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# Legume Generation and more

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# **Reflections on the development of legume-supported cropping systems**

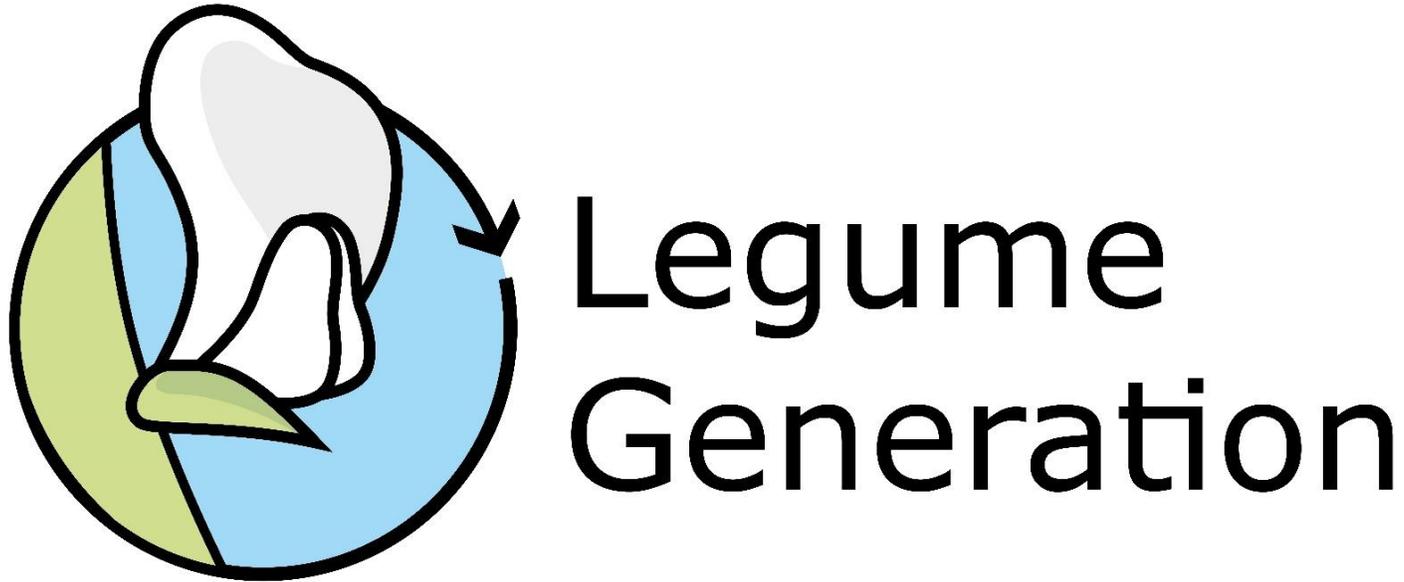
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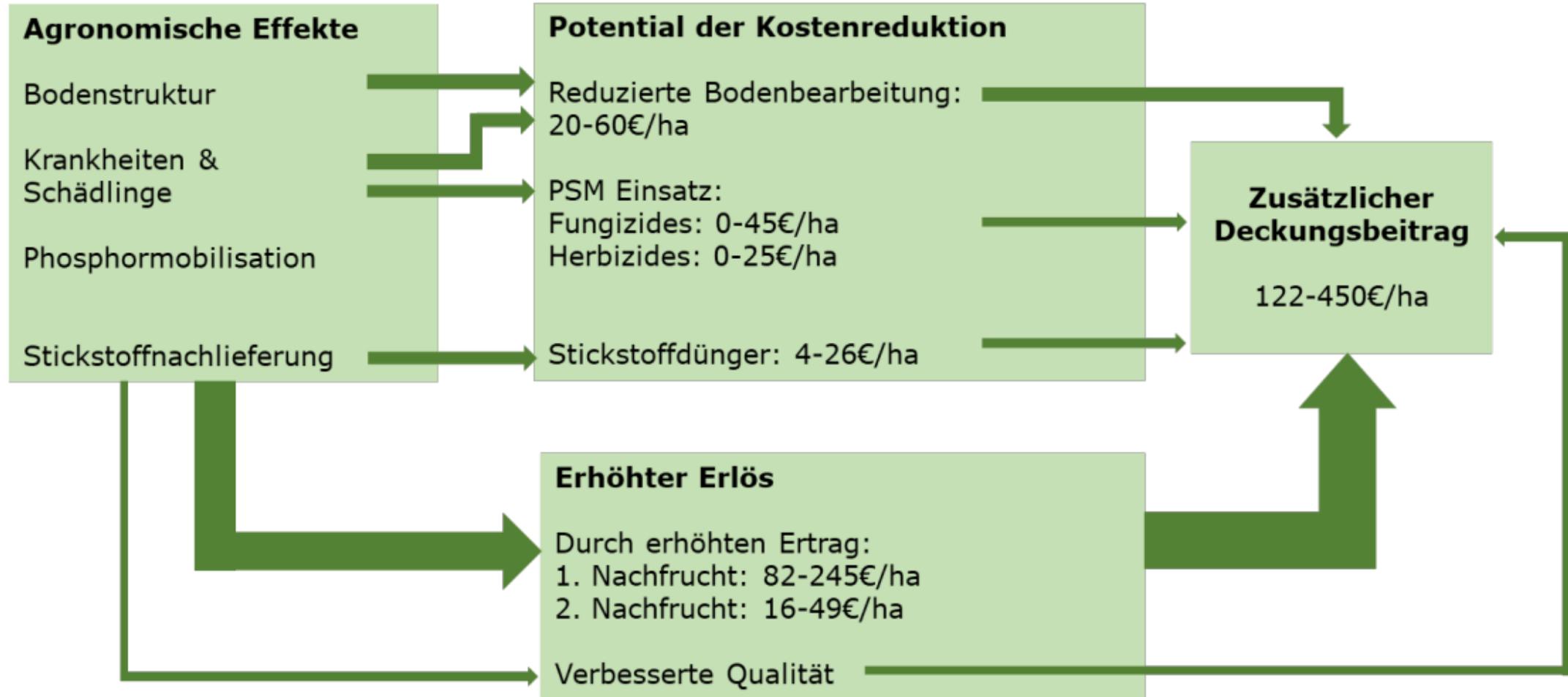
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# Vorfruchteffekte: Spanne aus praxisnahen Forschungsergebnissen



Zusätzlicher Deckungsbeitrag durch den Vorfruchteffekt von Körnerleguminosen auf ein nachfolgendes Getreide im Vergleich zu einer Getreide Vorfrucht (Angepasst von Preissel et al. 2015, Alpmann und Schäfer 2014, Preise von 2016-2019 für Weizen 163€/t und N Düngerpreis 0.75 €/kg N, MIO Marktinformation Ost).

# Beispiele von Fruchtfolgen aus Europa

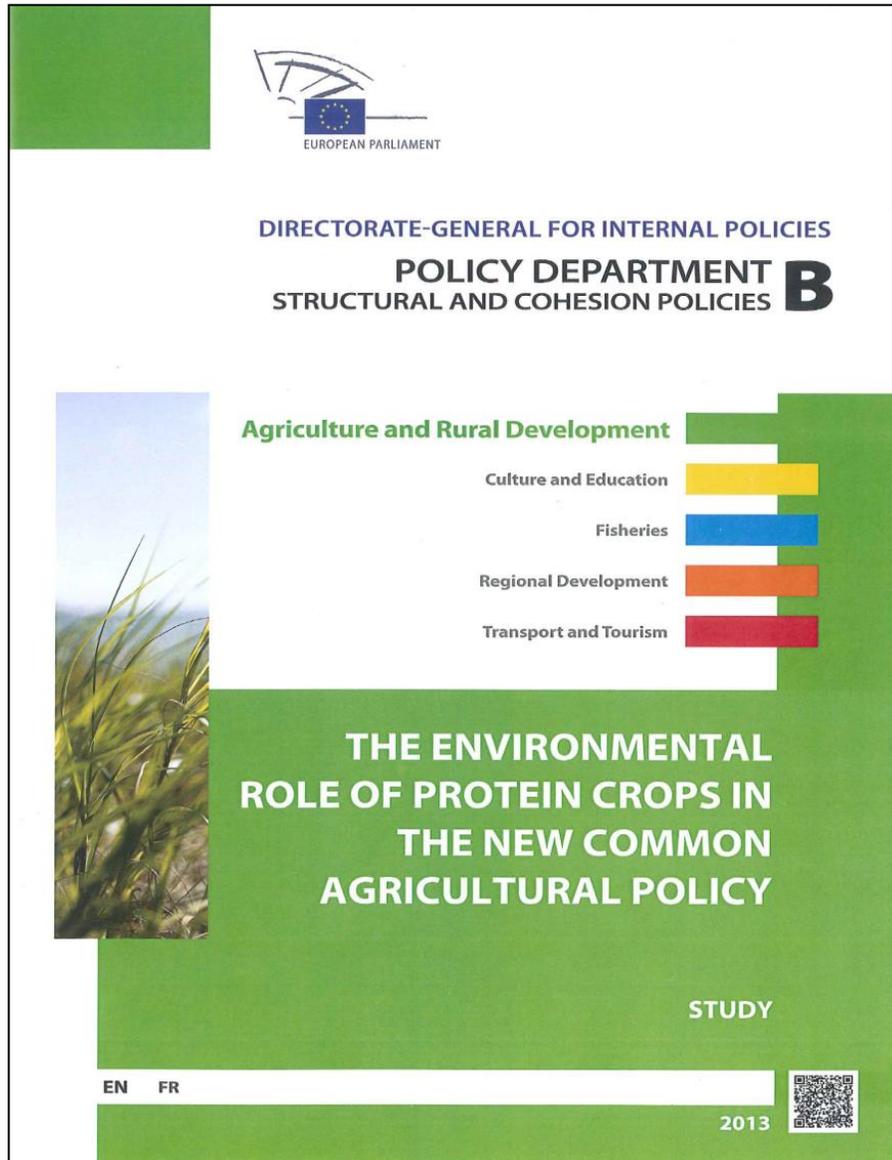
Study area; reference rotation	Rotation with legume	GM (standard)	GM (CO <sub>2</sub> -tax)	N fertilizer use	N <sub>2</sub> O emissions	Nitrate leaching	Protein yield	Energy yield
<b>Central East Europe</b>								
BG, BG 31; WW-GM-SF	BG 31#1: FP-WW-GM-SF	-22%	-22%	-28%	-24%	-16%	+4%	-10%
	BG 31#2: WW-SF-FP-GM	-17%	-15%	-29%	-23%	-11%	+1%	-13%
BG, BG 32; WOR-WW-SF-GM	BG 32#1: SY-WW-SF-WW	-2%	+1%	-54%	-45%	-13%	0%	-25%
BG, BG 33; WOR-WW-SF-GM	BG 33#1: CB-WW-SF-WW	-112%	-118%	-5%	+1%	+84%	-23%	-37%
RO, RO 11; GM-WW	RO 11#1: GM-WW-SY	-4%	+1%	-37%	-31%	-8%	+13%	-16%
RO, RO 21; GM-SF-WW	RO 21#1GM-WW-SY	+12%	+13%	0%	+8%	+21%	+44%	+6%
RS, RS 12; GM-WW	RS 12#1: GM-WW-SY	+70%	+78%	-19%	-7%	-11%	+57%	+8%
UA, Kyiv oblast; GM-SF-WW	UA #1: GM-SY-SF-WW	+5%	+6%	-20%	-12%	+11%	+16%	-11%
<b>Central West Europe</b>								
AT, AT 11; GM-GM-WW	AT 11#1: SY-WW-GM	+56%	+68%	-41%	-31%	-2%	+24%	-19%
AT, AT 12; GM-WW-SF	AT 12#1: GM-WW-SY	+7%	+9%	-16%	-6%	+32%	+39%	-3%
DE, DE 11; WW-WB-WT	DE 11#1: WW-WB-FP-WT	-21%	-19%	-29%	-24%	-12%	-3%	-13%
DE, DE 11; SU-WW-WB-GM	DE 11#2SU-WW-WB-FB	-35%	-36%	-38%	-20%	+79%	0%	-15%
DE, DE 13 (Kies); GM-GM-WW-WOR	DE 13#1: GM-GM-SY-WW-WOR	-13%	-11%	-22%	-19%	-1%	+7%	-11%
DE, DE 13 (Löss); GM-GM-WW-WOR	DE 13#2: GM-GM-SY-WW-WOR	-8%	-7%	-22%	-18%	+2%	+8%	-10%
DE, DE 40 (soil type 2); WW-WB-WOR	DE 40#1: WW-FP-WW-WB-WOR	-14%	-13%	-23%	-19%	-18%	+3%	-13%
	DE 40#2: WW-SY-WW-WB-WOR	-4%	-2%	-23%	-19%	-14%	+12%	-5%
DE, DE 40 (soil type 3); WR-WR-WOR	DE 40#3: WR-FP-WR-WOR	-15%	-14%	-27%	-21%	-17%	+5%	-8%
	DE 40#4: WR-L-WR-WOR	-16%	-15%	-27%	-21%	-15%	+10%	-9%
DE, DE 73; WOR-WW-WW-SB	DE 73#1: WOR-WW-FP-WW-SB	-24%	-25%	-21%	-17%	-16%	+6%	-7%
<b>North-West Europe</b>								
GB, UKM 7; WOR-WB-WO-SB-WB	UKM 7#1: WOR-WB-WO-FP-WB	0%	+2%	-30%	-23%	-24%	+10%	-3%
	UKM 7#2: WOR-WB-WO-FB-SB	+1%	+3%	-26%	-25%	-28%	+16%	-6%
IE, IE 05, IE, 06; WB-WO-WW-WB-WOR-WW	IE 05, 06#1: WB-WO-WW-FB-WW	-7%	-6%	-22%	-19%	-23%	+14%	-2%
IE, IE 05, IE, 06; SMB-SO-SFB-SMB-SMB	IE 05, 06#2: SMB-FB-SO-SFB-SMB	+7%	+10%	-20%	-14%	-8%	+25%	-4%
<b>Southern Europe</b>								
IT, ITH 4; GM-GM-GM	ITH 4#1: GM-SY	+93%	+134%	-54%	-63%	-30%	+35%	-20%

Arable cropping systems



"GM CO<sub>2</sub>-tax," a carbon tax of 50€/t CO<sub>2</sub> eq was assumed and levied on the use of all fossil carbon sources within the manufacturing process of mineral N fertilizers in which 5.62 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kg N fertilizers were assumed (Kool et al. 2012).

# Report for European Parliament 2013

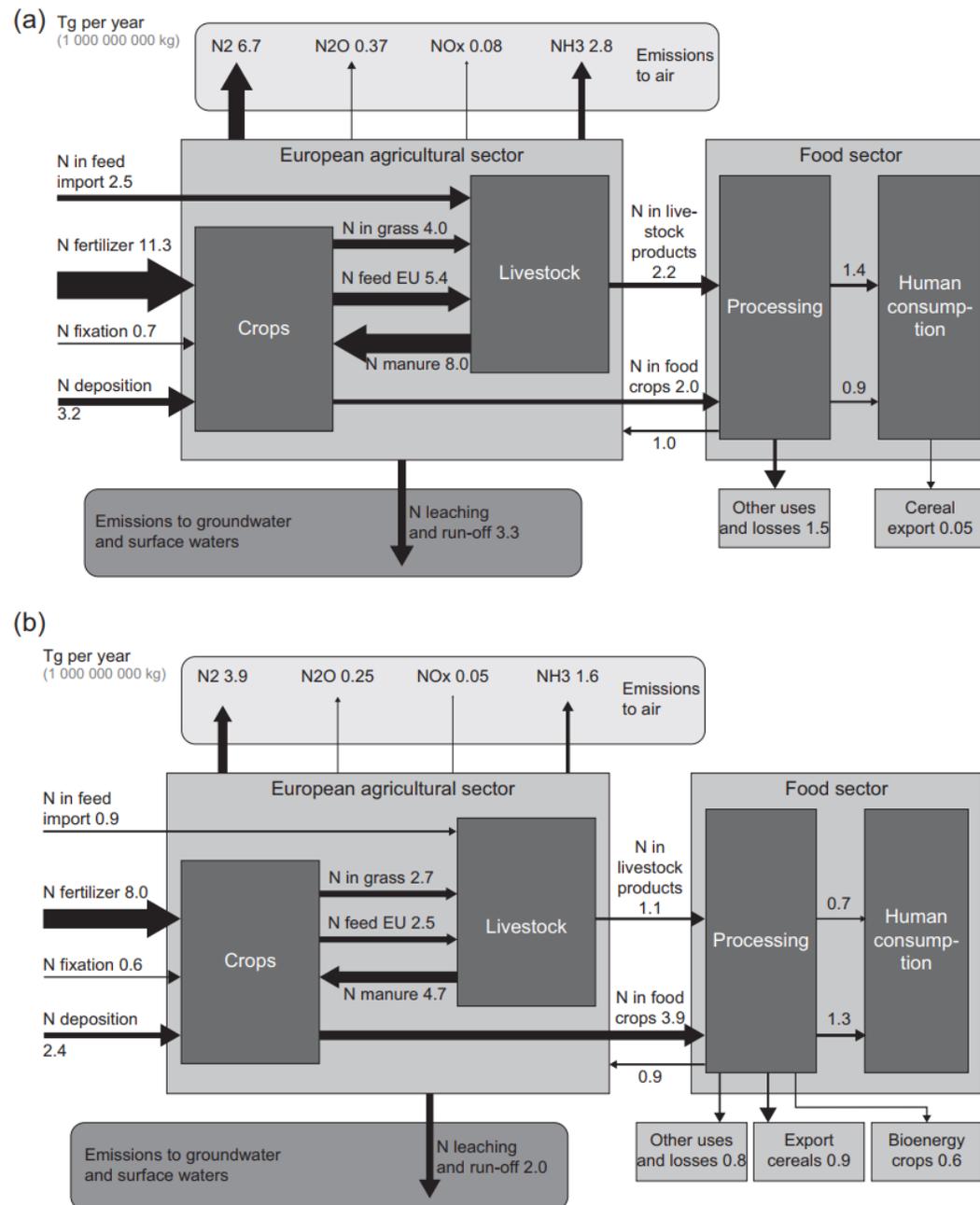


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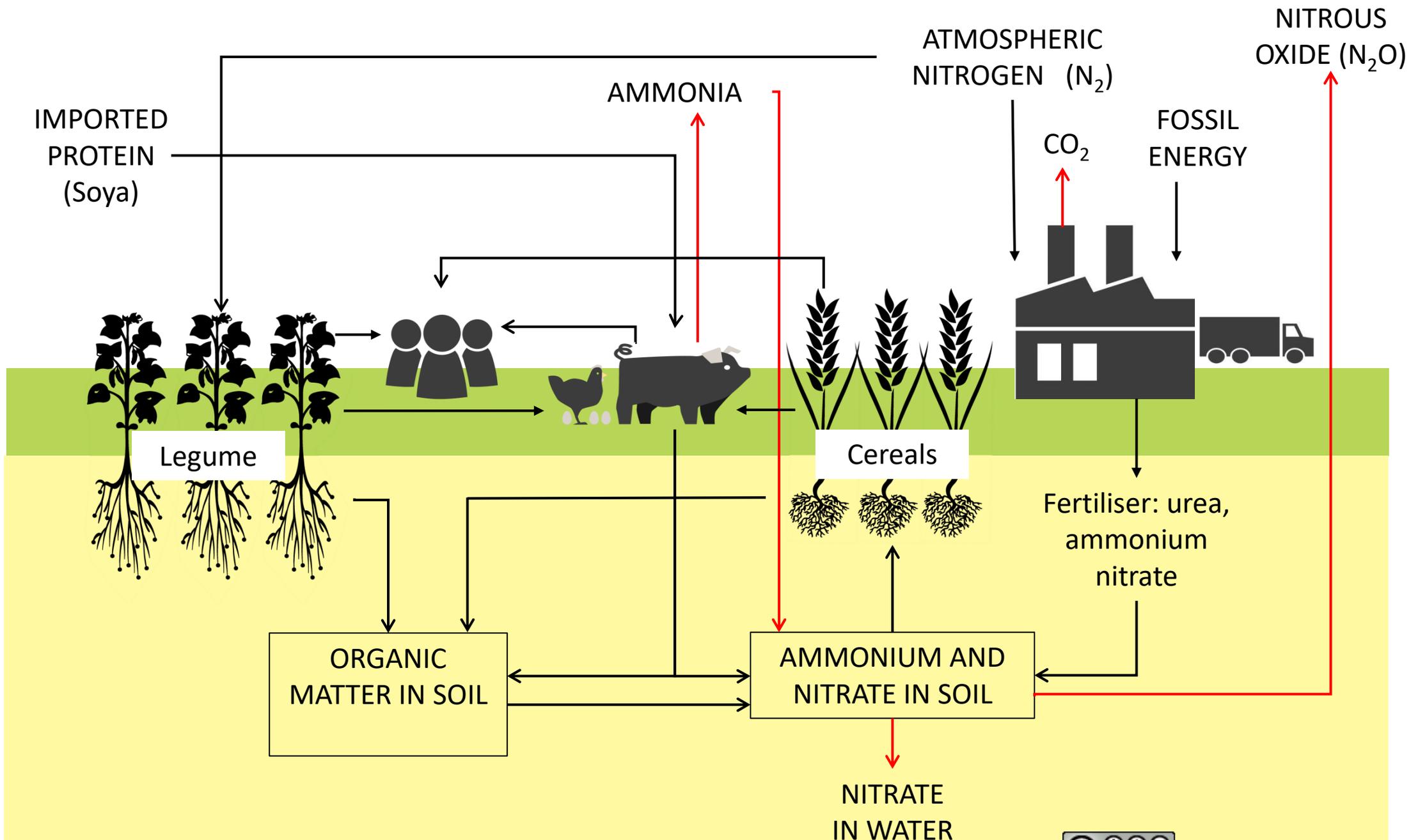


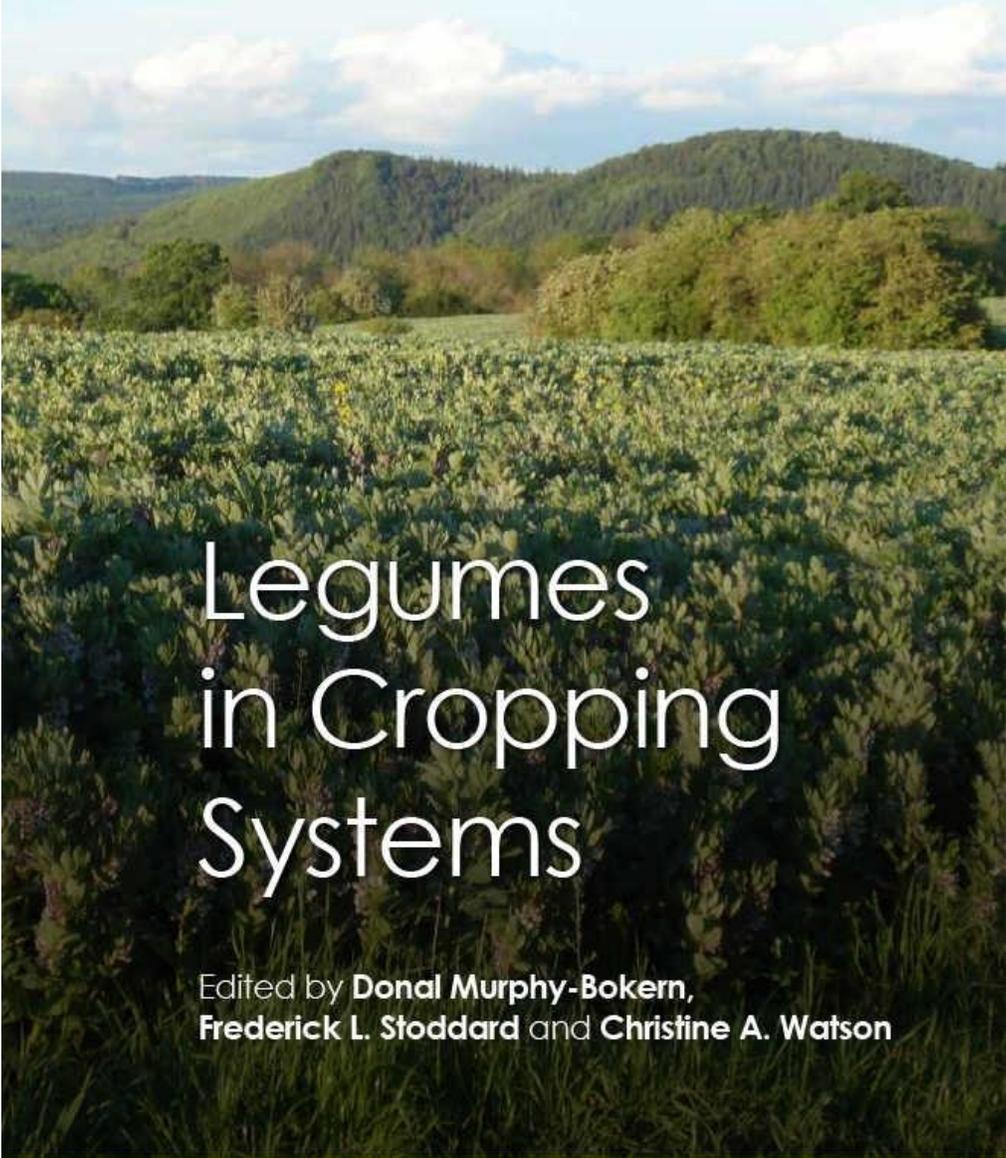




Westhoek, Murphy-Bokern et al., 2014  
Global Env. Change 26

Fig. 3. Nitrogen flows (in Tg yr<sup>-1</sup>) in the EU agricultural and food systems, under the reference scenario for 2004 (a) and in the case of the alternative diet with a 50% reduction in the consumption of meat, dairy and eggs, under the *Greening land-use* scenario (b).





# Legumes in Cropping Systems

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## Sowing time for soybean

Timely sowing is important for successful soybean production. Timely sowing gives the best combination of cultivar, the length of daylight (latitude and calendar date), and soil temperature and moisture at planting depth. This enables rapid development and growth of young plants before floral induction, providing the foundatio...

Leopold Rittler, Olga Bykova



## Feeding quality of pea for poultry

This note gives an overview of the components and feed value of field pea. Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) is rich in protein and energy. Pea complements cereal in the feed ration because of the high content of lysine. The feed value of pea for poultry is determined by the metabolisable energy for poultry and the digestibility of the amino acids. Depending o...

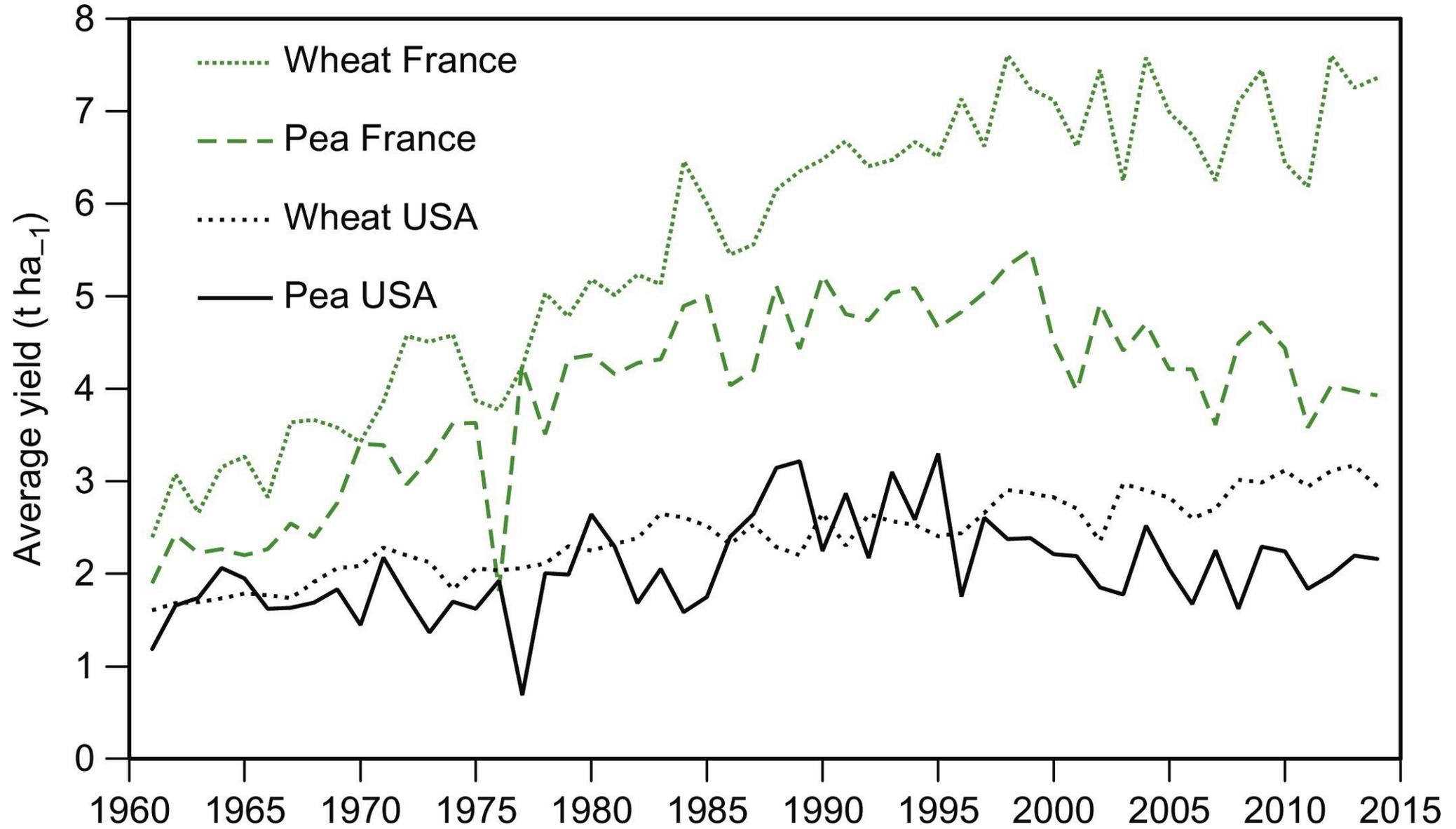
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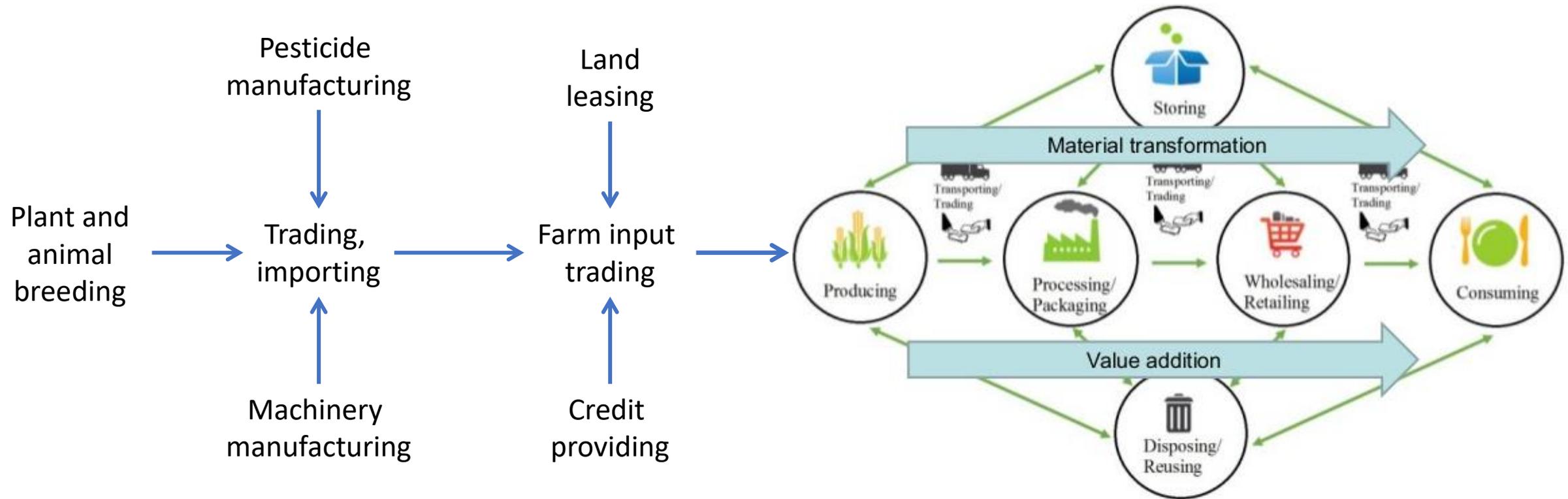
## Cultivation of white lupin

White lupin (*Lupinus albus*) is a different botanical species to narrow-leaved or „blue“ lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*). It tolerates heavier soil and has a higher yield potential, but does not ripen until August/September. Important cultivation practices include the use of healthy, certified seed, sowing as early as possible and using the right ...

Christine Amcken, Matthias Klais, Marina Wendling and Monika Messmer



# Food value chains are usually long: lots of actors do “ing” things



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## PCGIN

The Pulse Crop Genetic Improvement Network (PCGIN) works towards legume crop improvement in the UK



### About the Pulse Crop Genetic Improvement Network

The Pulse Crop Genetic Improvement Network (PCGIN) is managed by the John Innes Centre, in collaboration with NIAB, University of Reading, Aberystwyth University, AHDB, PGRO and Defra and with input provided by the commercial sector

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# Developing legume-supported cropping systems in Europe: Have we overlooked something?

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## Abstract

Why are legume crops rare in Europe even though they grow well there? This opinion paper brings together concepts from crop physiology, classical economics and sociotechnical theory to address this question. It argues for increased focus on research and innovation on crop performance. The starting point is that trade policy no longer explains the marginalisation of legumes. A more recent premise that mutually supporting social, technical and agricultural factors have combined over time to establish and maintain the current cropping systems is also incomplete. However, these propositions have led to significant investment in research on niche value chains in the hope that these will combine within transition pathways to break through system incumbency that “locks out” legumes. It is argued here that this approach is incomplete for crops because the scaling up and agglomeration of niche processing and marketing activities does not improve the fundamental crop resource capture and conversion processes in the field upon which farm productivity depends. Reconsideration of some economic and crop physiological basics is required. Farmers aim to make rational decisions and to focus on what they do best. The principles behind international trade described in the 19th century and the fundamental biophysical crop-level processes that were elucidated in the 1960s together explain the cropping choices many European farmers make. We need more focus on raising the on-farm performance and competitiveness of the legume crops themselves and the farming systems in which they are grown. Efficient, productive legume crops are important also if we are to avoid a trade-off between environmental gains in Europe and disbenefits elsewhere because of effects on global trade.

## KEYWORDS

faba bean, ideotype, legume, multi-level perspective, pea, protein crop, research policy, soya bean, transition theory

If a crop is not profitable, why should a farmer grow it?

Protein and 'proteins'



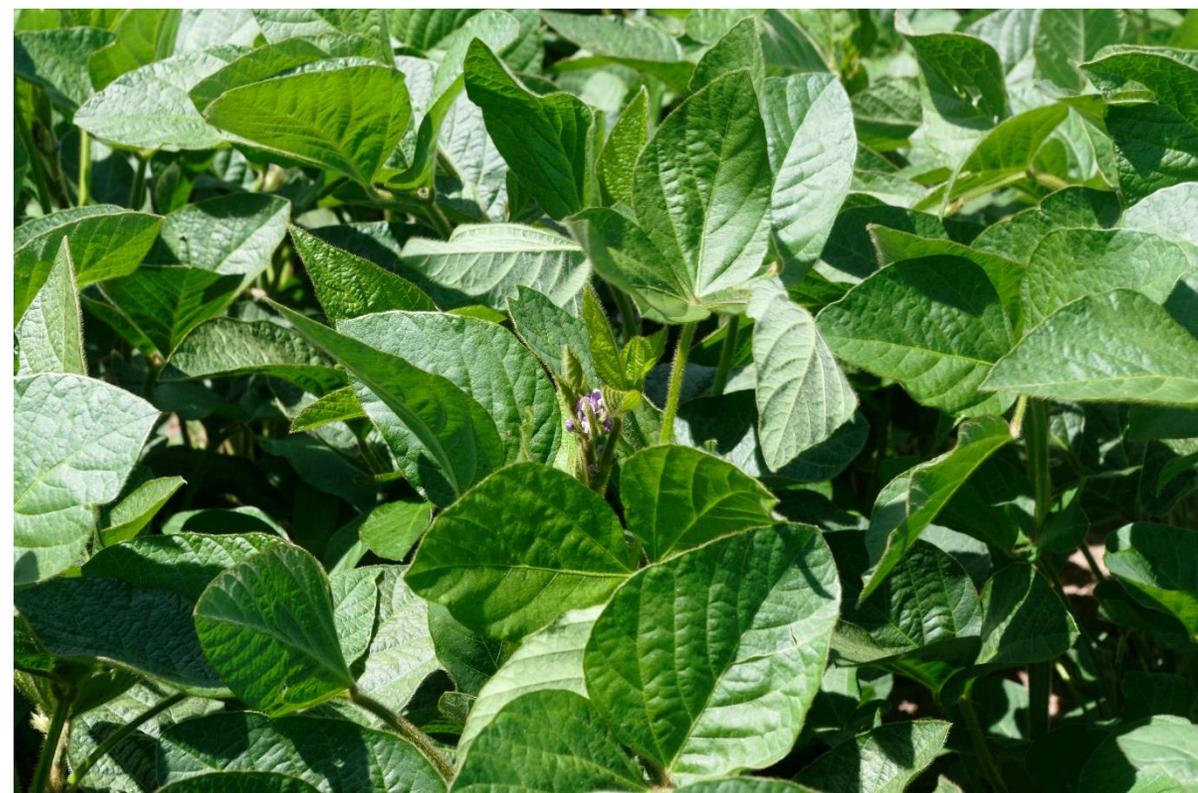
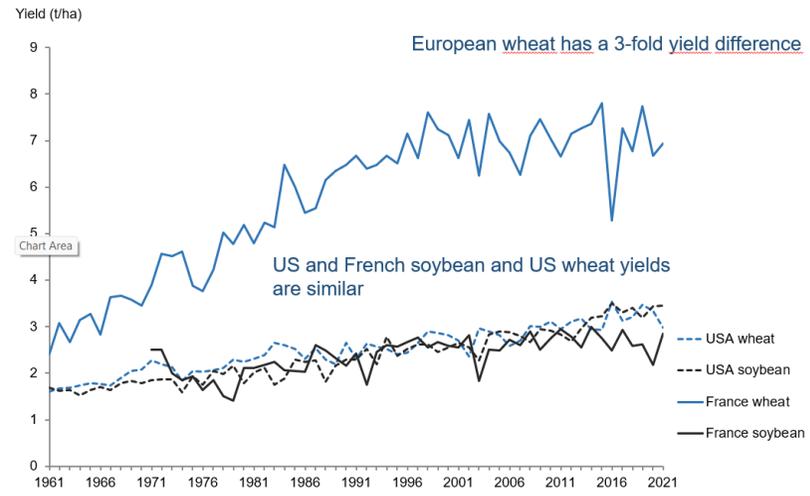
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