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**FNEC, the National Federation of Goat Farmers, was created in 1958. It represents all French goat breeders, both dairy milk suppliers and producers of farmhouse cheese.**

**2011 key figures**

**5,500 goat's milk producers, deliverers or farmers**  
**845,000 dairy goats in France**  
**48 departmental goat organizations are FNEC members**

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## MISSIONS AND FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

To defend the interests of all goat farmers, FNEC is present in all national bodies and authorities connected to the goat industry, particularly the French Livestock Institute (Institut de l'Élevage); the National Livestock Confederation (Confédération Nationale de l'Élevage); FranceAgriMer, the national agricultural agency; Capgènes, which runs the French goat breeding programme; and GDS France, the national federation of animal health protection groups. FNEC also represents goat farmers in ANICAP, the national umbrella organization for goat's milk.

FNEC carries out action in the general interest of goat farmers, taking into account the difficulties they face in the field. Its work includes:

- Negotiating and discussing with goat industry partners in ANICAP on farming best practices, the market context and industry agreements.
- Negotiating with various Ministry of Agriculture departments (health regulation, identification and traceability, defending raw milk, applying the "hygiene package", fat-content labelling and the use of the word "fermier" or free-range/farm-produced) in cooperation with CNIEL, CNAOL and other dairy industry stakeholders.
- Reducing, monitoring and implementing the Good Hygiene Practices Guide in farming, and providing support to farmers on regulatory and legal aspects.
- Conducting research projects focused specifically on goats, health issues, farm processing, goat feed, etc.
- Defending farm-cheese production vis-à-vis national and European health regulations.

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## GOVERNING BODIES

FNEC has a Governing Board of 26 members, who are farmers from every goat-breeding region of France.

In addition to this decision-making Governing Board, FNEC has created specialist commissions (goat industry producers, a farming commission, etc.) to work on specific issues.

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