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Source: Own calculation and illustration (2018); not representative

## 5 Conclusions

201 farmers from 16 countries participated in a survey on animal welfare, conducted by the European Dairy Farmers (EDF) and the Thünen Institute in 2018 (EDF Snapshot). First descriptive results of this unique data set are presented in this paper. The results show the importance of animal welfare throughout the supply chain. They also show why farmers are motivated to implement animal welfare aspects on the farm: to improve cow welfare and the economic performance of the farm. Even though the results are not representative, they offer interesting insights in the farmers' perception of animal welfare aspects. They also allow to address further research questions as for example to analyse differences regarding animal welfare between countries, to identify relations between animal welfare and herd sizes or to combine the data set with economic figures (CoP-data).

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