



The CAP's role in supporting sustainable and competitive livestock systems

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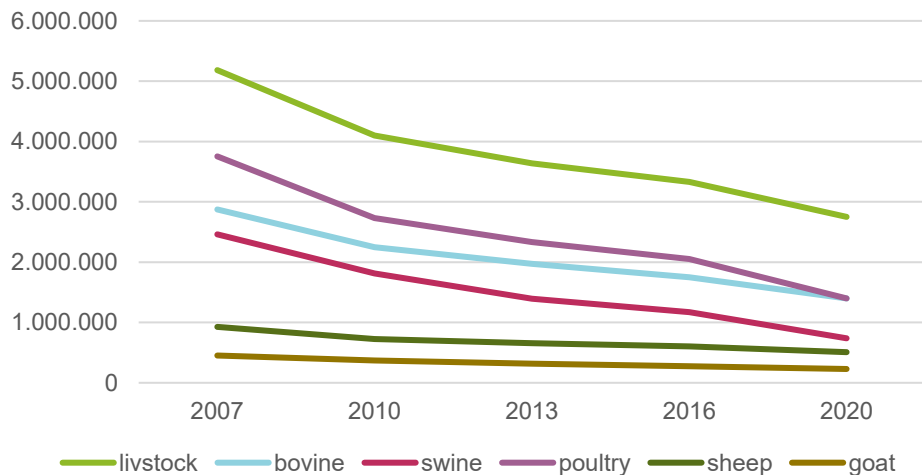


Livestock - an evolving sector

Reduction in holdings while livestock production units are stable

- ⇒ larger more specialised enterprises
- ⇒ a reduction of livestock in more marginal areas, with mixed ruminant systems declining.

holdings



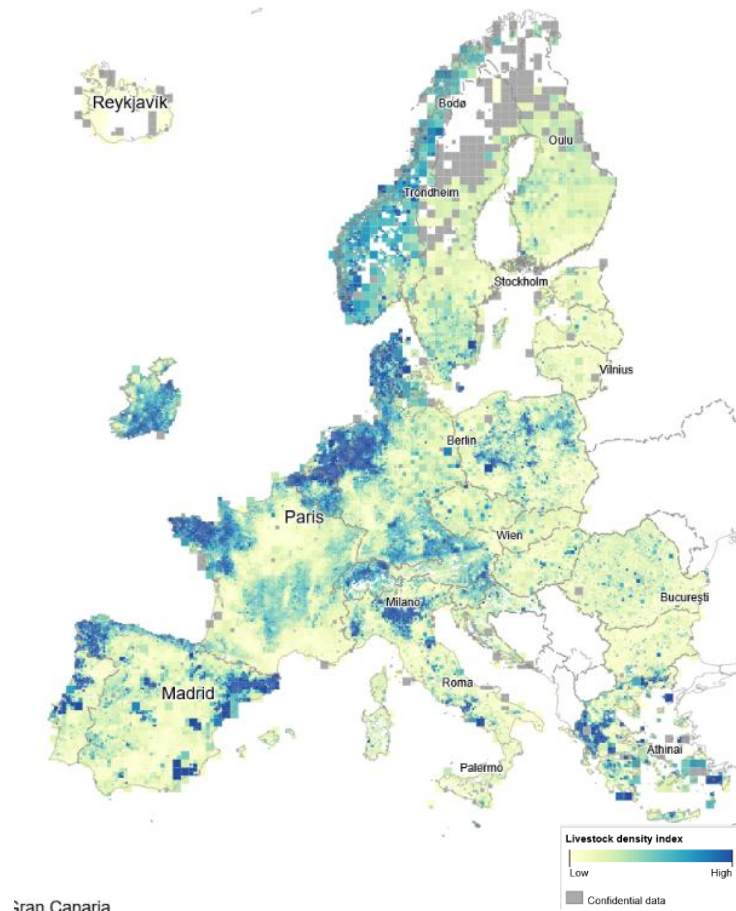
livestock units





Geography of the sector

- › Livestock density varies greatly: EU average 0.7 LU/ha but regions range from 0.2-0.3 LU/ha up to 2.2-4.4 LU/ha.

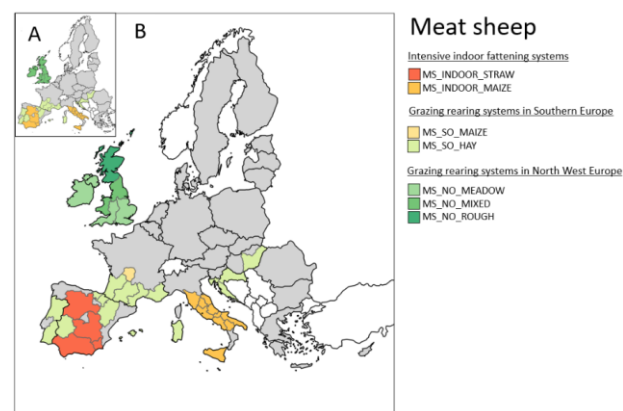
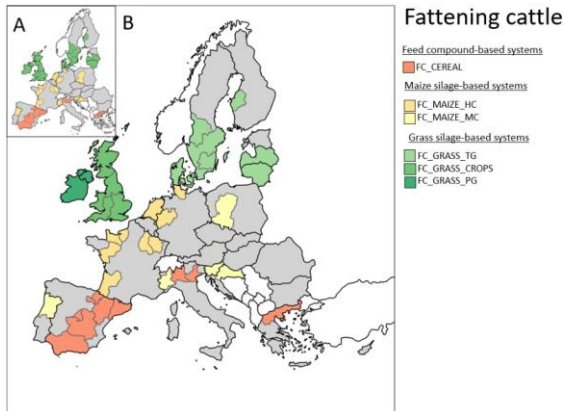
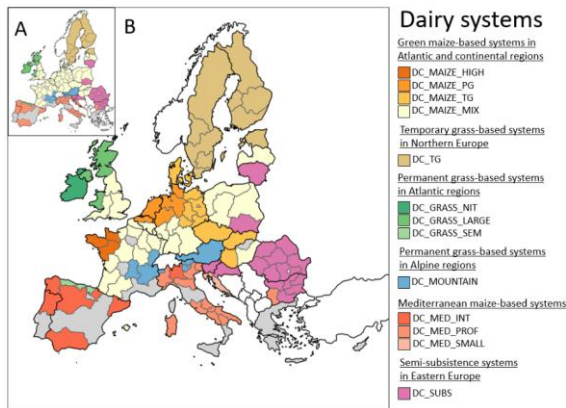


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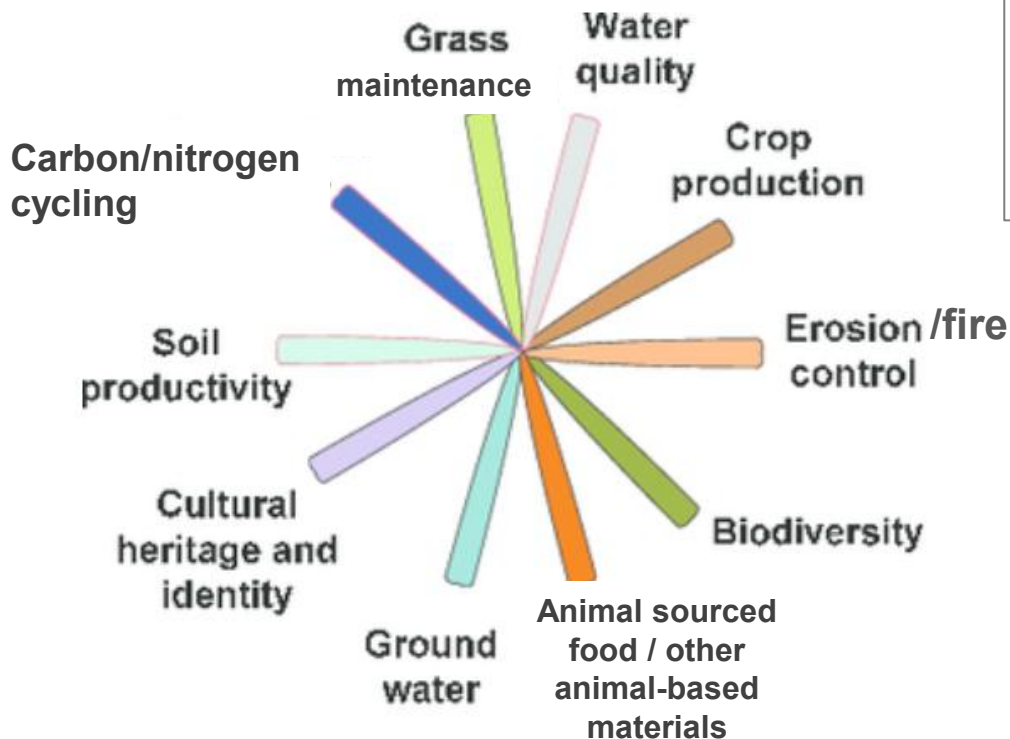
<https://ec.europa.eu/assets/estat/E/E4/gisco/farmstatistics/index.html>

A highly diverse sector

- Many existing typologies
- New one finds over 52 dominant ruminant systems



Livestock provision of services



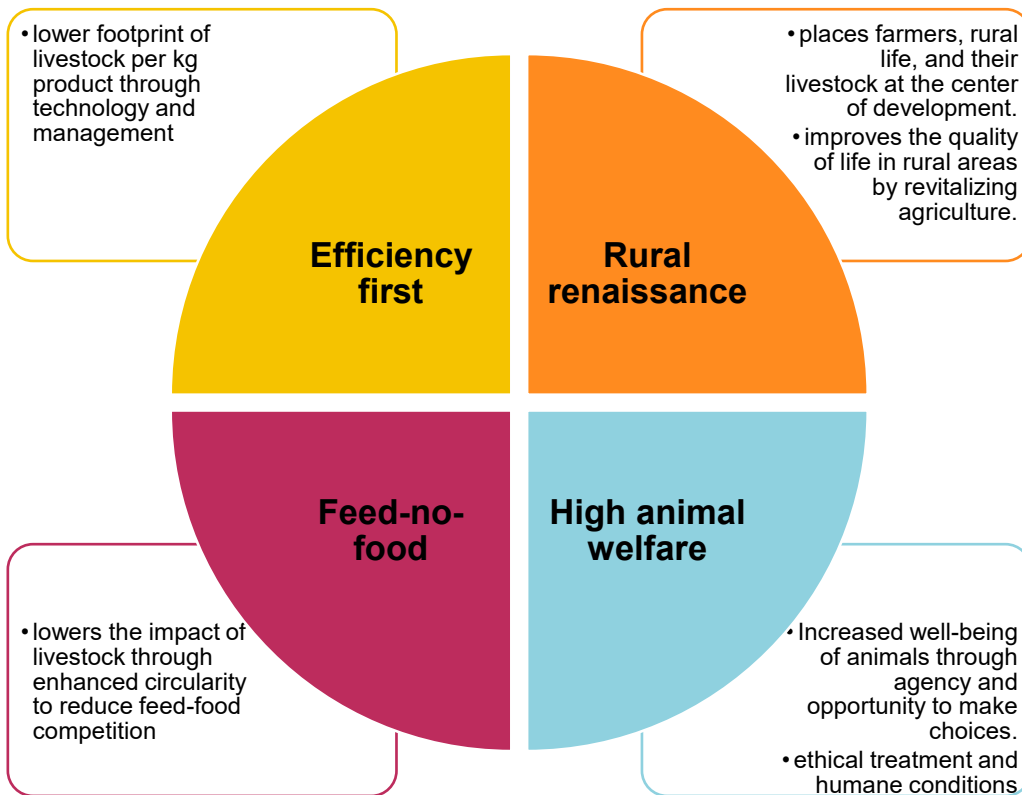
Ecosystem services are

- Context specific
- Some can become disservices





Diverse sustainability narratives



<https://pathways-project.com/policy-toolkit/>



Challenges shaping the transition

› External pressures

- › **Balance** environmental limits with viable farming and rural livelihoods
- › **Avoid unintended effects** of decline in marginal areas
- › **Reduce pressures** where they concentrate while **keeping fairness** and feasibility

› Structural vulnerabilities

- › High labour costs and labour shortages
- › Low profitability in small extensive systems
- › Lack of succession (accelerates decline)





Barriers and what is needed to move forward

