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The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed

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The [International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed \(IPIFF\)](#) - the umbrella association of the European insect sector - publishes today a contribution expressing the **'Commitment of the European insect sector towards more resilient and sustainable food supply systems'**

The COVID-19 pandemic has visible implications on the well-functioning of agriculture and other sectors directly involved in food production activities (e.g. declining agricultural workforce or heavily disrupted supply chains) - including on the insect production sector.

*'We wish to highlight **the importance of classifying insect farming as an 'essential activity'** by national public authorities. The functioning of innovative food-producing systems, providing high-quality solutions for the food and feed chains, has to remain a priority in times of crisis',* declared the **IPIFF President Antoine Hubert**.

*'We also urge the European Commission to publish the **'Farm to Fork'** Communication in accordance with the agreed time frame',* added the **IPIFF Chair**. *'Indeed, this strategy could be very helpful in identifying preliminary priorities on how to best respond to food security challenges resulting from major crises, such as pandemic events. In our view, the development of new protein sources, such as insects, is part of the solution in the transition towards more resilient and sustainable food production systems',* concluded the **IPIFF President**.

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