

EU Farm Assistant Guide

A Comprehensive User Guide to the EU-FarmBook Chatbot





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1. Introduction

The 'Farm Assistant Guide' introduces users to the chatbot integrated within the EU-FarmBook platform. Designed to offer quick and easy access to the resources provided in the platform, the Farm Assistant helps users navigate the platform, find relevant information, and interact with content more efficiently. This guide outlines how to use the chatbot effectively, ensuring users can take full advantage of its features to support decision-making and knowledge exchange in everyday farming practices.

2. What is Farm Assistant?

2.1. Description of its role

The Farm Assistant was created to provide accurate, reliable answers based on the verified knowledge stored within the EU-FarmBook platform. Unlike most chatbots, it does not generate answers beyond the content available in the platform, ensuring that users receive trustworthy and consistent information. Each response includes a link to the original source, allowing users to explore deeper into the topic or material if needed.

2.2. Who can use it?

Anyone using the EU-FarmBook platform can interact with the Farm Assistant - from farmers and advisors to researchers, policy makers, and other stakeholders in the agricultural sector. It is a modern, user-friendly tool that helps translate research and practical knowledge into accessible, practical solutions. As more content is added to the platform, the Farm Assistant will become even more helpful, making contributions essential to its growth and value.

3. Where can I find it?

The Farm Assistant is easily accessible from the EU-FarmBook homepage. It is located under the tab labeled "Farm Assistant", visible in the main navigation menu, as illustrated in Figure 1 below.



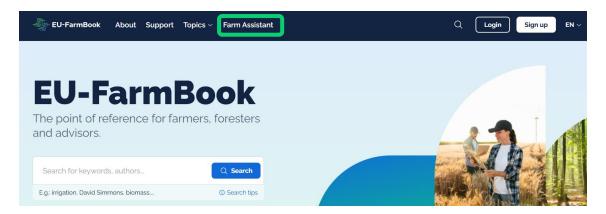


Figure 1: Accessing the Farm Assistant from the homepage

Once the page opens (see Figure 2 below), you'll see a dialog box where you can interact with the chatbot. Simply type your question into the "Type your question here" field, then click the button on the right to submit your query. The Farm Assistant will respond instantly with information based on the platform's knowledge base.

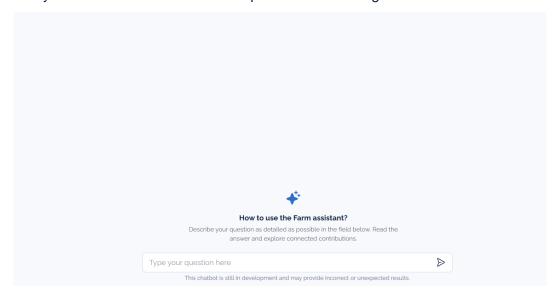


Figure 2: Typing a question into the Farm Assistant dialog box

4. Do I need to login in?

Users must be logged into the EU-FarmBook platform to start using the Farm Assistant.

If a user clicks on the Farm Assistant tab without being logged in, the chatbot window will still open, but a message will appear on the left side prompting the user to log in or register. As shown in Figure 3 below, this message indicates that access to the Farm Assistant requires authentication.

If you do not yet have an account, you will need to complete the registration process first. Once registered and logged in, you can begin interacting with the chatbot.



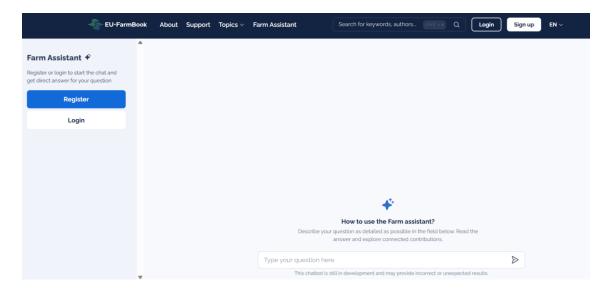


Figure 3: Dialog box displaying the login/registration prompt

5. Features of the Farm Assistant

The Farm Assistant provides users with a simple and user-friendly way to interact with the EU-FarmBook platform. Its key feature is the ability to provide accurate and relevant answers based exclusively on the platform's verified knowledge base. This ensures that all answers are trustworthy and directly linked to supporting material.

Key features of the Farm Assistant include:

- Reliable responses sourced only from EU-FarmBook content
- Direct links to the original resources for further reading
- Quick access to practical knowledge, tools, and solutions
- Multilingual support: The Farm Assistant currently supports queries and responses in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Spanish

The Farm Assistant is continuously evolving. In future updates, users can expect:

- Multilingual support, allowing interactions in additional European languages
- Voice interaction, enabling hands-free communication and accessibility
- Expanded knowledge base, as more content is added by the community

These upcoming features aim to make the Farm Assistant even more accessible, inclusive, and helpful to users across the European agricultural sector.



6. Getting Started with the Farm Assistant

Using the Farm Assistant is quick and intuitive. An example is following as a step-by-step-guide:

Step 1: Loging to the EU-FarmBook platform

If you are not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so when you try to access the Farm Assistant.

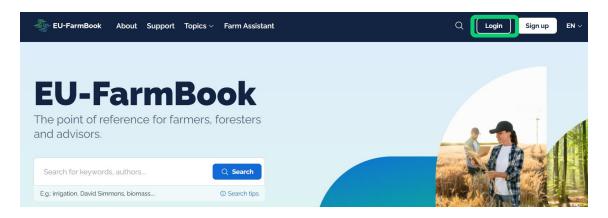


Figure 4: Login access on the EU-FarmBook homepage

Step 2: Navigate to the 'Farm Assistant' tab on the homepage.

Click the tab to open the chatbot interface (see Figure 5 below).

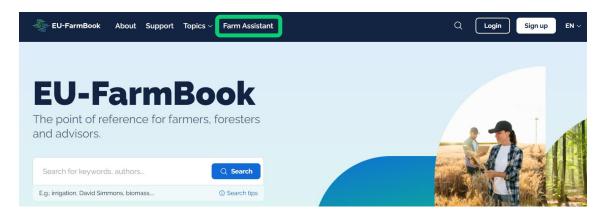


Figure 5: Access to the Farm Assistant from the home page

Step 3: Enter your question

Type your question into the text box labelled

"Type your question here", as illustrated in **Figure 2**, and click the send button on the right to submit your query.



You can type in any supported language: English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, or Spanish.

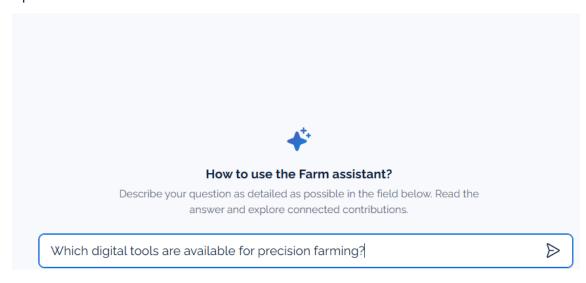


Figure 6: Submitting a question in the chat box

Step 4: Review the response

The Farm Assistant will generate an answer based on content from the EU-FarmBook platform. Each response includes a source link to the original Practice-Oriented Material (POM).

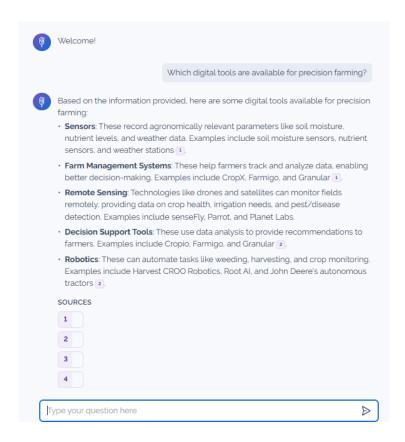




Figure 7: Chatbot-generated answer including source link

7. Additional resources

The resources available to help users make effective use of the Farm Assistant can be found within the EU-FarmBook platform and through its support materials. These resources are intended to provide further clarification, practical demonstrations and answers to common user questions:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

The platform's Support section includes a dedicated FAQ category titled "Finding information with the Farm Assistant." This section addresses common questions related to the chatbot's use, including supported languages, how to formulate effective queries, and general functionality.

Video Tutorial:

An tutorial video titled "What's next on EU-FarmBook | Farm-Assistant" is available on <u>YouTube</u>. The tutorial provides a clear, step-by-step demonstration of how to access and interact with the Farm Assistant.

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