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The Value of Environmental Data in Livestock Feed Production

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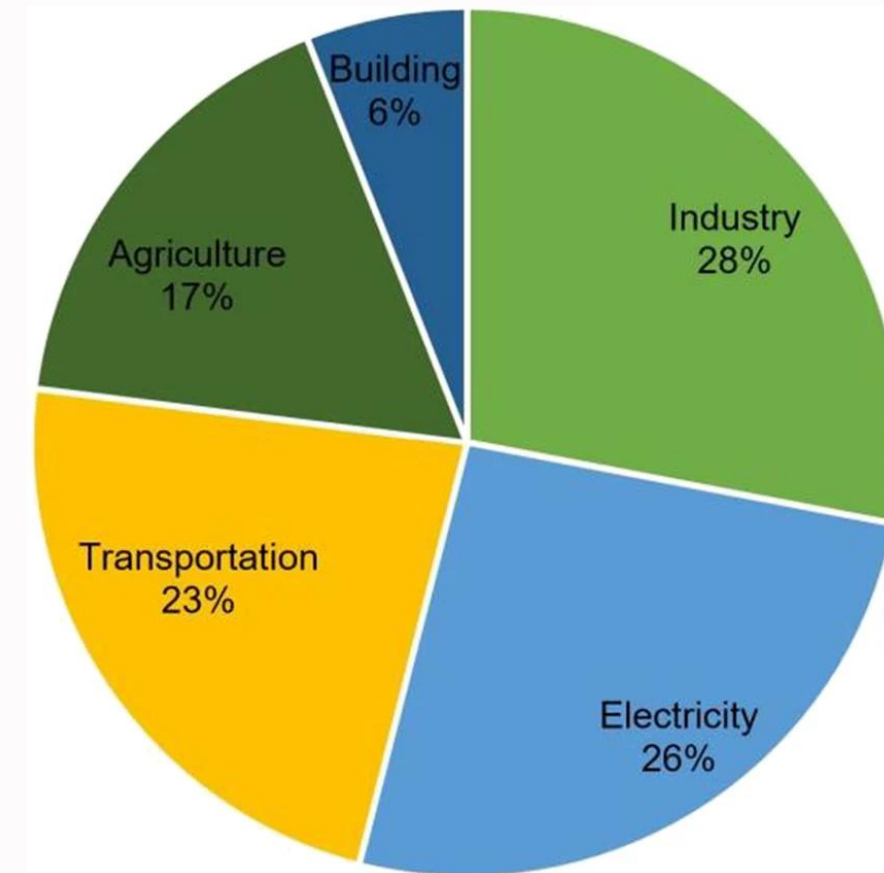
The Big Picture



- COP 21, 2015
- 187 countries agreed to limit global warming by 1.5°C
- Measure and Report progress



- COP 26, 2021
- 159 countries, representing 50% of anthropogenic emissions
- Committed to reduce methane by at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2030



Global CO2 emissions by sector (IEA 2020)

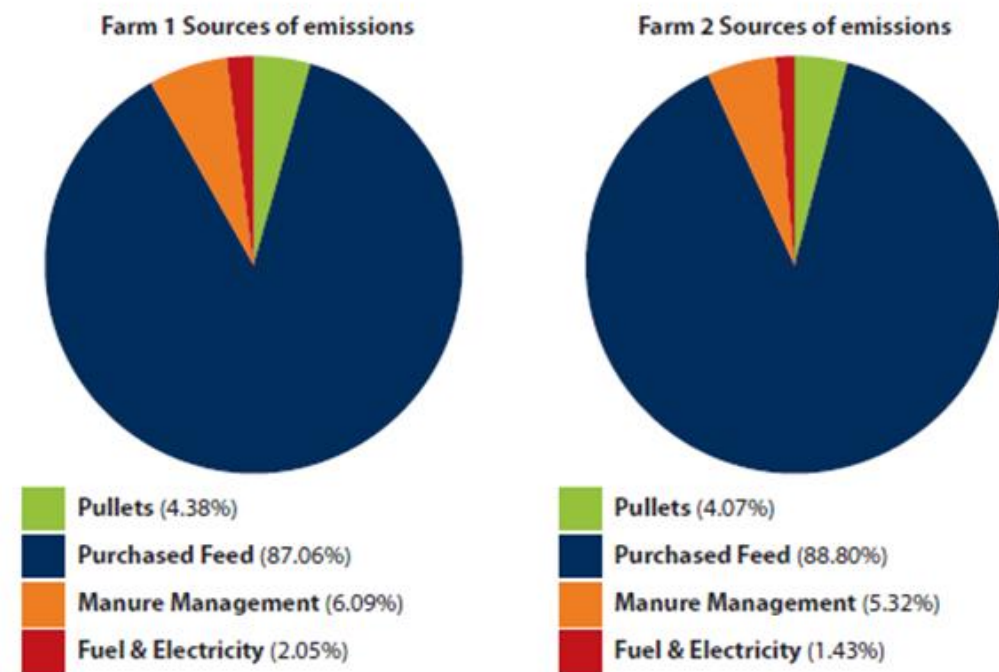


The environmental contribution of animal feed?

Table 1 - Carbon footprint results

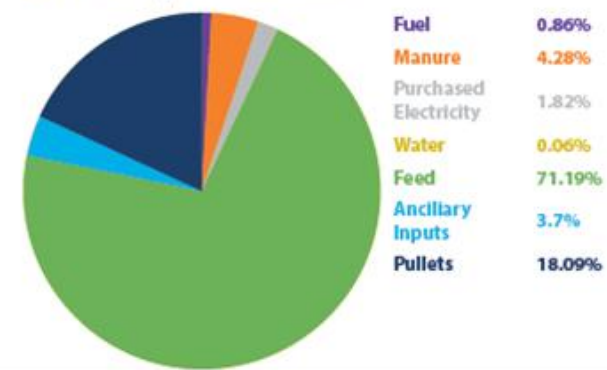
	Total emissions (kg CO2e / farm)	Emissions Intensity (kg CO2e / kg eggs)
Farm 1	4,827,033	3.01
Farm 2	973,830	3.44

Figure 4 – Sources of greenhouse gas emissions on free range poultry units

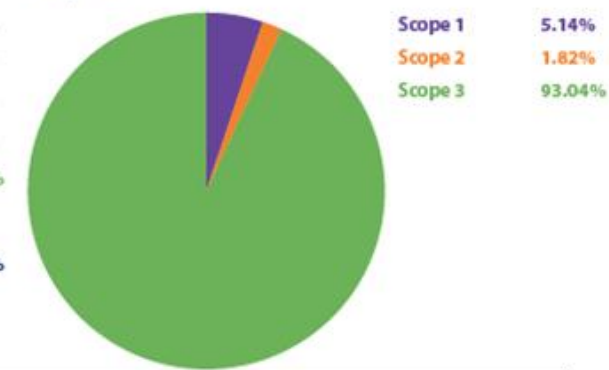


Source: BFREPA Sustainability Scheme Report, 2021

Carbon Footprint Breakdown



Scope %



Sequestration

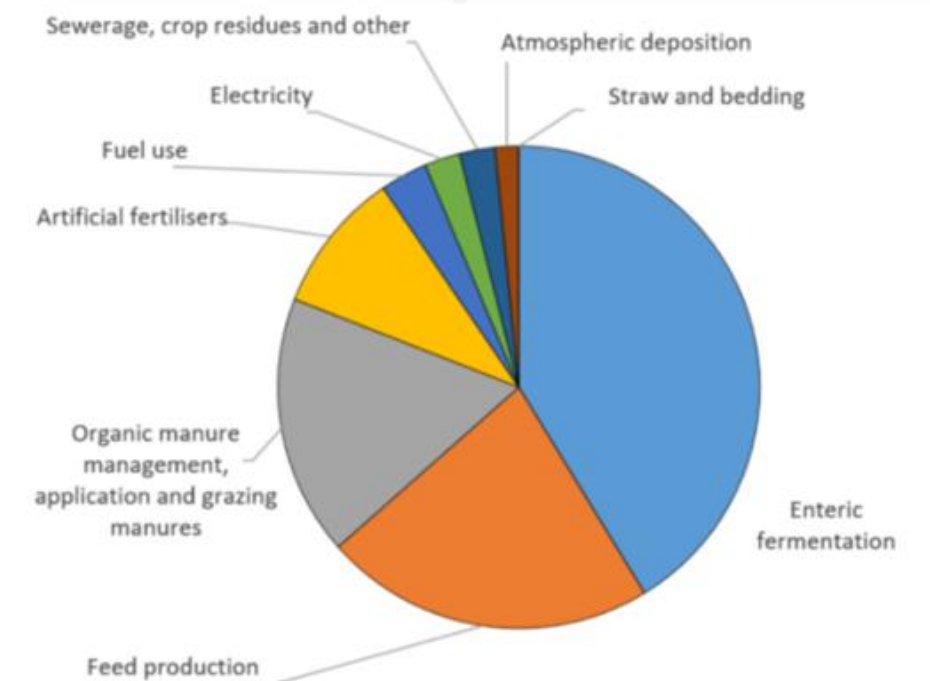
Total Sequestration 3978.592000

Net emissions

Net emissions, kgCO₂e/kg egg 1.91

Net emissions to offset, t 1494.338468

Source: Ranger (Eggbase), Mar 24



A typical carbon footprint of a UK dairy farm, Source ADAS 2026



Measurement and Calculation



What Method?



GREENHOUSE
GAS PROTOCOL



SCIENCE
BASED
TARGETS

DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION



PEF/OEF

Product/Organisation Environmental Footprint



Global
Sustainable
Transition
Alliance

Which Tool?

SimaPro



CFT
COOL FARM TOOL



Farm
Carbon
Toolkit



openLca



Eggbase
Carbon
Calculator



agrecalc

What Data source?



Agri-footprint
a Blonk solution

HESTIA

ecoinvent



WAGENINGEN
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH



EVONIK
Leading Beyond Chemistry

BRENNTAG

Where does that leave the Industry?

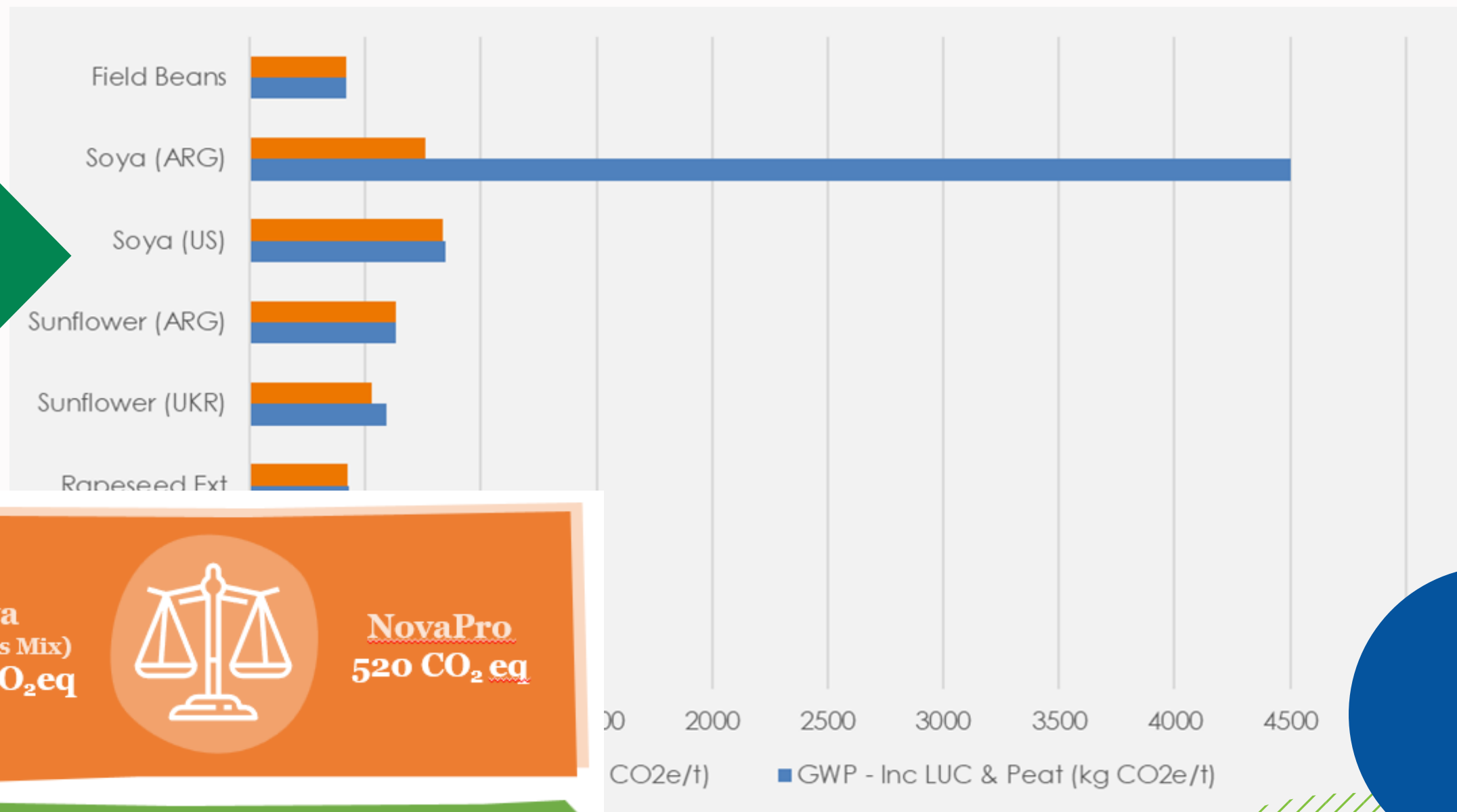
- Many feed companies operate globally
- As an industry we need:
 - Reliable
 - Consistent
 - High quality
 - Verified
 - Regularly updated
 - Economic
 - Global





What does that mean for feed operations?

Leverage GFLI data as parameter in feed formulation



Wheat
462 CO₂ eq

Bread Meal
114 CO₂ eq

Soya (Americas Mix)
4436 CO₂ eq

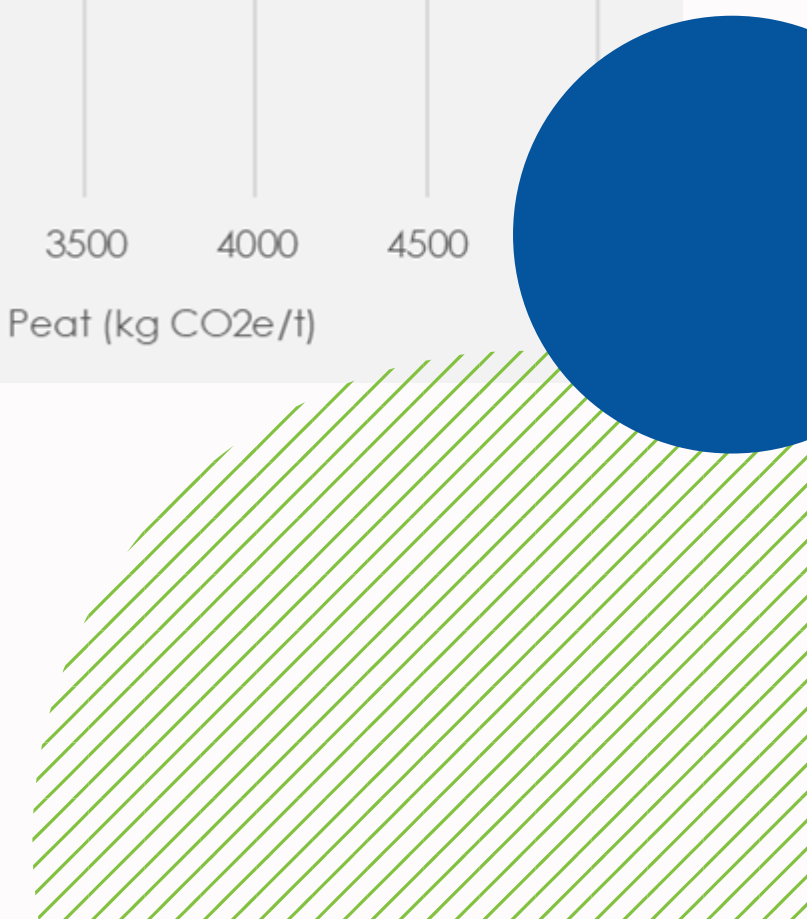
NovaPro
520 CO₂ eq

Soya Hulls
2778 CO₂ eq

SBP
390 CO₂ eq

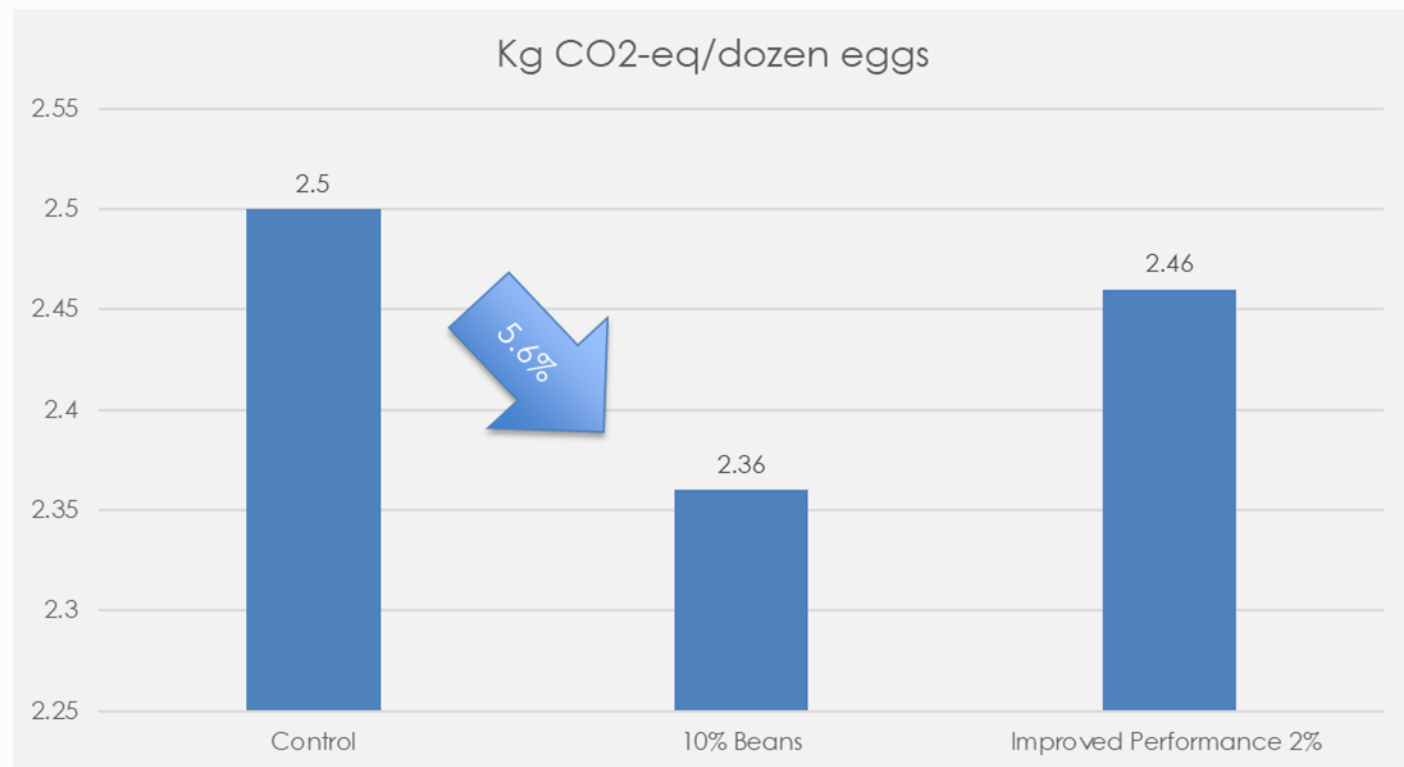
Grass Silage
290 CO₂ eq

Brewers Grains
Transport only
CO₂ eq



Some practical examples:

- 16K flock
- Commercial Diet Programme – Wheat/Soya
- 3 Treatments:
 - Control
 - Reduce Soya (10% field beans)
 - Improved Management



Replace some forage and 8kgs concentrate with **co-products** and some **home-grown urea treated wheat**

Balanced for **energy, protein and minerals**

LOW CARBON DIET

Diets prepared for Lower carbon diets

Start :

Finish :

Group name	current diet	Co product option
Milk yield	35 litres	35 litres
Milk fat (%)	4.2	4.2
Milk protein (%)	3.4	3.4
Weight change (kg/d)		
Bodyweight (kg)	650	650

Feeds	kg fresh	kg fresh
Good Maize silage	18.00	12.50
Press beet pulp		
1st cut 2023		
Urea Wheat	20.00	8.00
Trafford Gold		12.00
Brewers Grains		3.50
Dairy High Spec Prem		7.00
Limestone	0.15	11.50
Salt	0.10	0.15
Rapeseed meal (ext.)	0.15	0.20
18% high starch cake	2.00	0.10
Total intakes	10.00	1.50
	50.4	58.5

Saving 3.5 ppl
(now 1.5 ppl) from cost of bought in feeds

*FARMER VERY HAPPY!
COWS PERFORMING VERY WELL!*

Totally balanced
with no difference in herd performance

Carbon footprint
of this diet dropped dramatically



Impact of the total CF per FP corrected litres
= **21.7% reduction**





Actions from the Supply Chain?



Deliver sustainability reports and innovate

In the UK brown eggs are more prevalent despite being nutritionally identical

- Access to **good quality consistent** data has enabled supermarkets to make decisions with what they offer consumers



The white bird is more feed efficient and lives longer and offers eggs at a lower environmental footprint than the brown bird



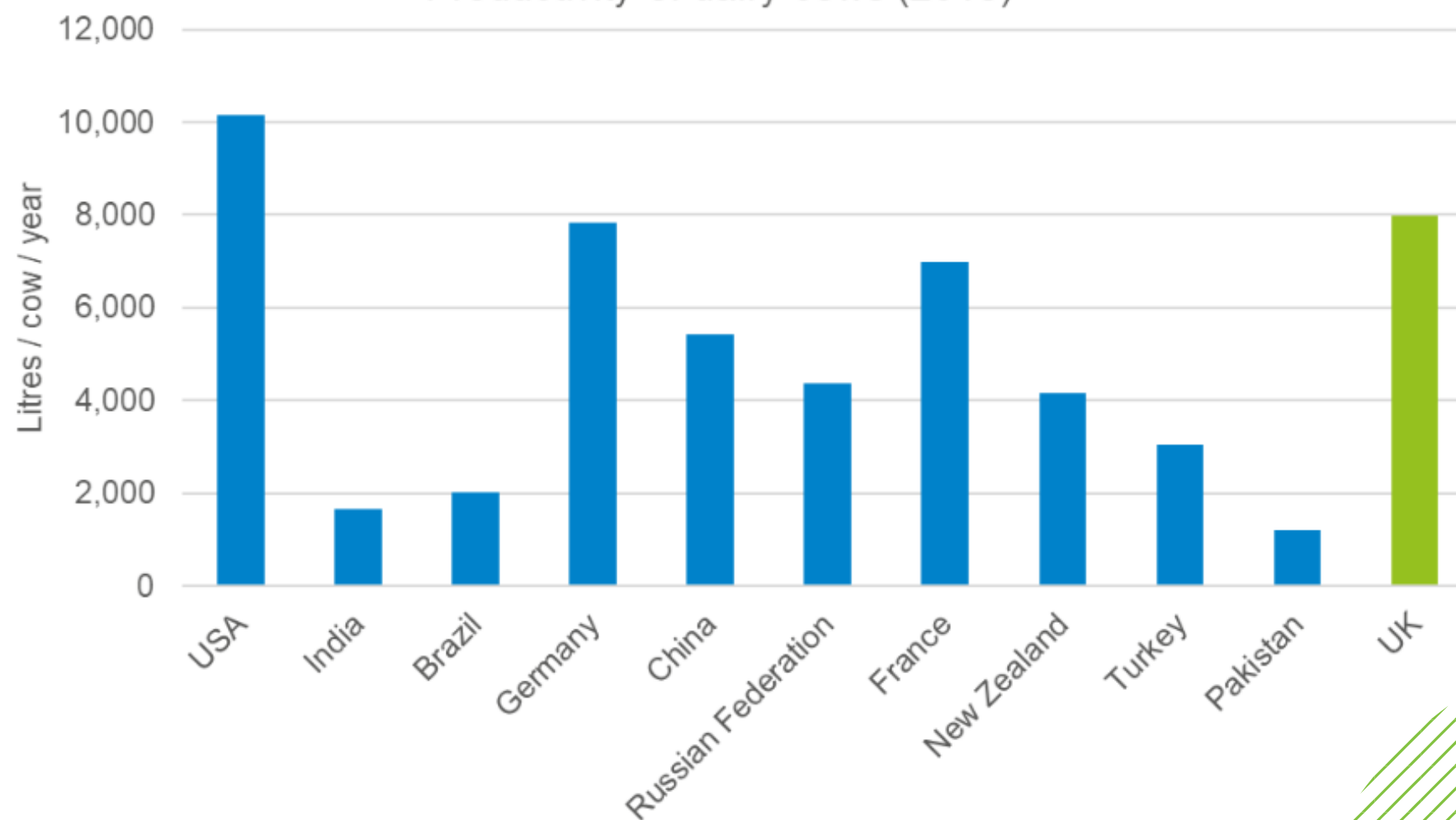
European producers are incredibly efficient



Stopping animal production in the EU/UK is detrimental

- Significant reductions in environmental emissions can be made by improving animal performance
- If all animals were as **productive** as those in **Europe** we could reduce the total animal numbers to approx. **1/3 of today's cow numbers**

Top 10 cow's milk producers worldwide (plus the UK)
Productivity of dairy cows (2018)



Source: FAO, Defra

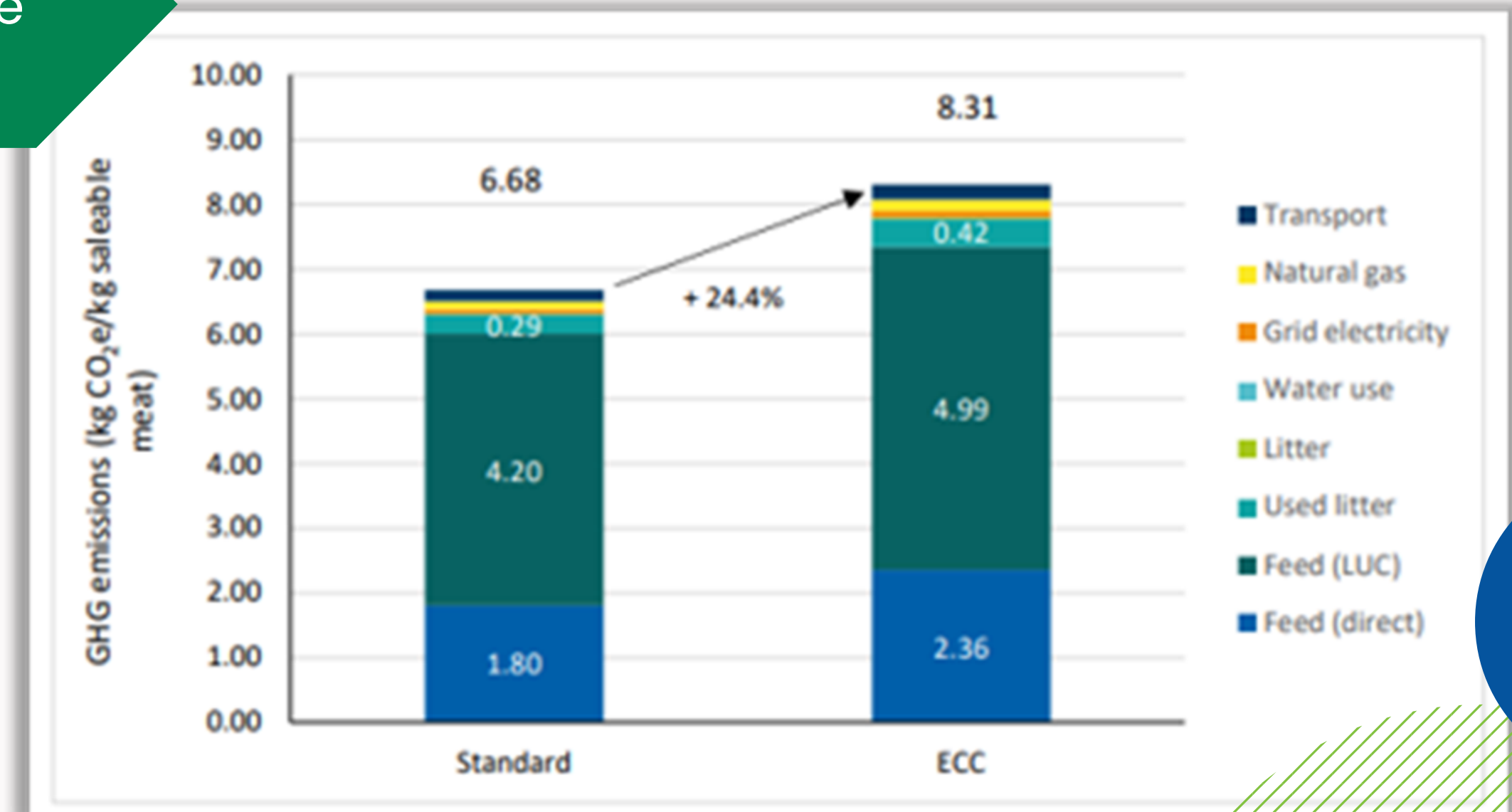


Assessing the Unintended consequences..



Ensuring the correct decisions are made based on data

- Greenhouse gas emissions per kg of meat produced for standard and European Chicken Commitment (ECC)
- Study carried out by RSK ADAS Ltd. (2024). Costs and implications of the European Chicken Commitment in the EU



Take home messages



The pressure is on, and its not going away



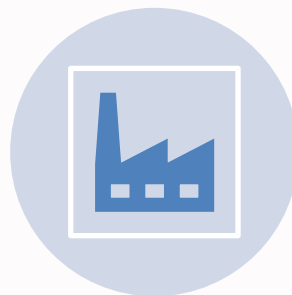
Consistency in data methodologies is key



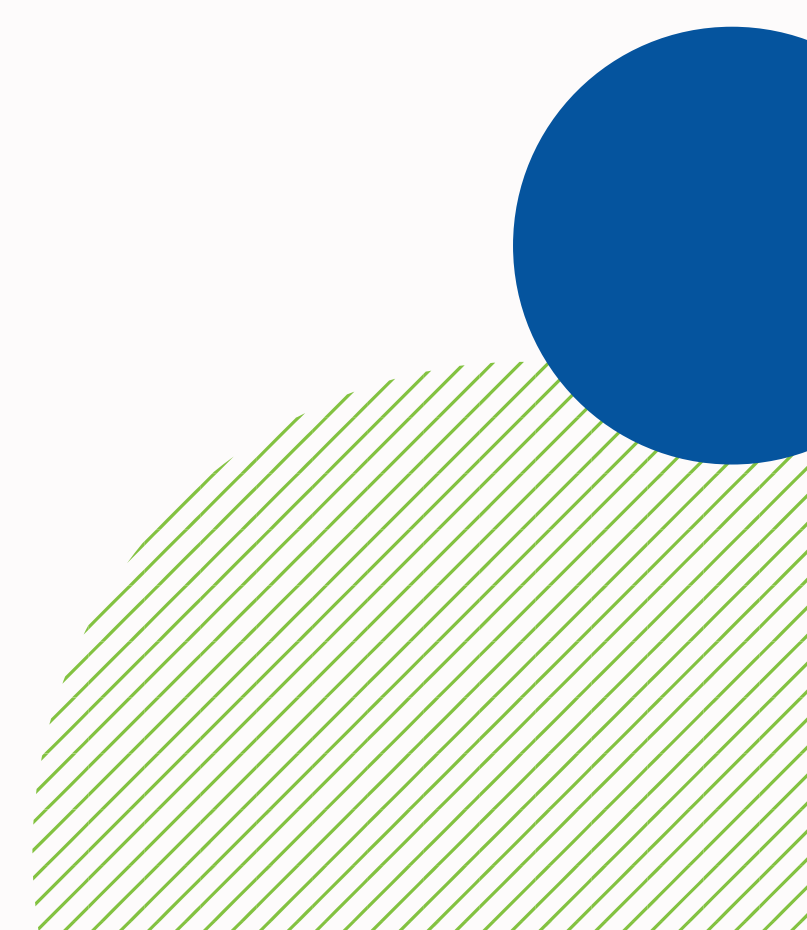
Feed industry has made significant progress in reducing environmental impact



Data is important throughout the supply chain



Production in the EU is best in class





Global Metrics for Sustainable Feed

THANK YOU

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