

EAT NO MEAT TO SAVE THE PLANET? Think twice before making a false decision!

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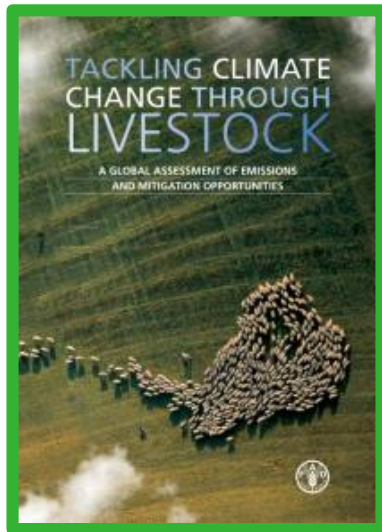
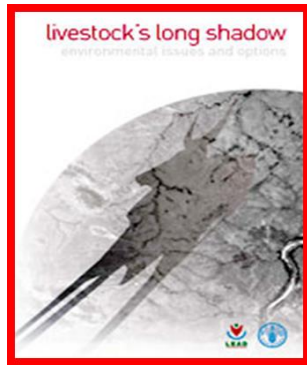
ON AGRICULTURAL GREENHOUSE GASES

- brings countries together to find ways to grow more food with lower emissions
- by improving global cooperation in research
- to support farmers, policies and other international organizations



GRA Members make up about 60% of global agricultural GHGs

Livestock's Long Shadow.. can be changed



- Genotyping low methane production for selection
- Improving feed quality and digestibility, rumen microbes
- Improving animal health and husbandry conditions
- Manure management: collection, storage and utilisation
- Improving C sequestration soils
- Precision Livestock Farming



Reducing Livestock is way too simple

Science

SUSTAINABILITY

Reducing food's environmental impacts through producers and consumers

J. Poore,* and T. Nemecek

Avoiding meat and dairy is single biggest way to reduce your impact on Earth




SAVE THE DATE

The Future of EU Livestock Production and Consumption

Launch of the RISE report and expert debate

13th September 2018
BRUSSELS

#BALANCEDLIVESTOCK
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RISE



#balancedlivestock

THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN LIVESTOCK

13th September 2018
0900-1330
Scotland House, Brussels

The launch of the new RISE report: What is the safe operating space for EU livestock followed by
A high level debate on the future of EU livestock production and consumption

REGISTER

RISE
The Future of European Livestock

Game Changer: Ecological Resource Use Efficiency

Production Efficiency

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Total Resource Efficiency



Circularity = Soil, Crops & Livestock!

SMART FEEDING



FOOD vs. FEED
crops mostly grown for

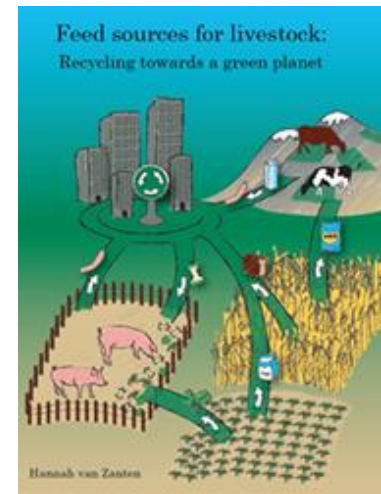
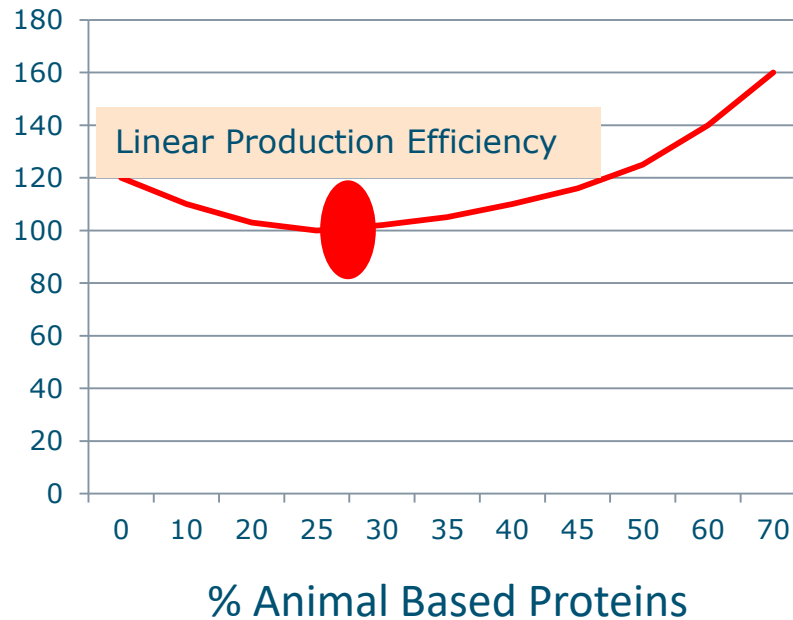
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Resources needed for Human Edible Proteins Production without Depletion of Productivity and Biodiversity

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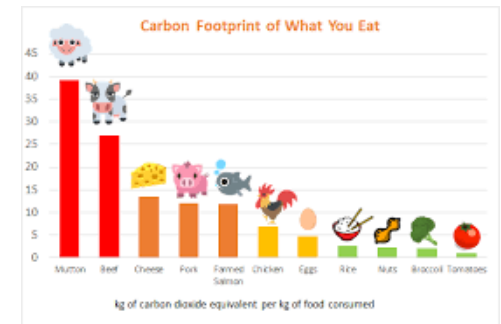
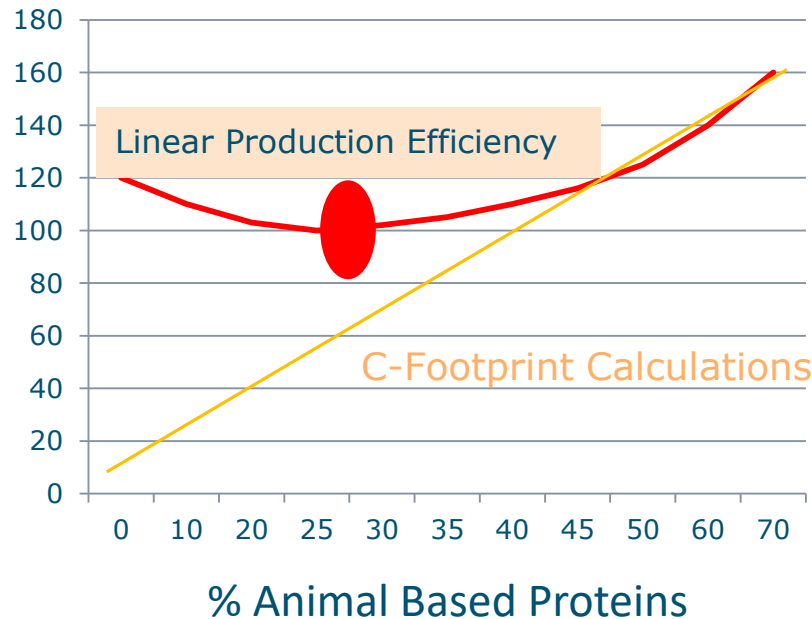
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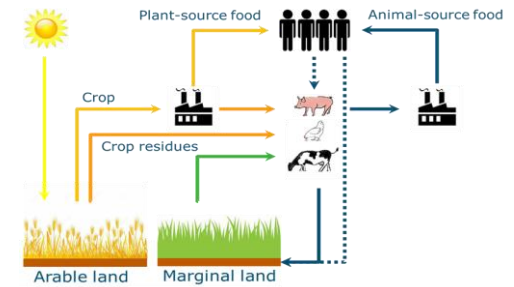
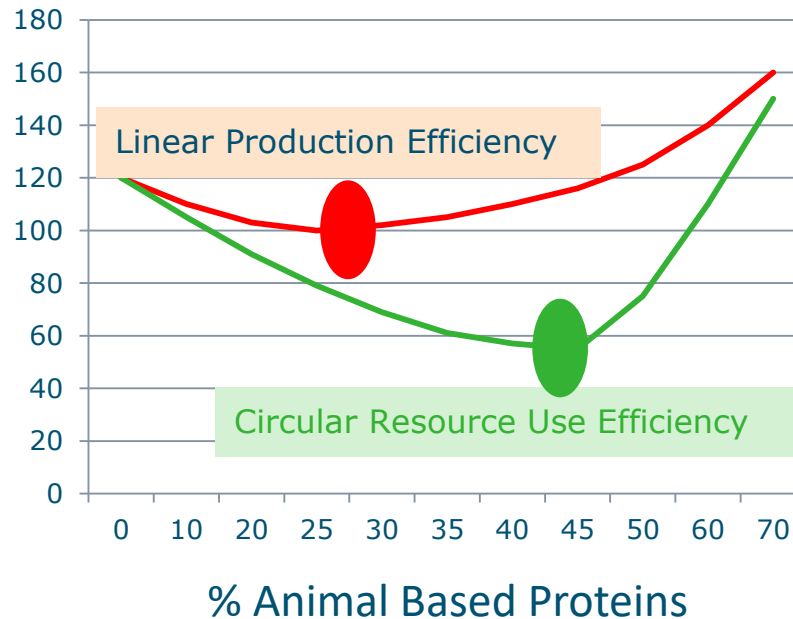
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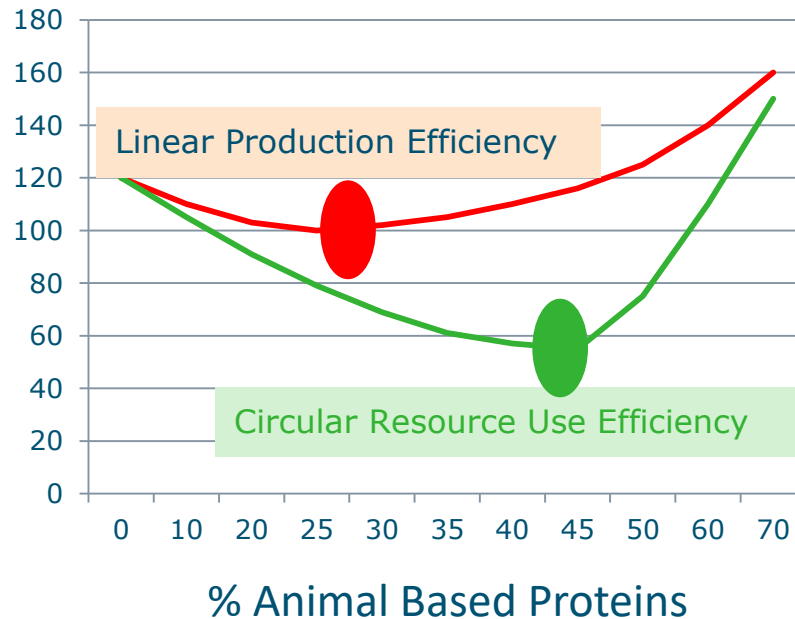
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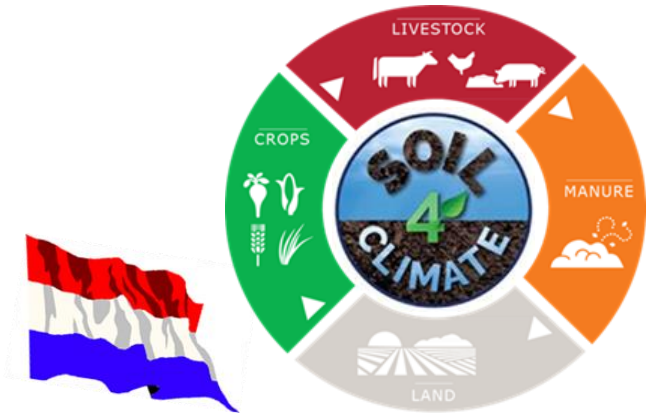


A BIG MISSED STEAK.

Climate Smart Food is Circular!



- More efficient use of Crops
- No specific Feed Production
- Better Agricultural Land use
- Low emission Husbandry
- Smart use of Manure
- Biobased organic Fertilizing
- More Carbon Sequestration



NL Agricultural GHG emissions:
18 Mton CO₂eq. /year

Direct mitigation potential:
3,5 Mton CO₂eq. /year

Additional by Circularity:
6 Mton CO₂ eq. /year

Can we "Turn the Tide"?



Circular Food is Good

