

# FARM SUSTAINABILITY

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ARLA FOODS





# AGENDA

1. Sustainability strategy
2. Climate checks and advisory
3. Results from 2020 and key learnings
4. Farmer engagement
5. What's next step?
6. Q&A

# SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

# ABOUT ARLA



9,406 OWNERS



13.7 BL. KG. MILK INTAKE



THE 4TH LARGEST



20,020 COLLEAGUES



4 GLOBAL BRANDS



10.6 BL. EURO REVENUE



LARGEST ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCER IN THE WORLD



# FOCUSING ON THREE KEY AREAS



## BETTER CLIMATE

Carbon Net Zero  
by 2050



## CLEAN AIR & WATER

Nitrogen and Phosphorus  
Cycles in Balance

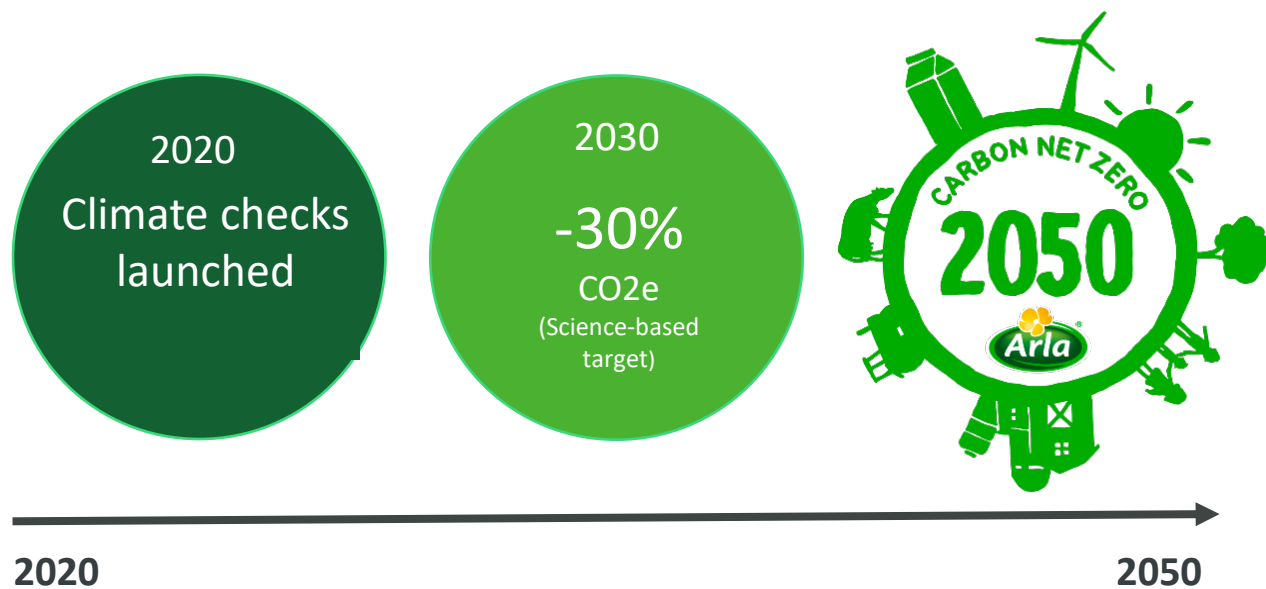


## MORE NATURE

Increase Biodiversity  
and Access to Nature



# CLEAR AMBITIONS FOR DRIVING CHANGE



**23%**  
CO2e footprint reduction per  
kilo milk since 1990

**50%**  
Arla emissions intensity per  
kilo milk is half the global  
average



# CLIMATE CHECKS AND ADVISORY

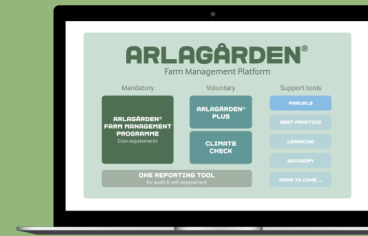
# THE CLIMATE CHECK PROCESS



Farmers submit their climate data in Self Assessments 1x per year



Data transferred to advisor view in an IT-portal and advisor plans individual advisory visit



Advisory visits emphasize the farmer's individual **strengths and weaknesses** to support the Arla climate strategy towards 2030 and 2050

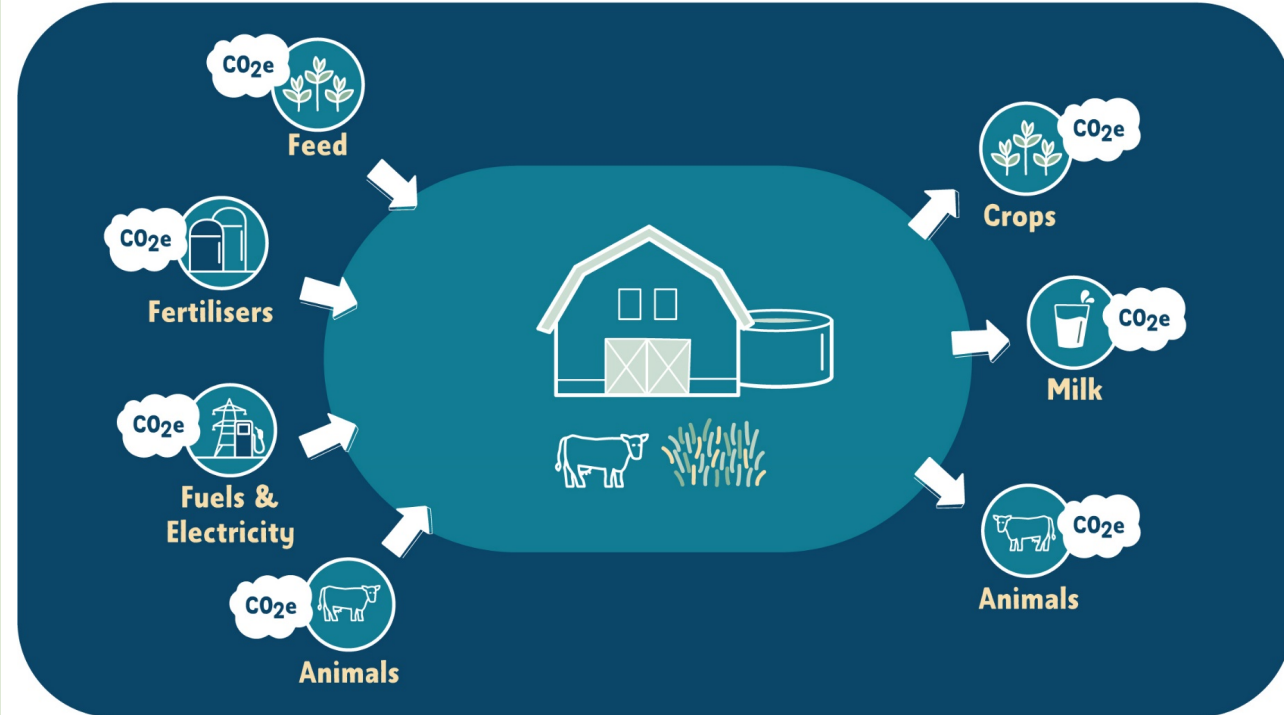


After the farm data has been validated a final CO<sub>2</sub>-footprint and all advises and KPIs of the farm will be shown in the IT-portal



## RULE OF THUMB

"What comes into the company has a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint - and what leaves the company leaves it with a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint"



# QUESTIONS TO COVER MOST FARMING SYSTEMS

## Scenarios of complexity:

### Low

- ✓ Dairy herd only
- ✓ Surplus animals sold
- ✓ No cash crops
- ✓ No forage registration
- ✓ 4-5 feed types purchased

50 – 60 datapoints

### Medium

- ✓ Dairy herd only
- ✓ Surplus animals sold
- ✓ Cash crops
- ✓ **Forage registration**
- ✓ 4-5 feed types purchased

80 – 120 datapoints

### High

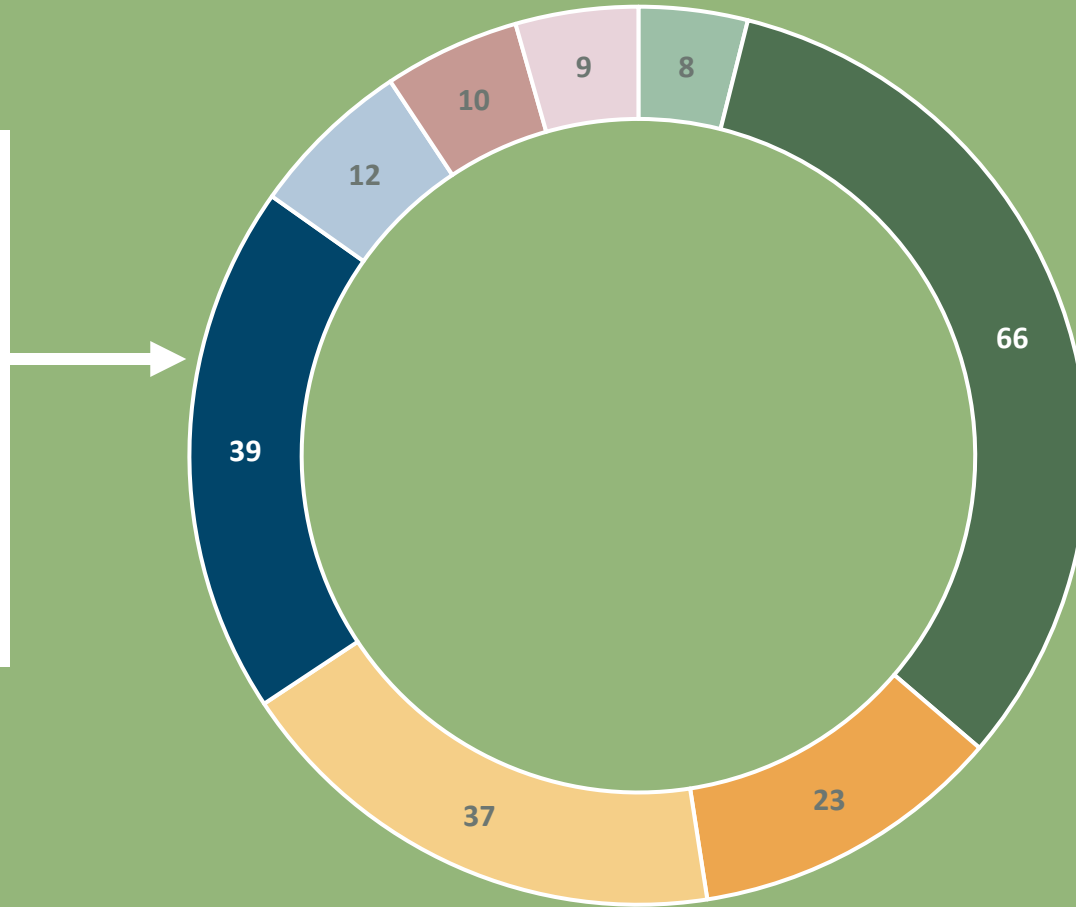
- ✓ Beef production from bull calves and crossbred beef heifers
- ✓ Cash crops
- ✓ Forage registration
- ✓ 4-5 feed types purchased
- ✓ Renewable energy
- ✓ Nutrients exchanged with other farms (slurry, straw)

>150 datapoints

# THIS CAN ALSO BE ILLUSTRATED

*Example:*  
39 different options for purchased feed are available.

Typically a farm will have app. 5 feed types.

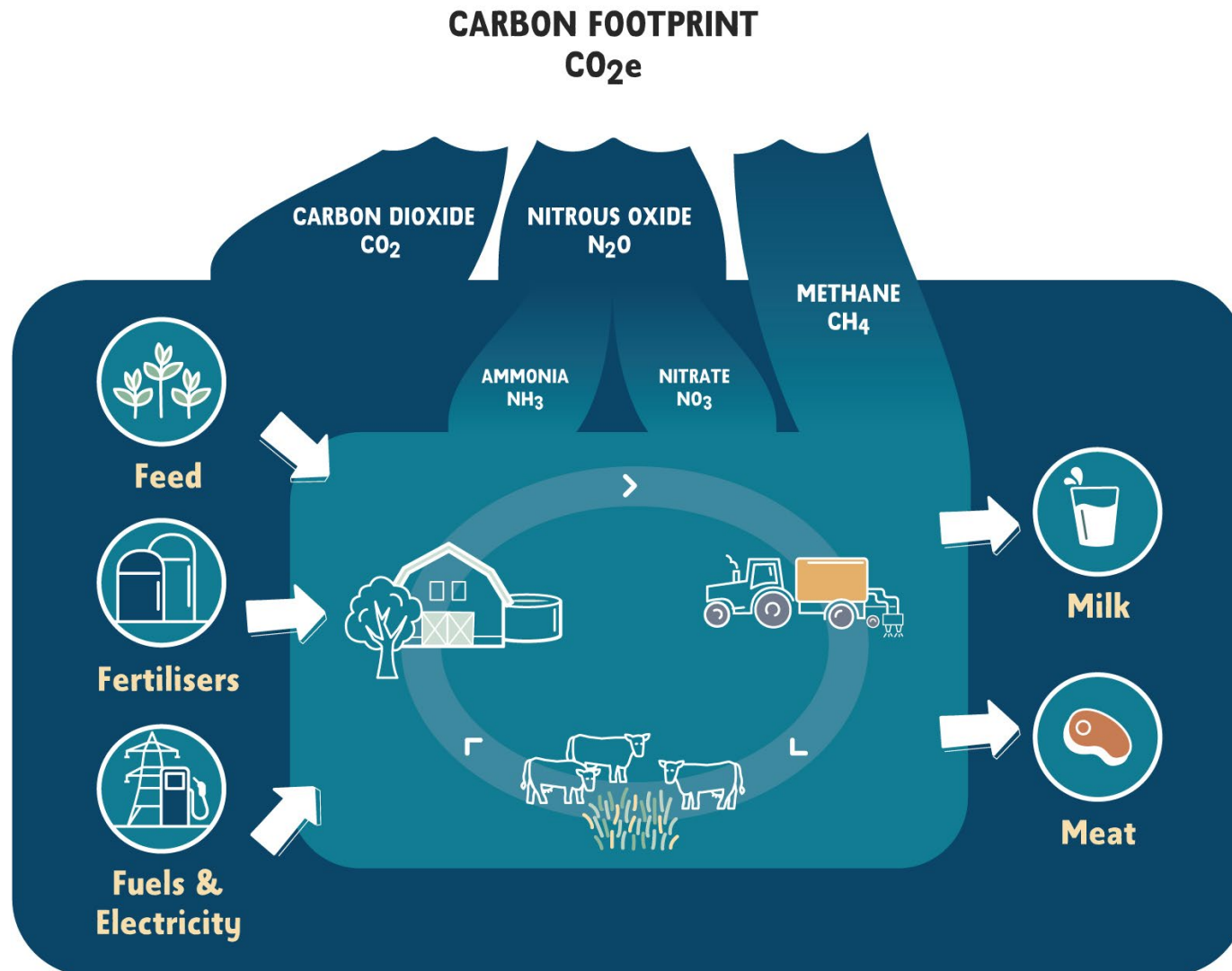


- General data
- Herd data incl. Housing
- Land use and crop yield
- Homegrown feed
- Purchased feed
- Manure handling and storage
- Fertilizer and straw/bedding
- Energy

*Diagram illustrates number of questions available per category*



# ALL GREENHOUSE GASES IN ONE FIGURE: KG CO<sub>2</sub>E /KG MILK





# Arla Climate Check

Date sent to farmer

8th September 2020

Member name

Member ID

Assessment period

Advisor

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2019-04-01

2020-03-31

	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e per kg FPCM, including peat soil	Kg CO <sub>2</sub> e per kg FPCM, without peat soil
Your farm	1,104	1,104
Arla average, DK, Holstein	1,07	0,97
Arla average, DK, Jersey	1,00	0,94



The CO<sub>2</sub> footprint for your farm and the chosen comparison group

KPI	Unit	Your farm	Holstein, DK
Milk production, delivered to dairy	kg FPCM per cow	8696	10408
Cows	number	420	223
Heifers	number	290	209
Feed efficiency	kg DM per kg FPCM	0,89	0,88
N efficiency	%	26,86	29,00
Heifers per cow	heifers per cow	0,69	0,95
Age at first calving	Months	26,0	25,0
Mortality rate, cows	%	6,43	
Roughage share, whole herd	% of DM	45,3	64,0
Grass from intensive pasture	ton DM per hectar	8,0	9,8
Maize silage	ton DM per hectar	0,0	11,2
Land use, total	m <sup>2</sup> per kg FPCM	0,97	1,03
Land use at farm	m <sup>2</sup> per kg FPCM	0,46	0,58
Electricity at farm	kWh per kg FPCM	0,011	0,070
Electricity at farm	kWh per cow	100	765
Diesel at farm	litre per kg FPCM	0,02	0,02
Diesel at farm	litre per ha	356	209
N fertiliser, total	kg N per ha	455	209
N fertiliser, manure	kg N per ha	277	142

Key performance indicators for your farm and the chosen comparison group

# RESULTS AND KEY LEARNINGS

# WE ARE ON A GREAT JOURNEY!

**Jun 2021**  
Climate Check  
round 2 starting,  
incl. new tool

**2030**  
-30% CO<sub>2</sub>e  
emissions on farm

**Apr 2021**  
Climate Check  
round 1  
completed!

**May 2020**  
Climate Check  
programme  
started

**Oct 2019**  
Presentation of  
Climate Check  
programme

**7'986**  
Climate Checks  
performed!!



# INSIGHTS FROM ROUND 1: AVERAGE CARBON FOOTPRINT

## Average carbon footprint Arla kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg milk

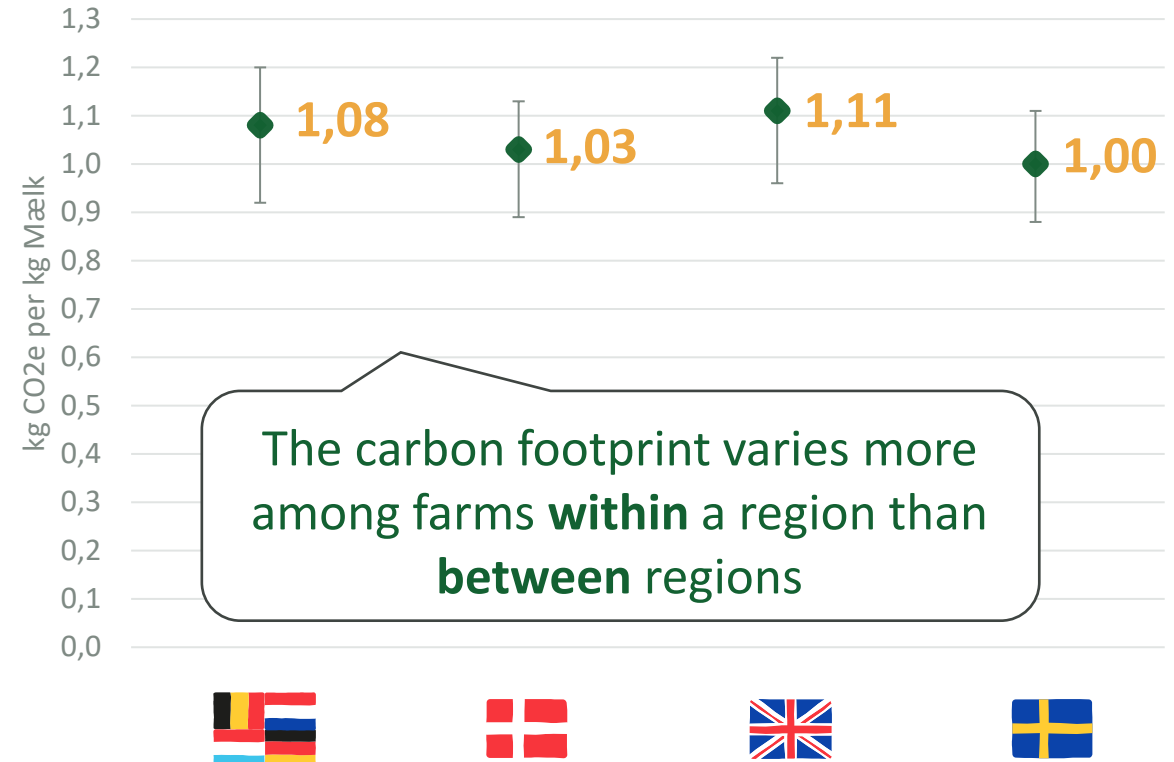


Incl peat **1,15**

Excl peat **1,06**

Arla global average carbon footprint indicates **good performance**

## Average CF per region, and 10 + 90 percentiles kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg milk





# THE BIG FIVE

Five universal levers that work for **all farm types** to reduce the carbon footprint



**Feed efficiency, herd**  
*(kg dm/kg milk)*

**Protein efficiency**  
*(% N-eff cow)*

**Mortality, cow**  
*(%)*

**Fertilizer use**  
*(kg total N/ha)*

**Land use**  
*(m<sup>2</sup>/kg milk)*

**More milk per  
feed input**

**Reduce protein  
surplus in feed  
ration**

**Healthy cows**

**Reduce N surplus  
from feed  
production**

**Better crop yields**



11%

of Arla farmers  
produce **biogas**



24%

of Arla farmers produce  
**green electricity from  
wind and solar**

62%

of protein is  
grown on farm

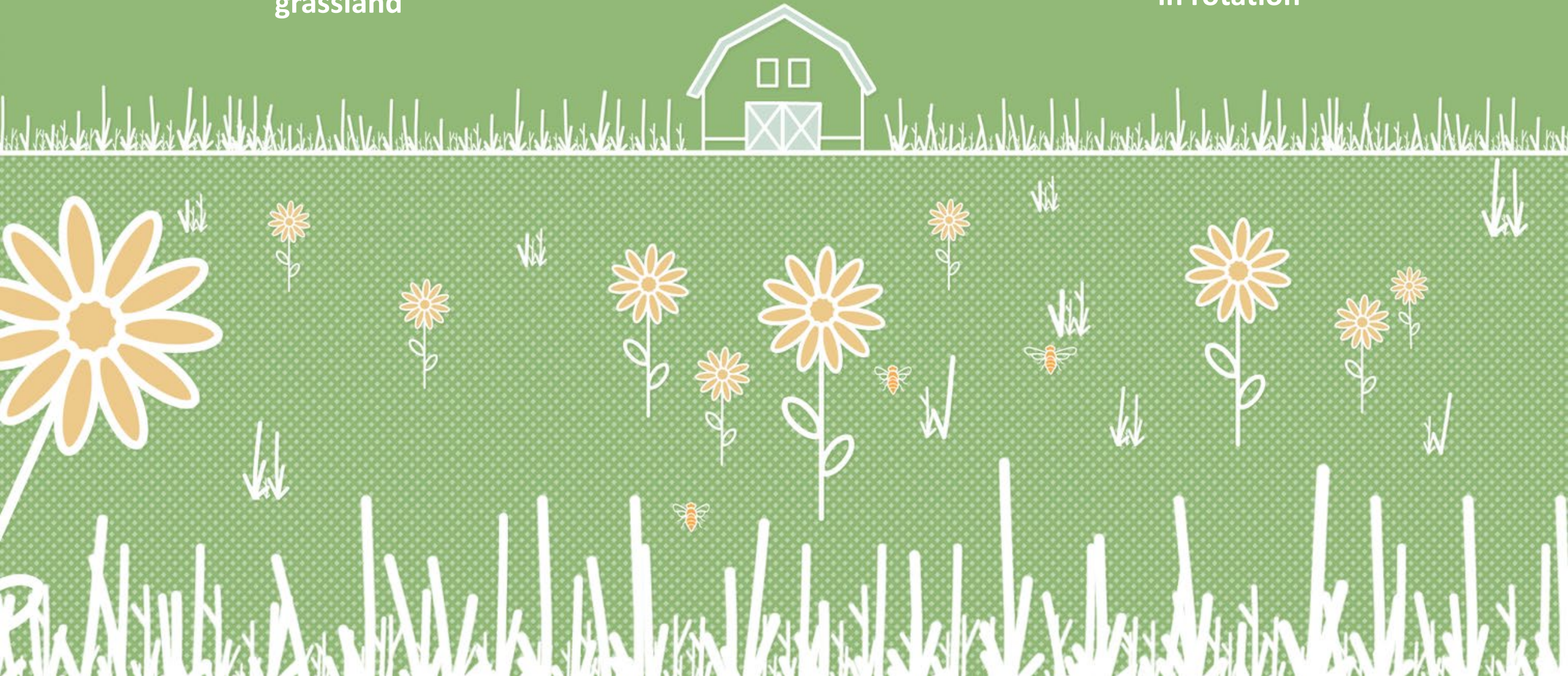


**58%**

of total ha is  
grassland

**50%**

of grassland is  
in rotation



# FARMER ENGAGEMENT

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Advisory meetings



Climate catalogue



Farmer interviews



Local webinars

Farmers

Data Input

Advisors

## AGE AT FIRST CALVING

During rearing, the heifer is a cost to the farm, consuming feed, producing slurry etc, without contributing to milk production. As such, this has a negative impact on her total carbon emissions.

By reducing the age at first calving, we can have a positive effect on her carbon footprint. Rearing healthy and robust heifers, who can calve down and enter the lactating herd with minimal problems will result in higher efficiency animals with the potential for better feed efficiency and milk yield.

As always, heifers must be at the right body condition at breeding and calving, which in some cases may mean that daily live weight gain for heifers may need to increase.

### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Reducing the age at first calving results in fewer rearing days and covers total feed use per heifer reared. Fewer rearing days and feed use result in depressed methane production from rumen fermentation as well as methane and nitrous oxide from slurry and feed production.

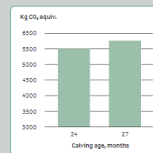


Figure 8: Carbon footprint per reared heifer at calving. Shown with a calving age at 24 and 27 months.

### HOW BIG IS THE EFFECT?

The bigger the reduction of age at first calving, the bigger the impact. Approximately, the impact on total carbon footprint is 130 kg CO<sub>2</sub> equ. per month per heifer.

For example, when the calving age is reduced from 27 to 24 months, the daily live weight gain needs to be increased by 100 g/day to maintain the same calving weight.

Increasing the daily gain requires increased feeding, which would counteract a small part of the benefit. However, the carbon footprint per heifer reared still decreases since the heifers need fewer months to reach calving.



# CLIMATE CATALOGUE: LEVERS FOR CHANGE



Animal welfare



Breeding



Handling of manure



Feed optimisation



Optimisation of manure



Crop adjustment



Applying manure



Resource consumption

**WHAT'S NEXT STEP?**



# IT PLATFORM FOR FARMERS AND ADVISORS

## CLIMATE CHECK

Compare with:  Legal entity:  Comparison year:

[Description of comparison groups](#)

## CARBON FOOTPRINT

Please see the total carbon footprint per kg FPCM for your farm below.

	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e per kg FPCM with peat soil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e per kg FPCM without peat soil
My farm	1.338 ▼ -0.2%	1.331 ▼ -0.1%
Large cross breed	1.339 ▼ -0.1%	1.330 ▼ -0.2%

▼ -0,2% ▲ 0,2% Change in comparison with previous year

## DETAILED CARBON FOOTPRINT

Below is a general overview of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by source. For a detailed view, please visit [Emission sources](#).



**MILK PRODUCTION**

**9754**

[More KPI's >](#)

**REDUCTION POTENTIAL**

[Reduction potential >](#)

**MY FARM: OTHER SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS**

[Other Sustainability factors >](#)

**ADVISOR COMMENTS**

[Advisor comments >](#)



# C-SEQU PROJECT

C-sequ phase 1  
Develop methodology

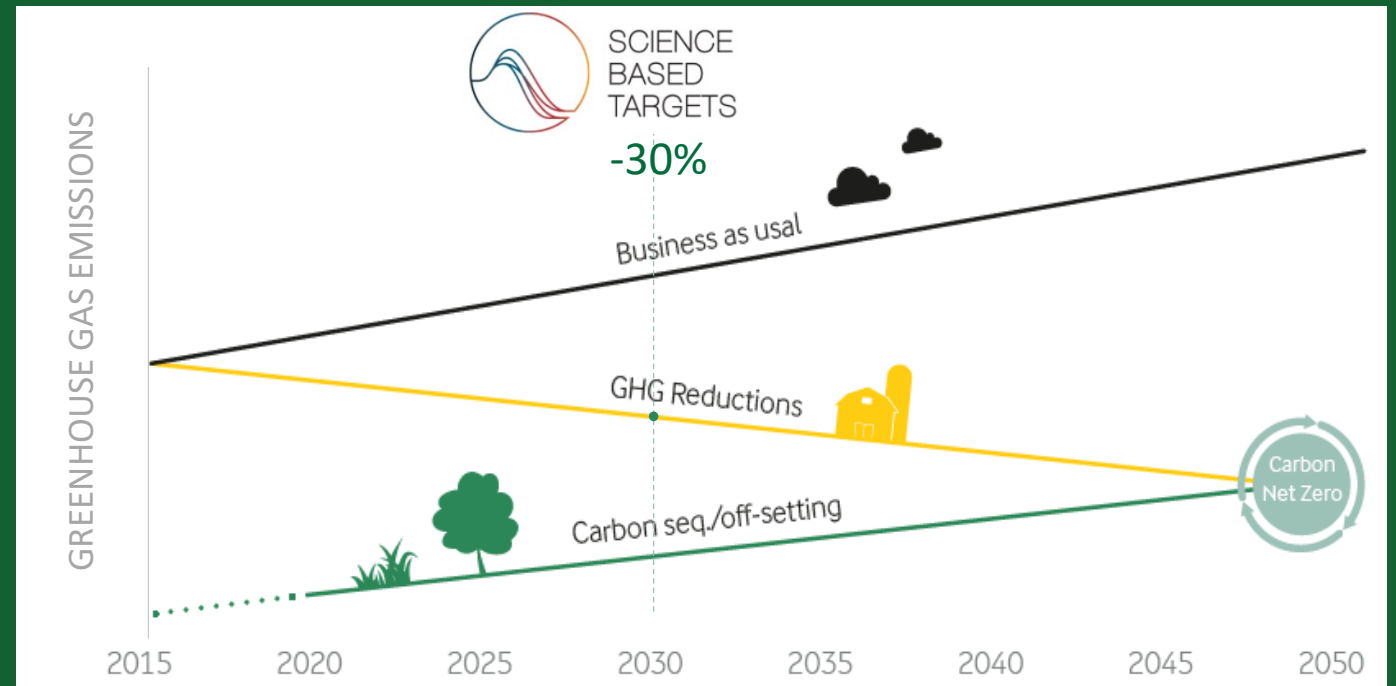
C-sequ phase 2  
Pilots on farms

C-sequ phase 3  
Include in CF tool

## PURPOSE OF THE C-SEQU PROJECT

To establish a carbon sequestration calculation method to be used in Carbon Footprint assessments at farm level.

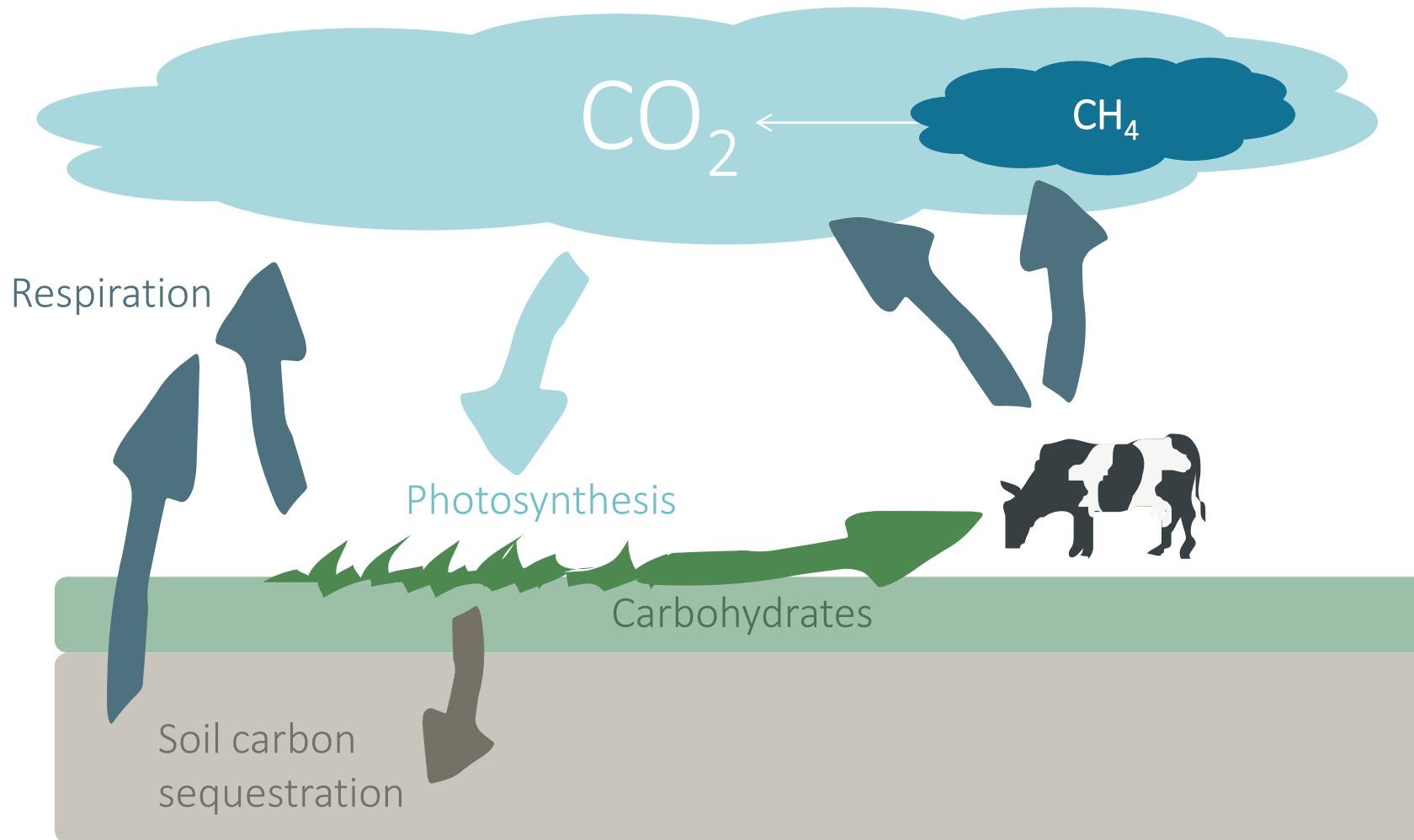
The ultimate goal to have a method that will support and encourage farmers to implement activities and practices that promote carbon sequestration and thereby mitigate climate change.



*Carbon sequestration (in first hand within our value chain, but potentially also outside) is necessary to balance our unavoidable emissions in 2050.*

# THE BIOGENIC CARBON CYCLE

There is only sequestration if uptake (photosynthesis) is larger than emissions (respiration)



While  $\text{CO}_2$  is the dominating GHG for most industrial sectors, agriculture also has large emissions of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_4$ .

$\text{CH}_4$  is oxidated over time to biogenic  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\text{CO}_2$  that is part of the natural cycle), however, while in the atmosphere, it is a potent GHG.

How long  $\text{CH}_4$  resides in the atmosphere depends on the concentration.



Q&A

ANY QUESTIONS?

