



EUROPEAN FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL PRODUCERS

Europe is leading producer of fishmeal and fish oil

On a global level, Europe is producing 15% of the world's fishmeal and 21% of the world's fish oil

Fishmeal and fish oil are important marine ingredients with an increasing global demand. Used for aquaculture, human consumption and animal feeds, the products bring the important omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA into the human food chain via farmed fish and fish oil supplements.

European Fishmeal represents producers from EU as well as non-EU countries. The member countries are Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Norway, Spain and United Kingdom.

European Fishmeal members produce ~594,000 tonnes of fishmeal and ~170,000 tonnes of fish oil annually and the total value of production is approximately 1.2 billion €/year. The export goes to a number of countries worldwide.

The high-quality production is based on landings of small, oily, short-lived species such as blue whiting, capelin, sandeel, Norway pout and sprat as well as by-products (trimmings) from the fish processing sector. Trimmings accounted for 41% of the raw materials in 2021.

The production sites of the European fishmeal and fish oil industry are often placed in remote coastal areas and the sector contributes to growth and development in coastal communities across Europe.

Fishmeal and fish oil production is based on sustainable fisheries on marine resources. The European sector meets international standards and certifications applying to raw materials, production and traceability.

Aquaculture is the most resource efficient production of animal protein, and efficient utilisation of marine resources is key to the growth of a low carbon food production system.

FACTS:

Fishmeal production by European Fishmeal members:

594,000 tonnes on average annually (2017-2021)

Fish oil production by European Fishmeal members:

170,000 tonnes on average annually (2017-2021)

Estimated production value of fishmeal and fish oil:

1.2 billion €/year