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on integrated farm statistics and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1166/2008 and (EU) No 1337/2011 (OJ L 200, 7.8.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1091/oj> (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1091/oj>)).