

SGHN. Position paper

Factory farming

The Directorate-General of Quality and Environmental Assessment must verify carefully the documents related to the lands where the application of techniques involving slurry or manure based fertilisers is being considered and confirm that:

- They are the developer's property, or that the developer may certify that the owner authorisation is valid, including, given the case, the commonwealth of mountain lands.
- They are not registered as arable lands used for the application of organic fertilisers produced in other farms.
- They are suitable for the application of natural fertilisers according to the Galician Code of Good Agricultural Practice.
- They do not include priority conservation areas in the EU according to the Directive 92/43/CEE and that, given the case they include habitats of priority interest according to the aforementioned Directive, the application of the organic fertilisers will be done according to management guidelines to ensure their preservation.
- They do not include habitats of species included in the Galician Catalogue of Endangered Species or, if it were the case, that the application of the organic fertilisers will be done according to the management guidelines considered in the respective Preservation or Recuperation Plans, elaborated or in elaboration.
- The increase of LU (Livestock Unit) per unit of UAA (Utilised Agricultural Area) after the implementation of a non-minor project does not imply that the livestock stocking rates recommended by the EU shall be surpassed:
 - In the land consolidation area where the plot is located.
 - In the parish where the plots are located, when the land consolidation is not finished.

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