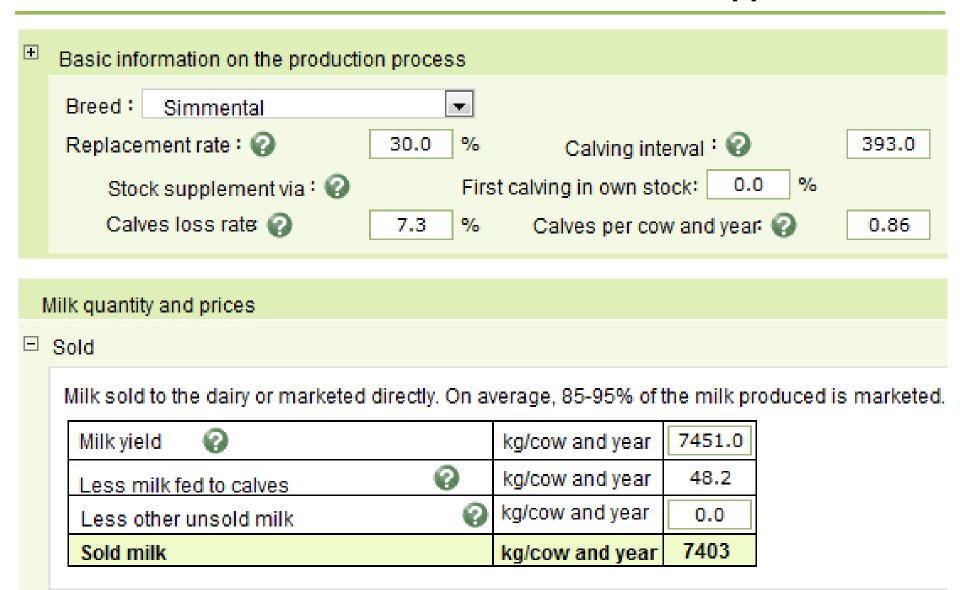


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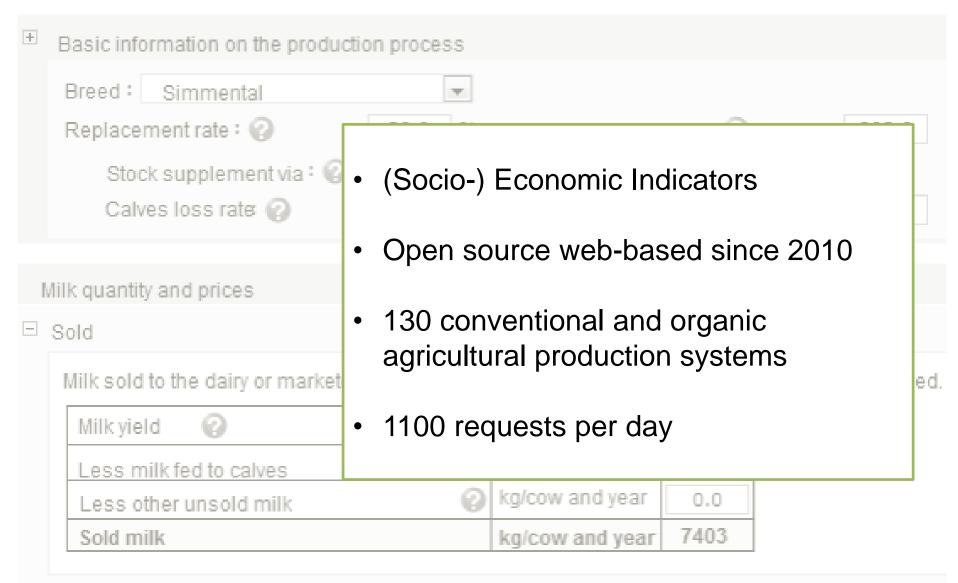
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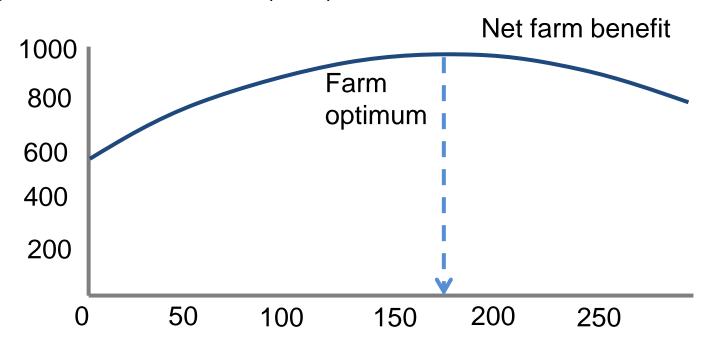
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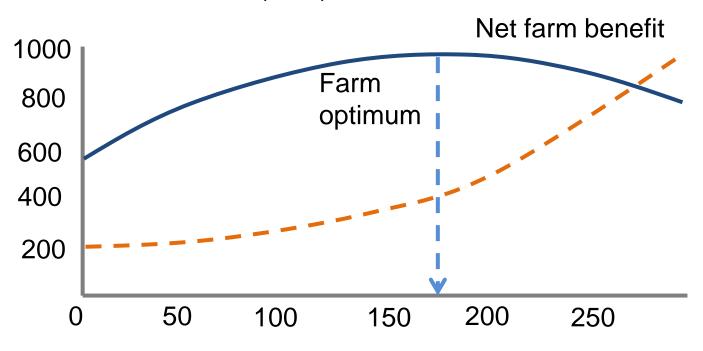
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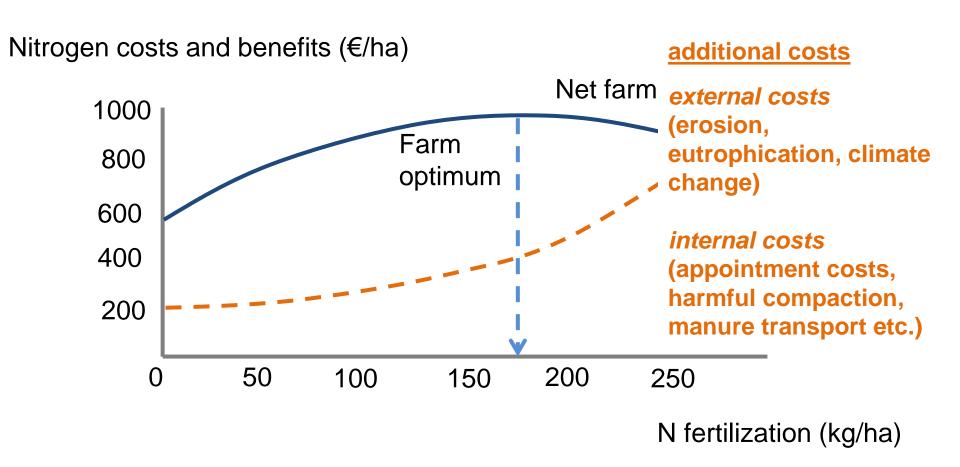


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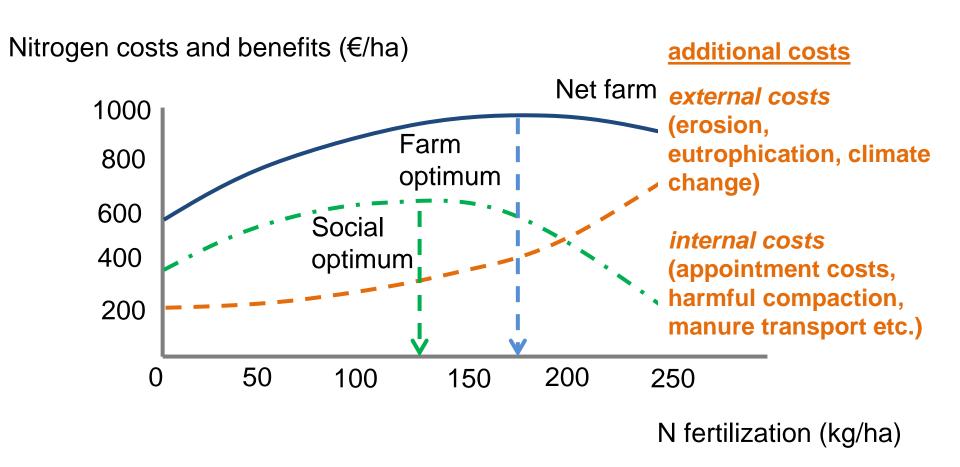


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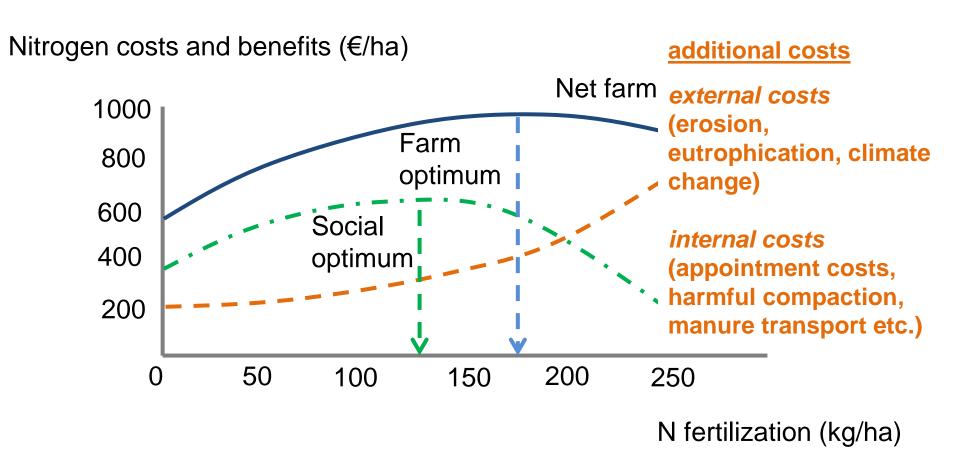












stocking rate, milk yield

amount of input, field length, crop ratio, herd size,



Van Grinsven, 2013

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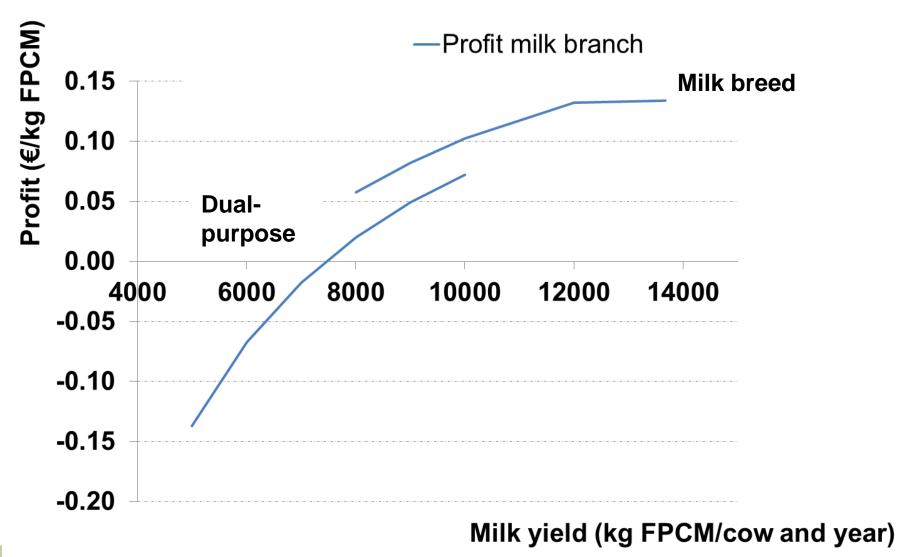
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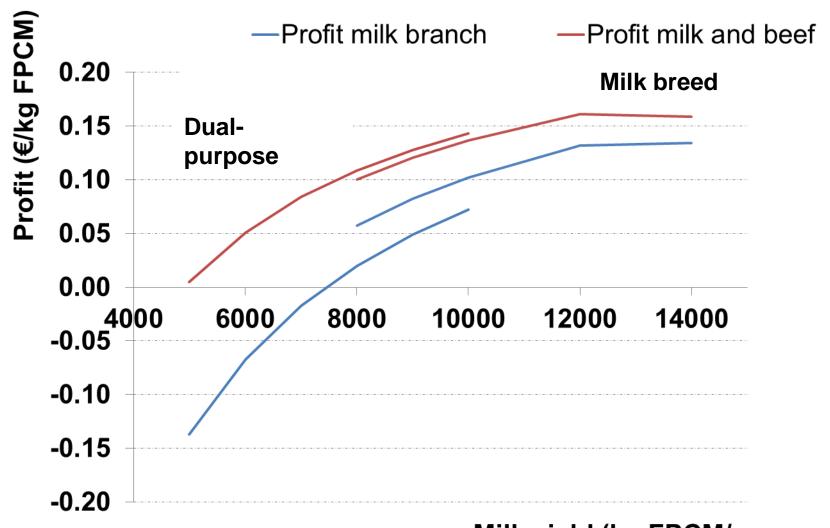
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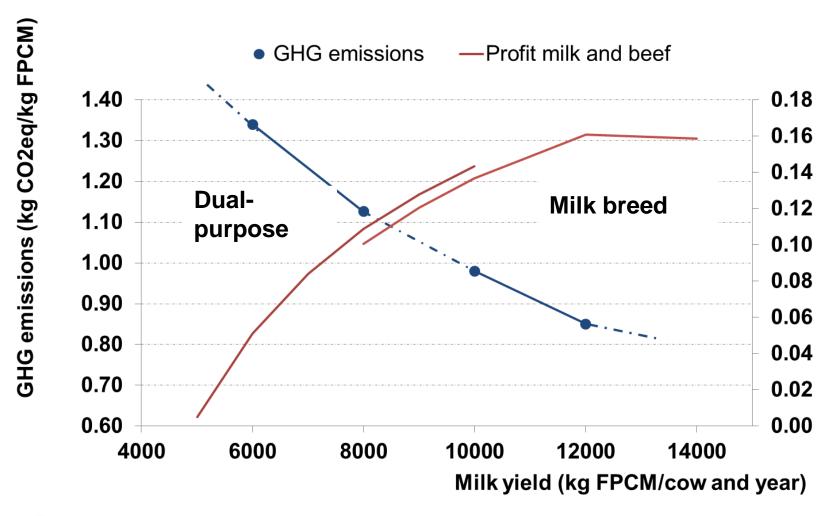
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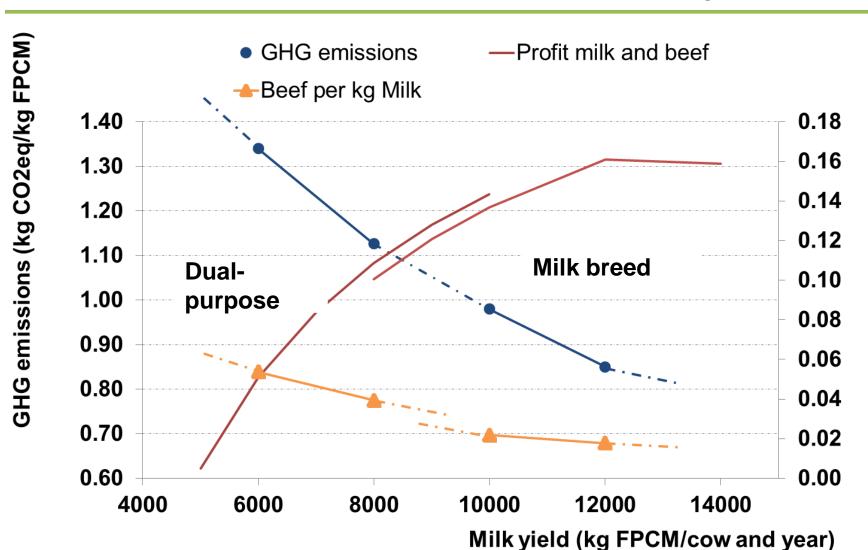
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Profit and GHG emissions





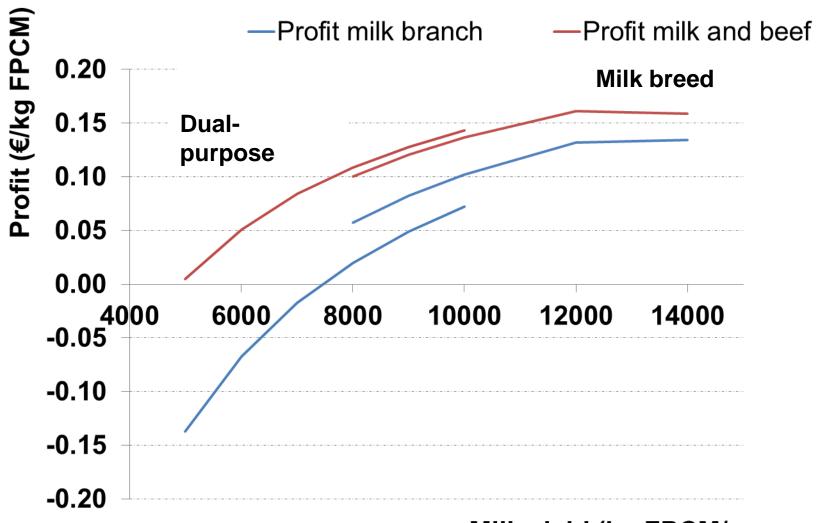
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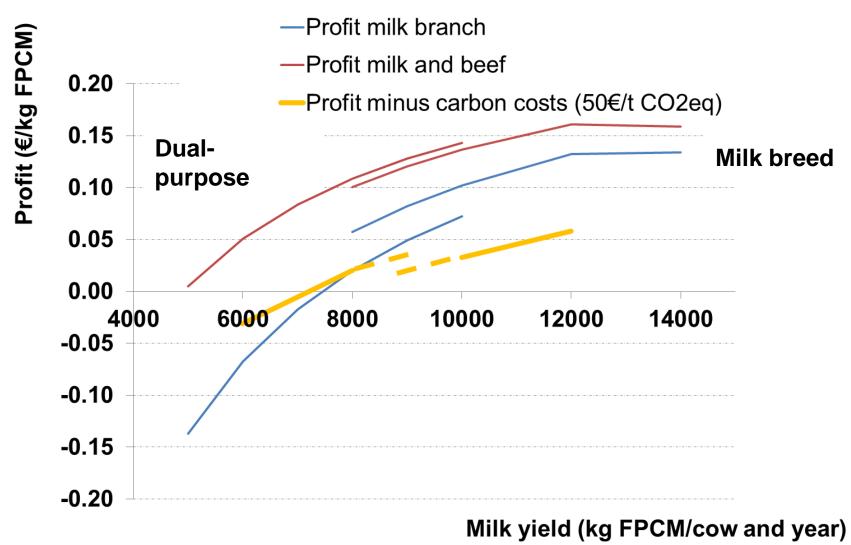
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Internalising external costs





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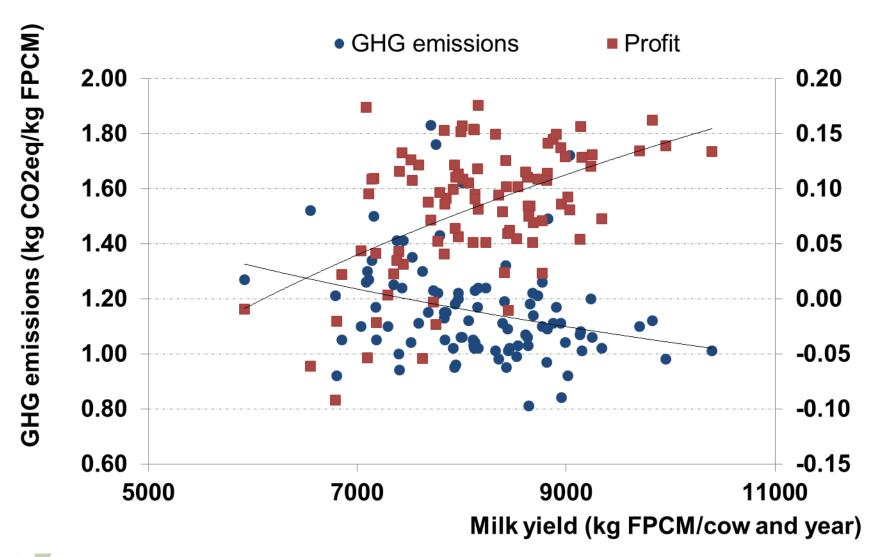
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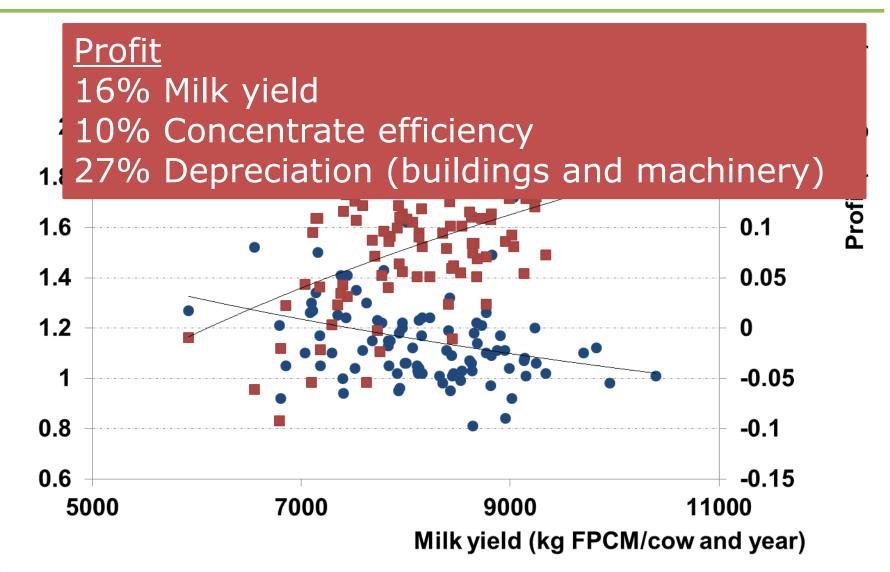


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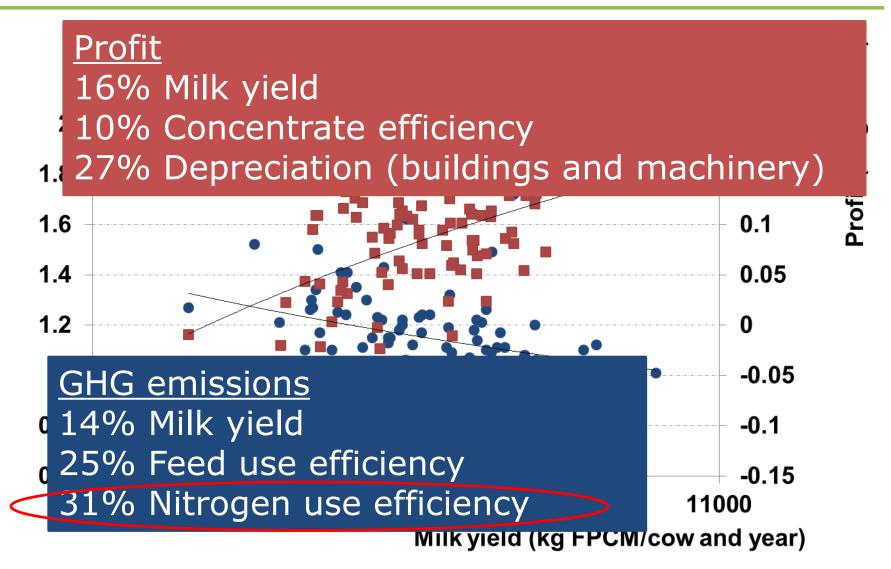
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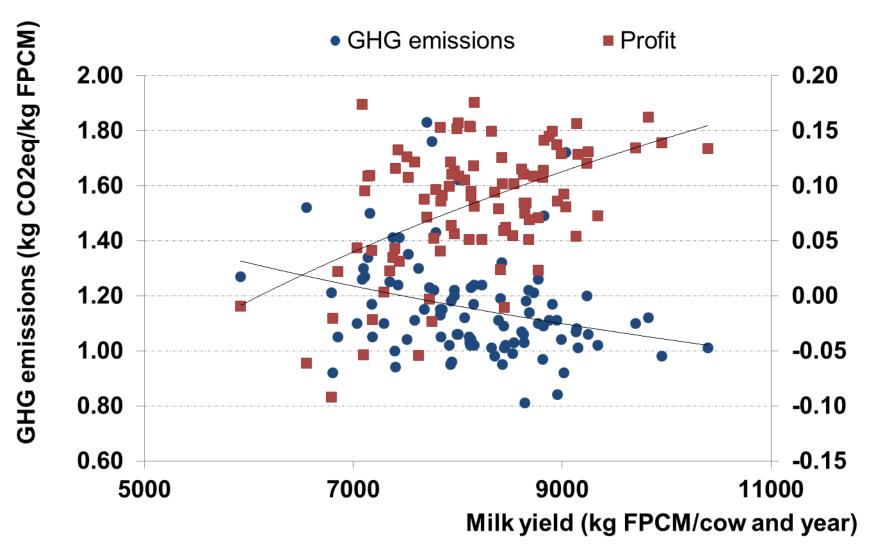








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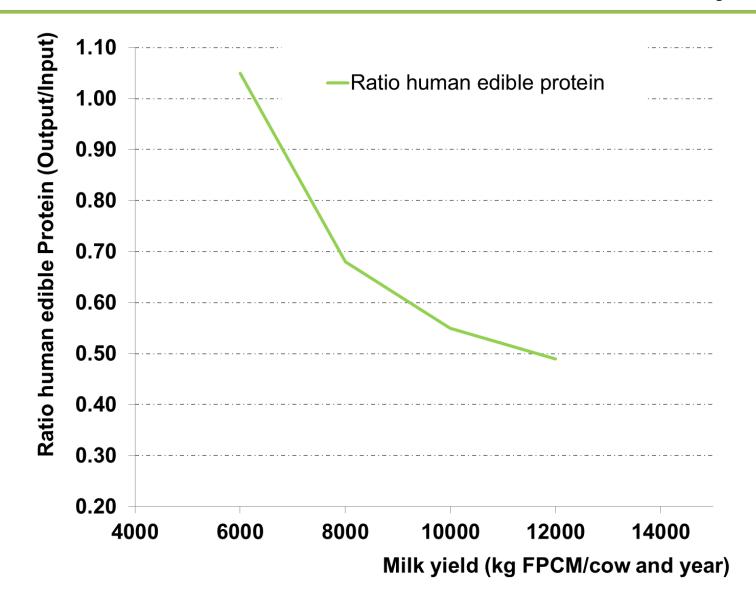


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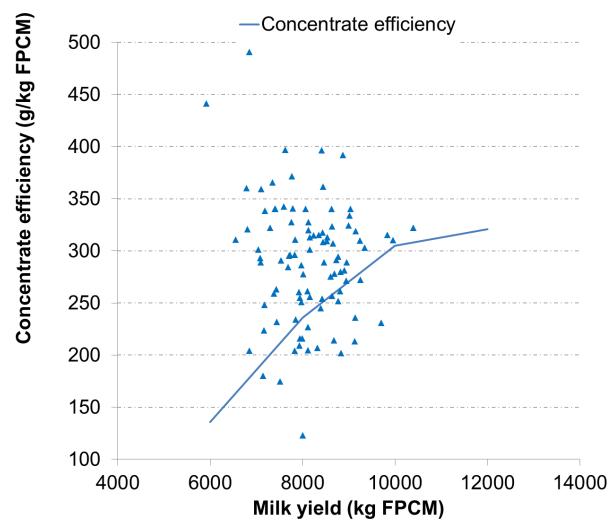


Milk yield, human edible ratio and concentrate efficiency

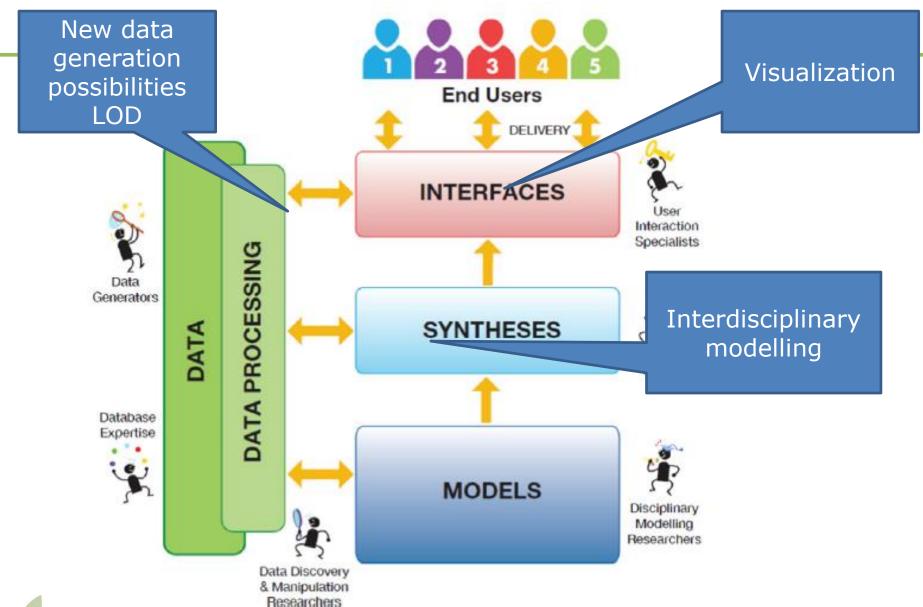




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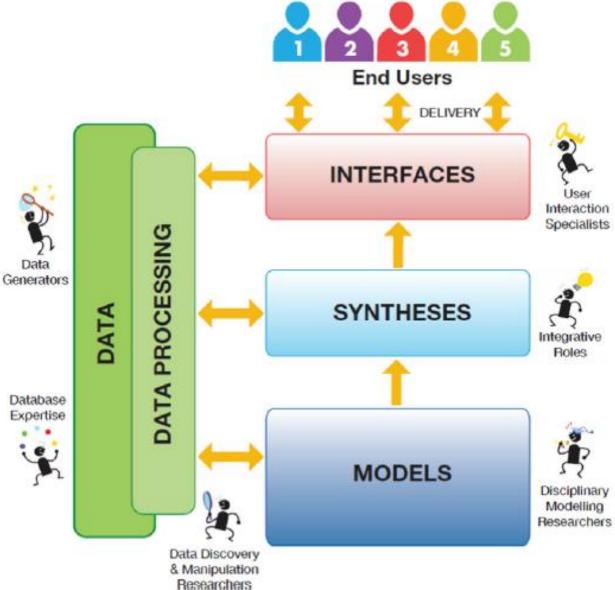














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Soo tiefe Modelle geeignet für Landwirte?

2 Modelle: IDB Plus research

Sinn des tools Verbesserungsmöglichkeiten aufzuzeigen Punktewolke: relevante veränderbare Einflussgrößen



Improve IDB DST -> breiter (partly include external costs), still ease of use (visualization?)

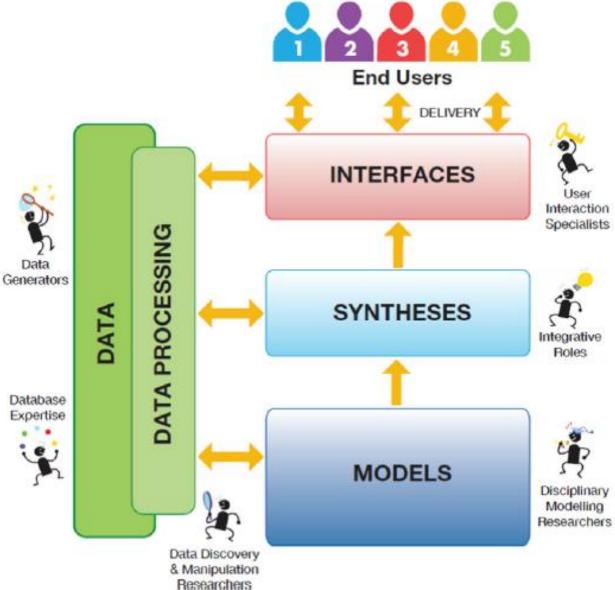
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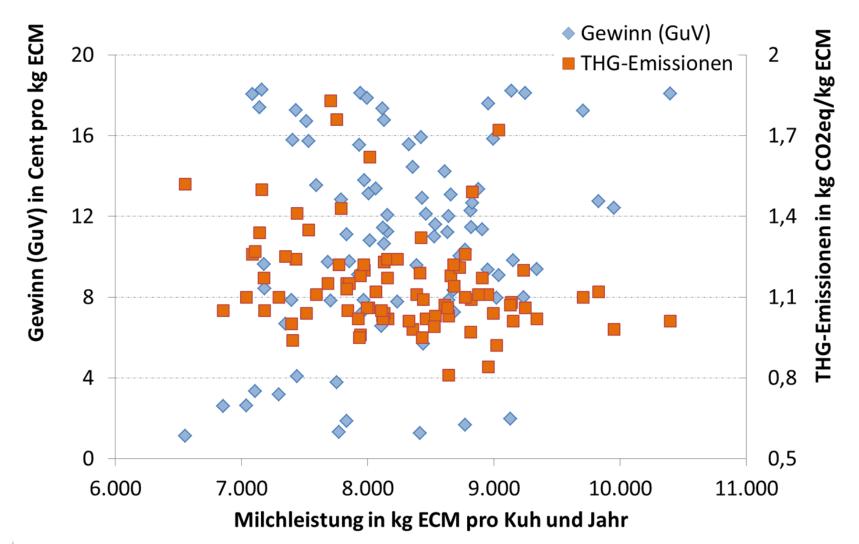
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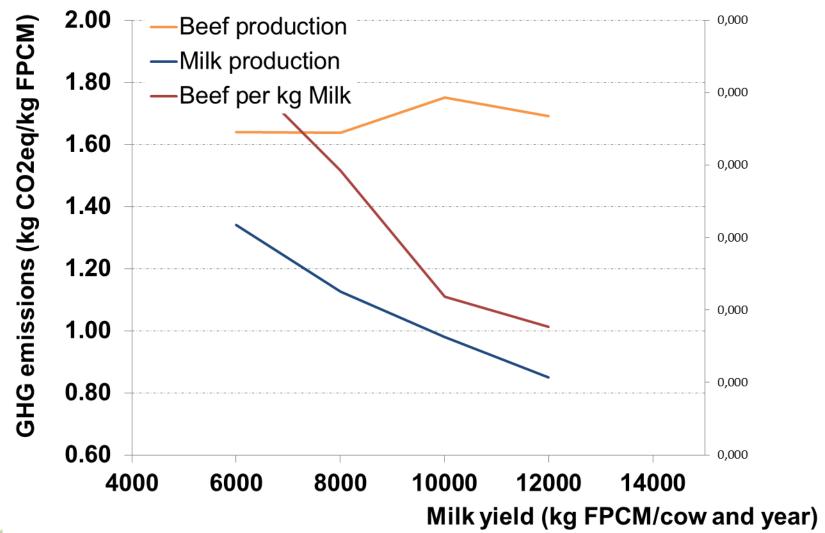
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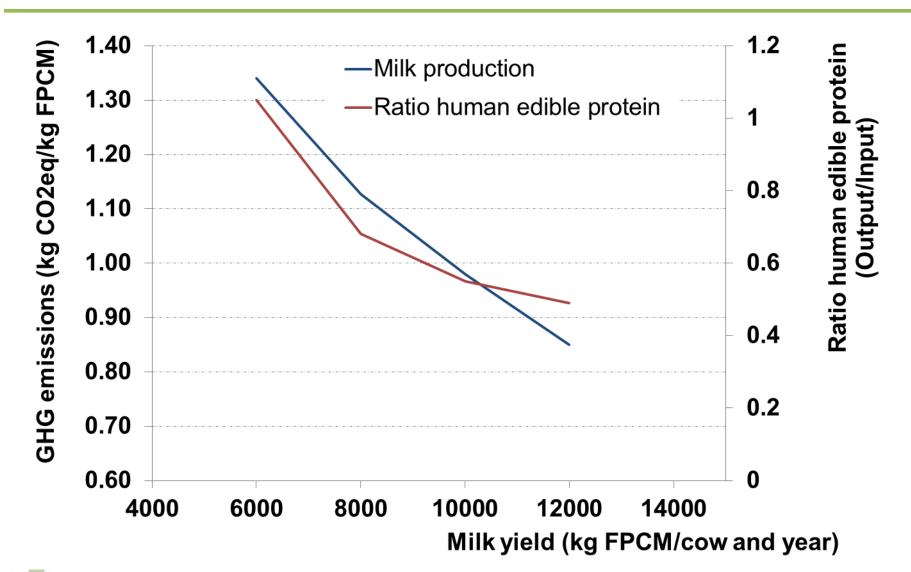










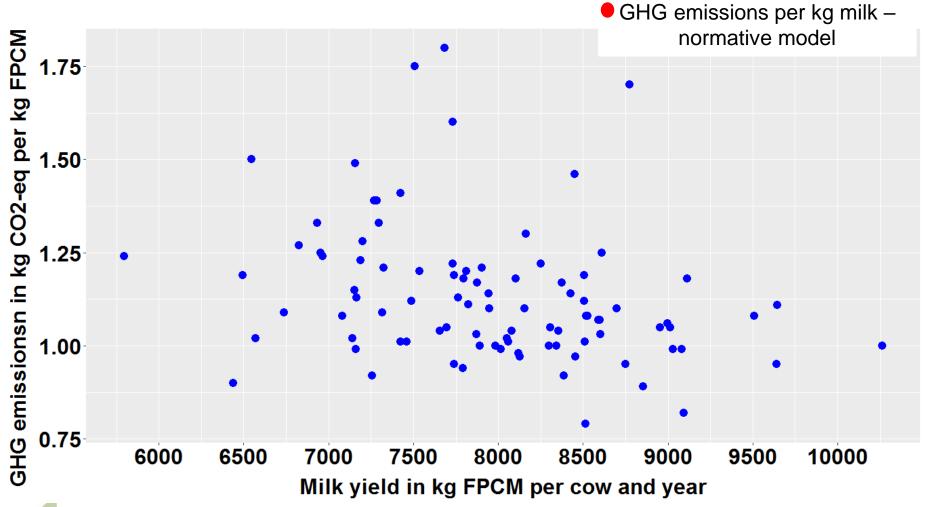




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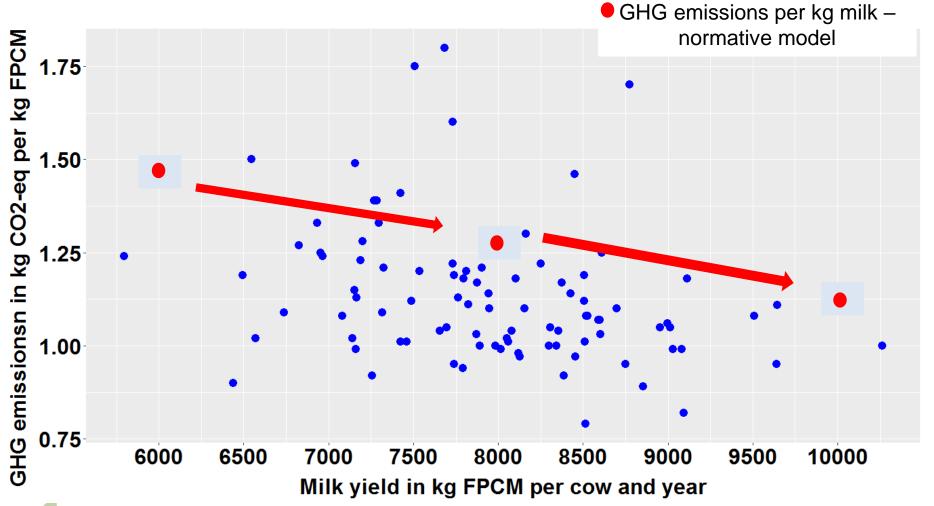


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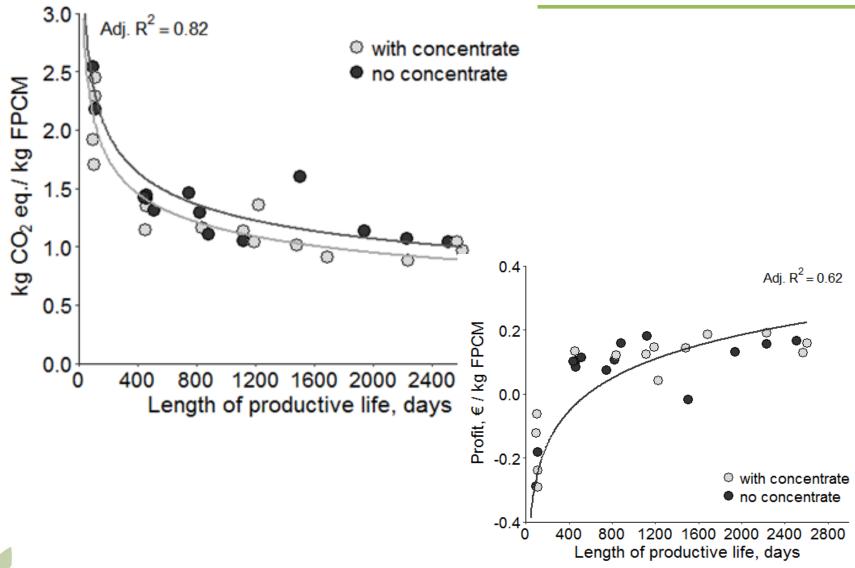


Internalisierung der externen THG Kosten - THG bewerten

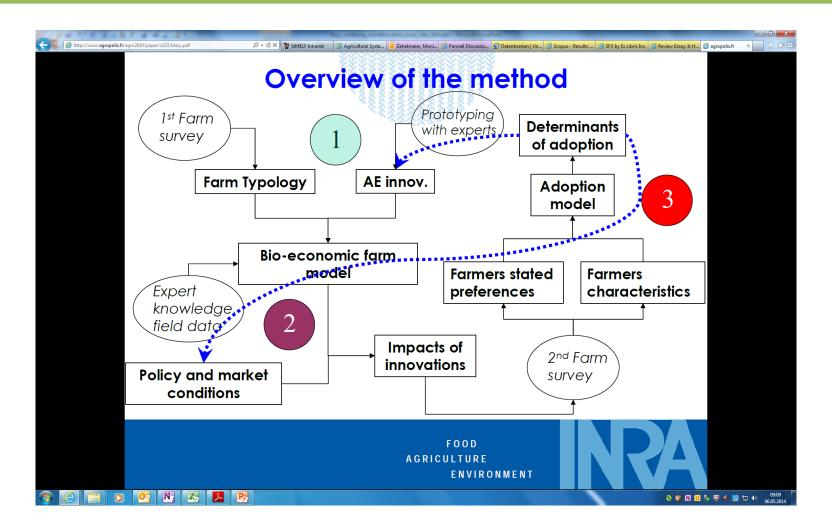


2. Teil: wie spiegeln Modelle die Realität wider











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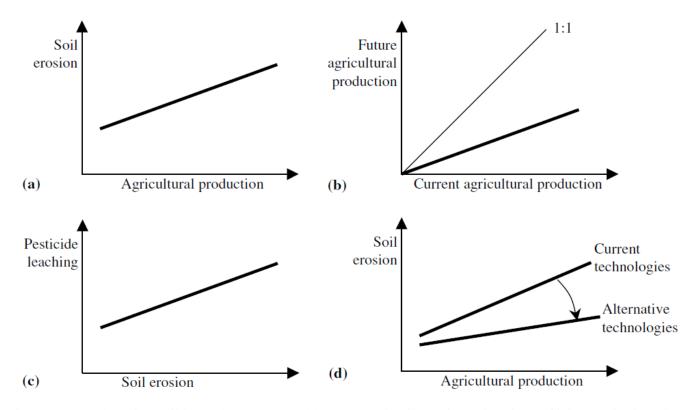


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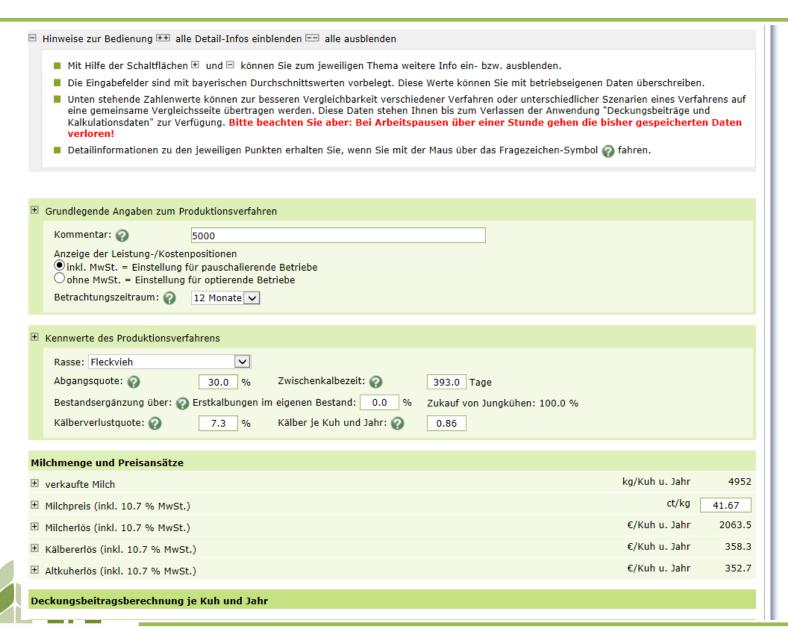


• Flat earth economics



- New insights into efficiency
 - Traditional insight for farmers/policy makers into efficiency



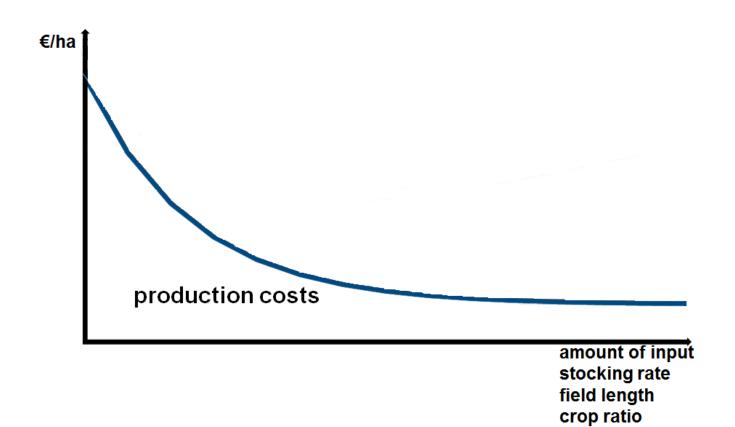


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