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Animal Science at HAU

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Together we aim to:

“ Educate, Inspire and Empower
current and future farmers to achieve
net zero within a sustainable farming
and food system. ”

HAU Research Centres/Groups & leads

Centre for Crop and Environmental Science (CCES)

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Crop Science group

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Nematology group

Matt Back

Soil and Water Science group

Simon Jeffery

Plant Pathology group

Simon Edwards

Entomology group

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Centre for Agriculture Data Science (AgriDat)

Ed Harris

Global Institute for Agri-Tech Economics (GIATE)

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Animal Welfare and Behaviour (AWaB)

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Monogastric group

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Dairy, heifer, calf group

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Beef and sheep group

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ES group **Productivity** – Nicky Naylor
ES group **Land and Soil** – Julia Casperd

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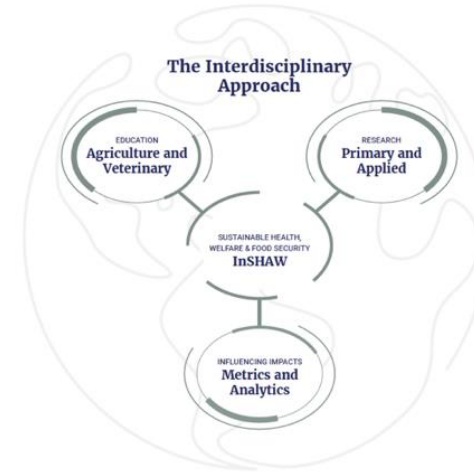
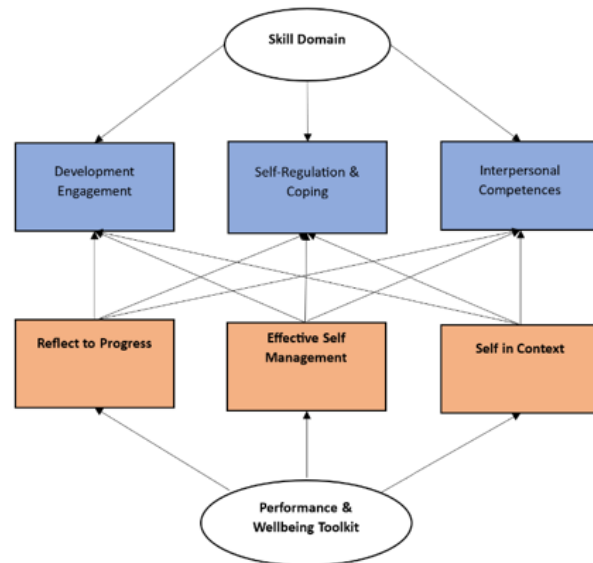
ES group **Energy and Water** – Marie Kirby
ES group **Data and systems boundaries** – Eric Siqueiros

HKVS - Strategic themes

Sustainable livestock health & welfare



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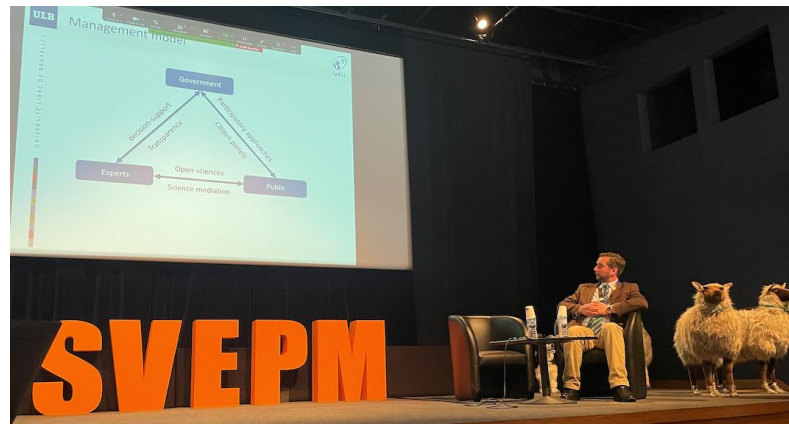
Wellbeing and professional performance

Excellence in primary care research & practice



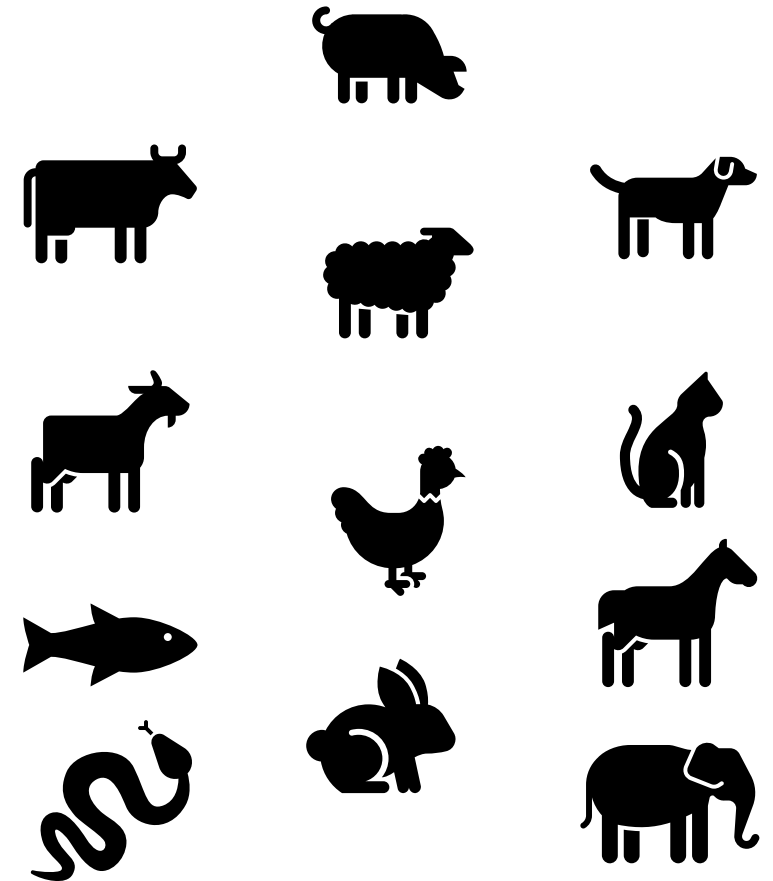
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Veterinary public health: a focus for integrated skills development

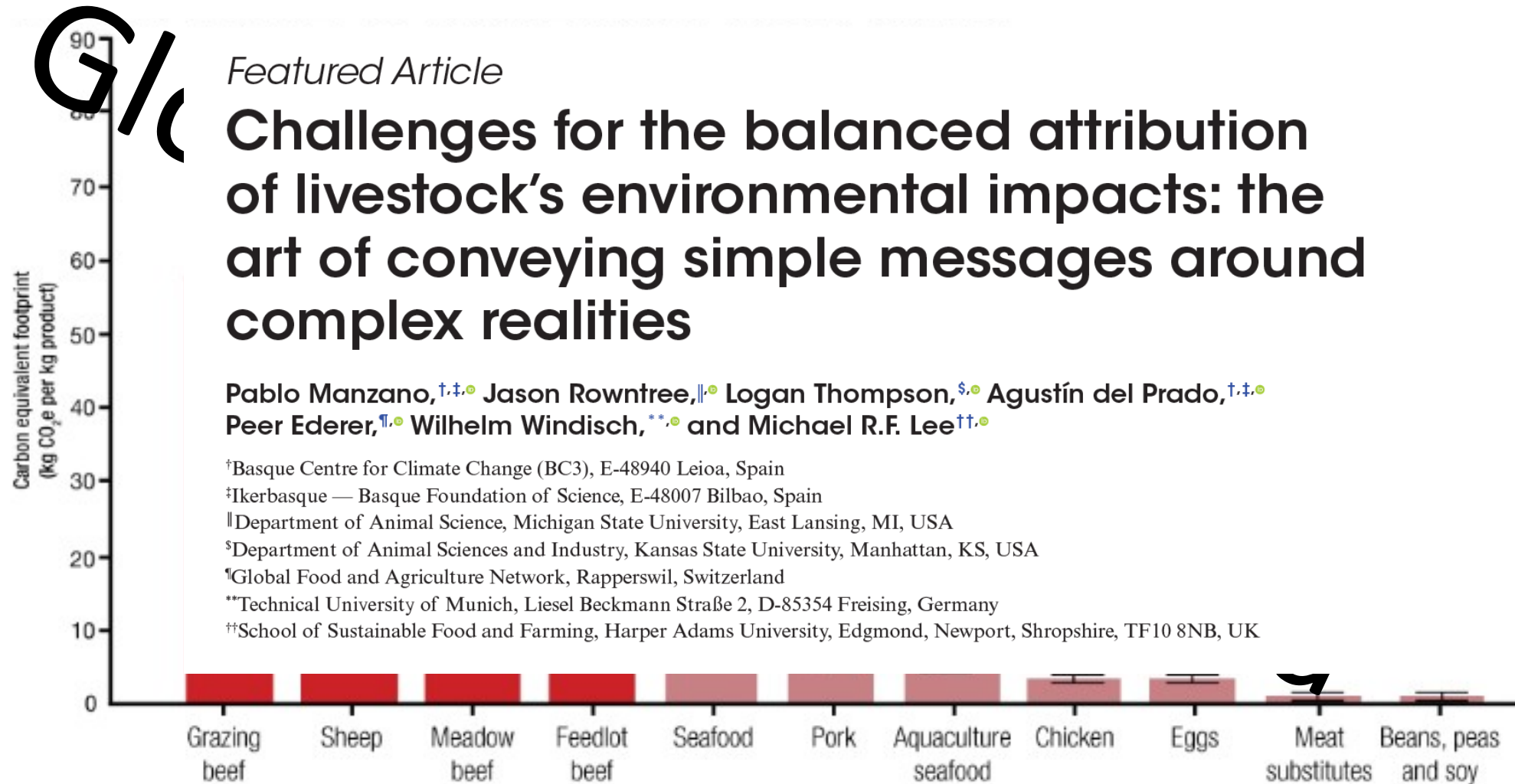


HAU tackling the key challenges in Animal Science through education, research and KE

- Nutrition and performance
- Nutritional value – food science
- Sustainability and environmental footprint
- Behaviour and welfare
- Animal health
- Veterinary public health - OVS training
- Bio-circularity - valorisation



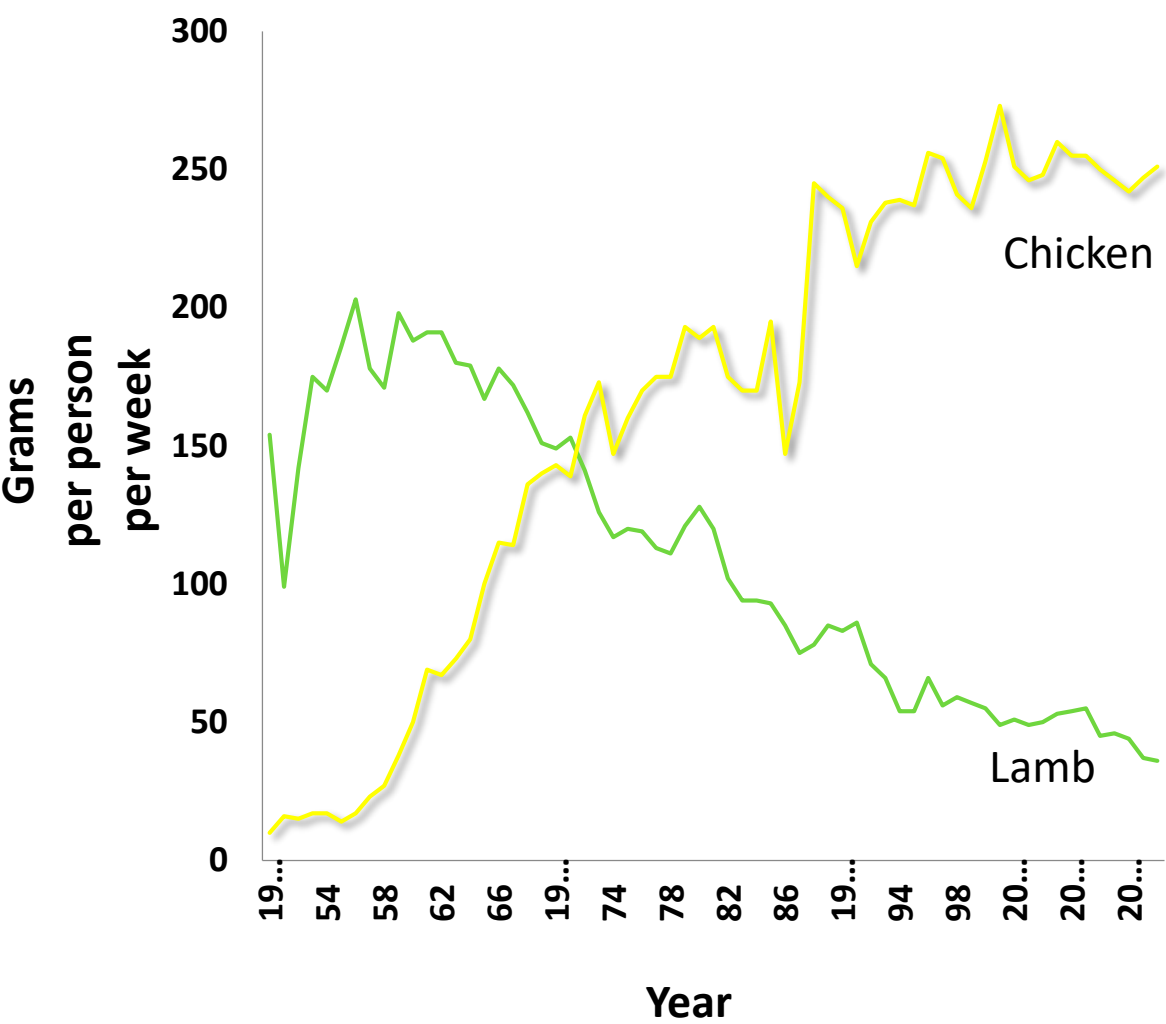
Global Warming Potential – mass based assessment (CO₂eq/kg product)



Reproduced from Nature Climate Change: Ruminants, climate change and climate policy; January 2014

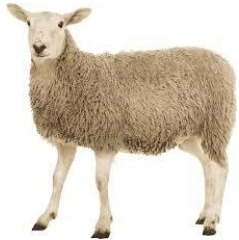
Danger of global averages

UK livestock consumption



UK ruminant livestock footprint

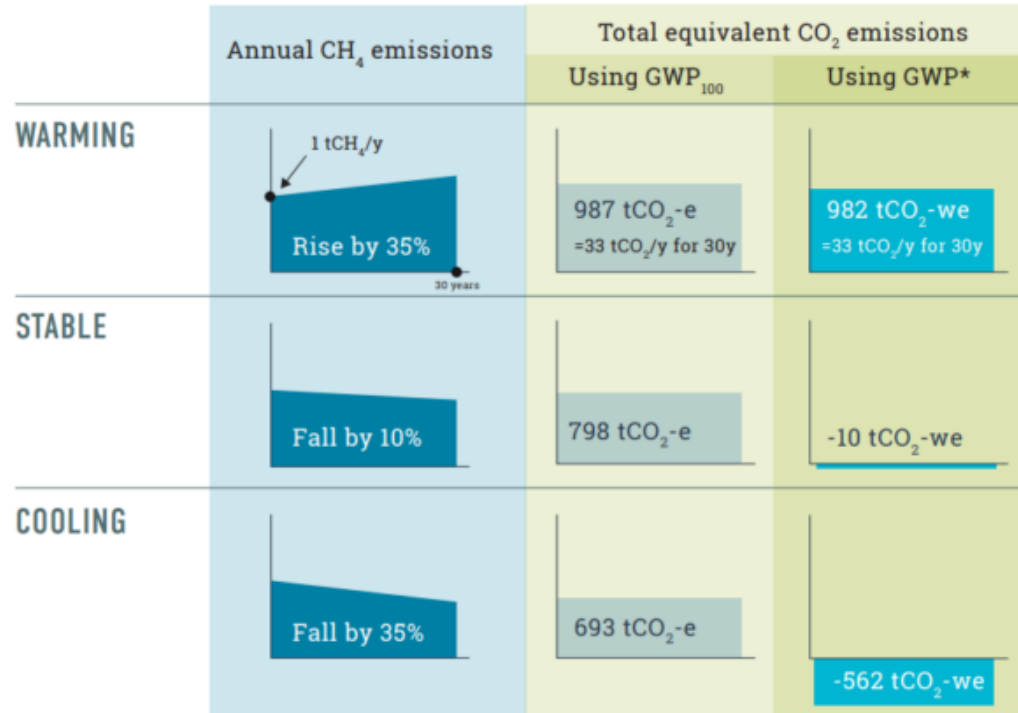
	Lowland	Upland	Hill
Enteric fermentation (methane)	4.62	5.59	8.61
Nitrous oxide (soils)	3.79	4.18	5.91
Upstream inputs and others	2.44	3.08	3.34
Total mean carbon footprint	10.85	12.85	17.86



	Permanent pasture
Enteric fermentation (CH ₄)	7.09
Manure management (CH ₄ + N ₂ O)	2.51
Ammonium nitrate fertiliser production	3.56
Fertiliser application (N ₂ O)	2.03
Others	3.28
Total	18.47

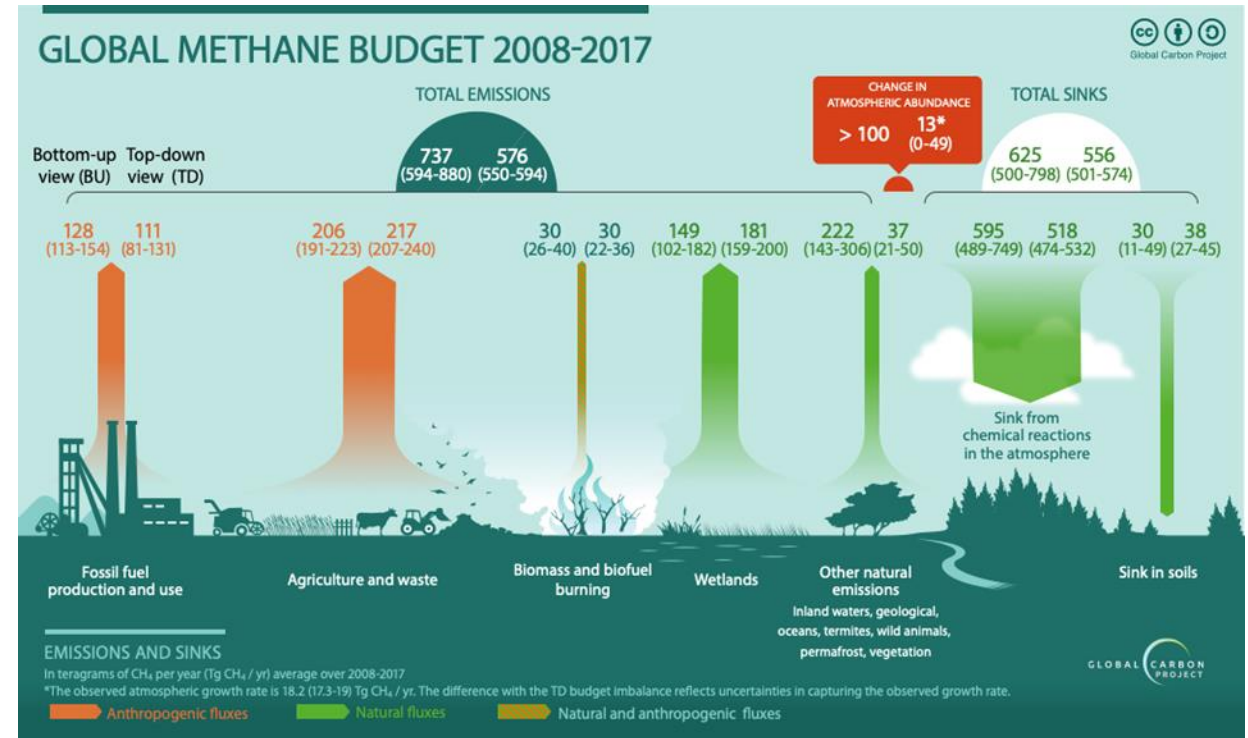


GWP* vs GWP100



30% < total CH₄

CH₄ vs OH- (sinks)



Biogenic CH₄ (Natural + Agriculture)

Biogenic CH₄ + Fossil CH₄

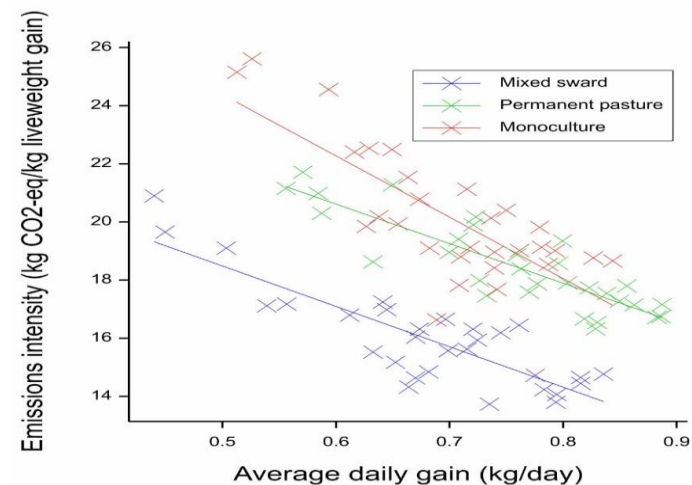
Biogenic CH₄ + Fossil CH₄ + Fossil CO



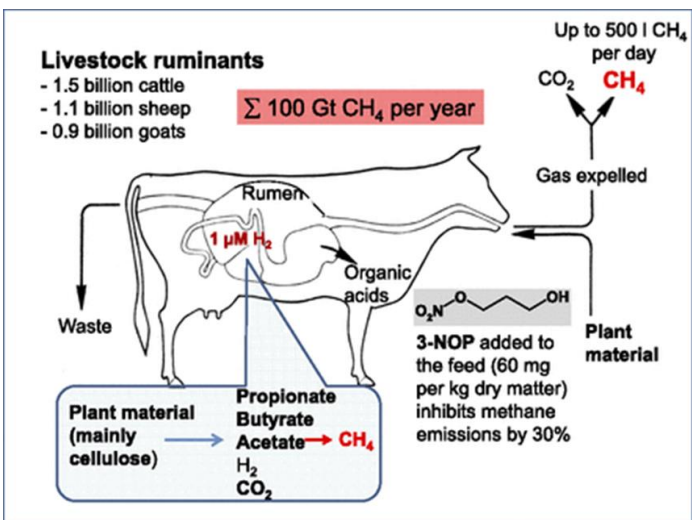
OH-

Approaches to Net Zero – 4 steps

1. Animal



2. Diet (composition and supplements)



3. Land

Table 5. Carbon storage for different types of UK plantations.

Species	Yield Class (m ³ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹)	Rate of storage ¹ (Mg C ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹)	Equilibrium carbon storage ² (Mg C ha ⁻¹)			
			Trees	Wood products ³	Litter	Soil
<i>P. sitchensis</i> ⁴ (unthinned)	24	5.6	90	42	34	89
	22	5.3	88	41	32	90
	20	5.1	86	40	30	92
	18	4.7	83	39	28	87
	16	4.5	79	37	26	87
	14	4.1	74	34	24	83
	12	3.7	68	32	21	77
	10	3.4	62	30	18	79
	8	2.9	54	27	15	72
	6	2.5	45	22	12	72
<i>P. sitchensis</i> ⁴ (thinned)	24	4.4	67	31	29	84
	22	4.3	67	31	29	87
	20	4.1	65	29	26	88
	18	3.8	62	28	25	83
	16	3.6	59	27	23	84
	14	3.3	54	26	21	80
	12	3.0	50	24	19	75
	10	2.8	46	22	17	77
	8	2.4	41	20	14	71
	6	2.1	36	16	11	71
<i>Populus</i>	12	7.3	66	36	23	87
<i>Salix</i>	13	8.9	69	39	25	93
<i>Nothofagus</i>	16	4.6	40	17	27	96
<i>P. sitchensis</i> ⁵	12	3.0	52	24	19	75
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	10	2.7	53	26	19	81
<i>P. contorta</i>	8	2.5	44	19	15	78
<i>P. sylvatica</i>	6	2.4	40	16	12	87
<i>Quercus</i>	4	1.8	48	19	20	68

¹ Initial rate of increase in total carbon storage, calculated as total C storage at end of first rotation divided by rotation length. ² Time-averaged storage of carbon at equilibrium. ³ In the case of thinned stands, contributions to the wood product pool from stem thinnings are calculated assuming a 5-year lifetime. ⁴ 2.0 m initial spacing. ⁵ 1.8 m initial spacing.

4. Energy and Buildings



Accounting for nutritional quality

Nutrient	Unit (per 100 g meat)	RDI	Beef		Chicken		Lamb		Pork
			Concentrate	Forage	Intensive	Free range	Lowland	Upland	Intensive
Protein	g	50.25	23.5	23.5	26.3	26.3	20	20	18.6
MUFA	g	37.5	1.13	1.63	3.70	5.44	1.30	1.07	0.85
EPA+DHA	mg	250	3.4	27.4	17.6	14.7	26.4	31.7	14.8
Ca	mg	700	5	5	11	11	12	12	10
Fe	mg	11.75	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.4	0.4
Riboflavin	mg							0.2	0.18
Folic acid	µg							6	1
Vitamin B12	µg							1	1
Se	µg							3	11
Zn	mg							2	1.3
Na	g						7	0.07	0.05
SFA	g						4	1.21	0.90

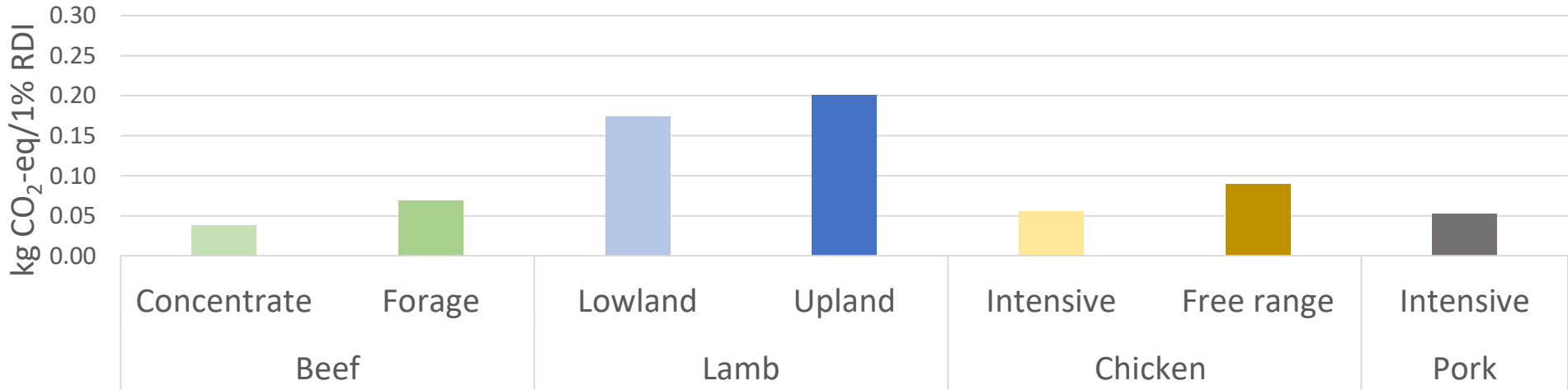
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CRITICAL REVIEW

Applications of nutritional functional units in commodity-level life cycle assessment (LCA) of agri-food systems

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Rebalancing the metric

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Need to consider nutrient content when defining environmental impact –
KgCO₂e/1% RDI

Nutritional value of su

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COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION ARTICLE



Protein quality as a complementary functional unit in life cycle assessment (LCA)

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Need to consider
defining environmental impact –
KgCO₂e/DIAAS corrected protein

RDI of key nutrients

e/gfs



Population protein intakes and food sustainability indices: The metrics matter

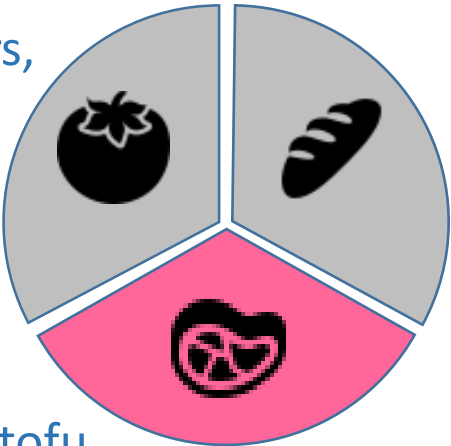
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Diet level analysis and NDS

Carrots, tomatoes or cucumbers,
always with apples



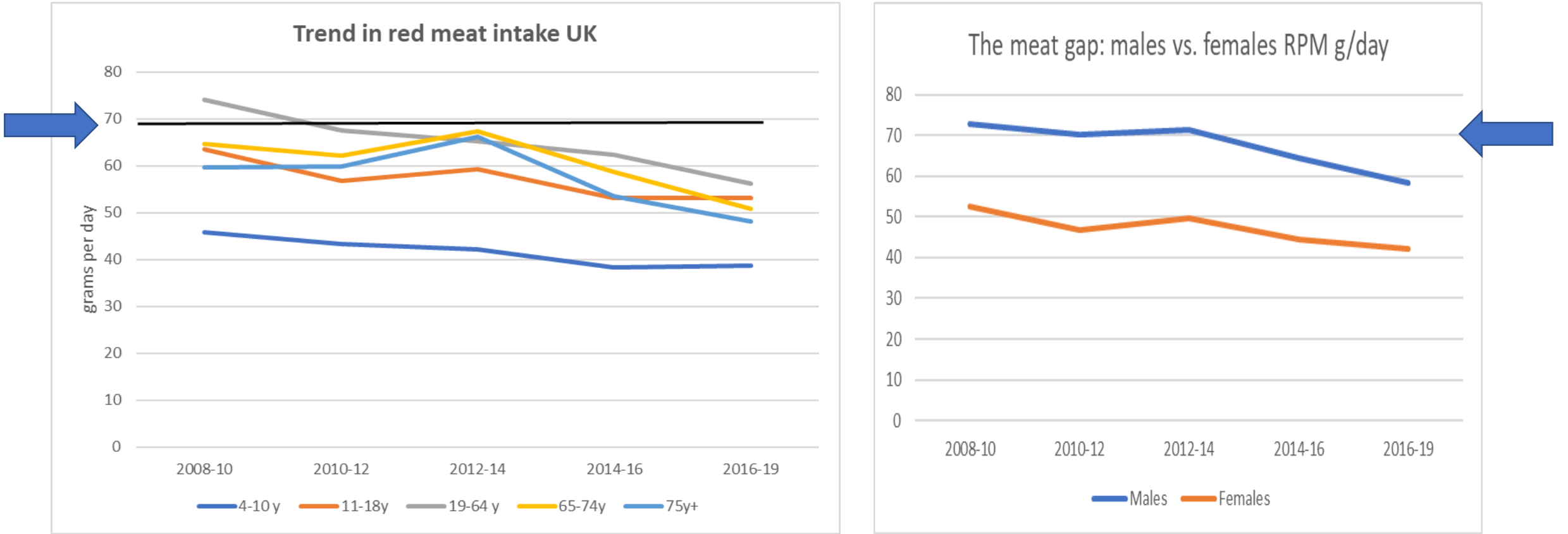
Potatoes, bread or rice

Beef, pork or tofu

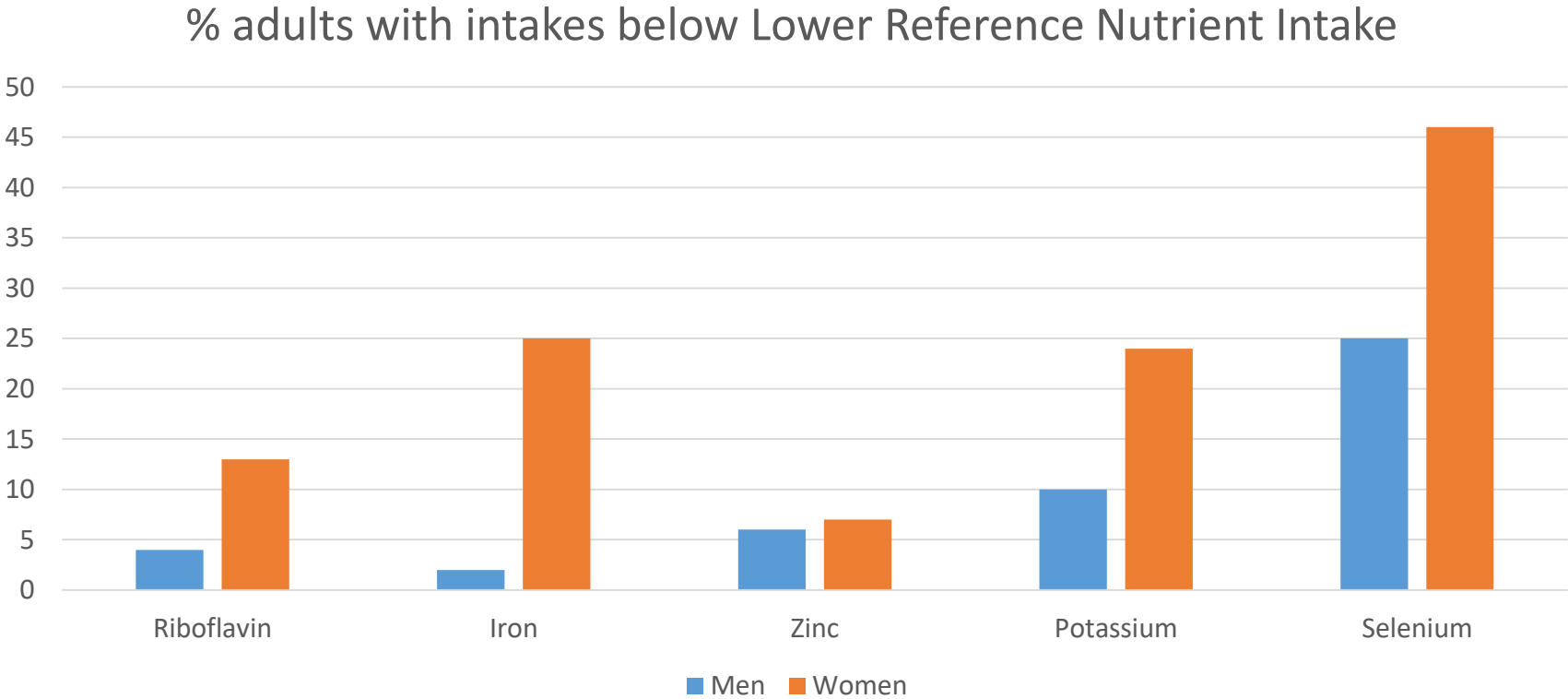
Tofu Carbon footprint comparison (only protein bioavailability corrected*)

	CO2e/Kg	CO2e/NDS	CO2e/bNDS*
Beef	x15.4 tofu	x2.2 tofu	x1.7 tofu
Pork	x3.5 tofu	x1.3 tofu	x1.0 tofu

Care needed with current advice for low meat intake diets - Declining meat intakes



We are already seeing deficiency in meat-sourced nutrients



PLUS:
Around 20% of adults have low vitamin D status <25 nmol/L

DEFINITION:
The LRNI meets the needs of <2.5% of the population and indicates risk of deficiency

Evidence of benefit of meat-sourced nutrients from meta-analyses of human studies

- Improving iron status may reduce fatigue
- Low zinc status associated with respiratory infections & autoimmune conditions
- Vitamin D positively correlated to bone health in adults
- Adequate intake of potassium is desirable to achieve lower blood pressure
- Selenium reduces oxidative stress

Review > [Br J Nutr.](#) 2017 May;117(10):1422-1431. doi: 10.1017/S0007114517001349.

Epub 2017 Jun 19.

Iron deficiency without anaemia is a potential cause of fatigue: meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials and cross-sectional studies

Review > [Nutrients.](#) 2018 Jan 11;10(1):68. doi: 10.3390/nu10010068.

Zinc Status and Autoimmunity: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Meta-Analysis > [Cien Saude Colet.](#) 2021 Aug;26(8):3221-3244.

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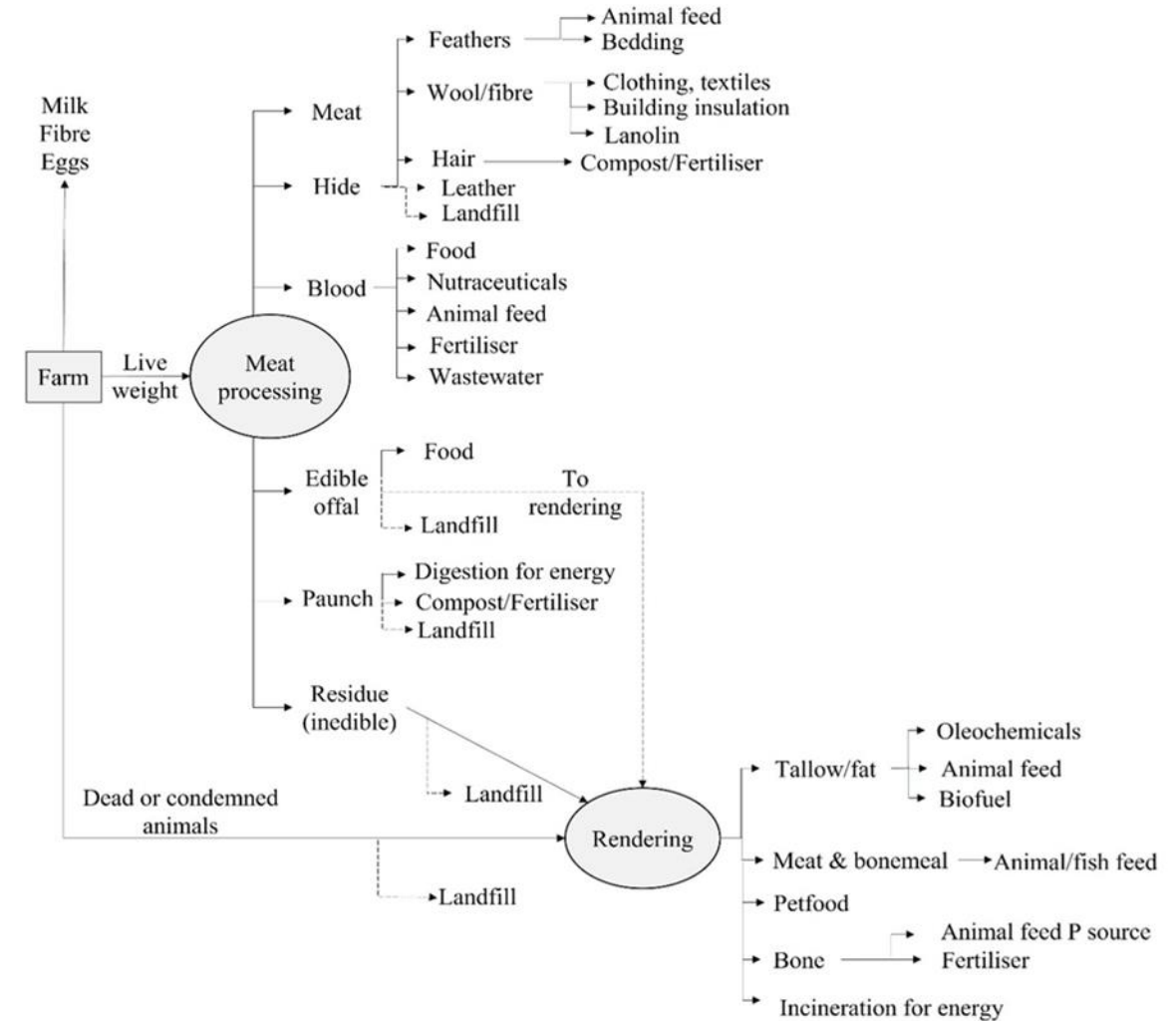
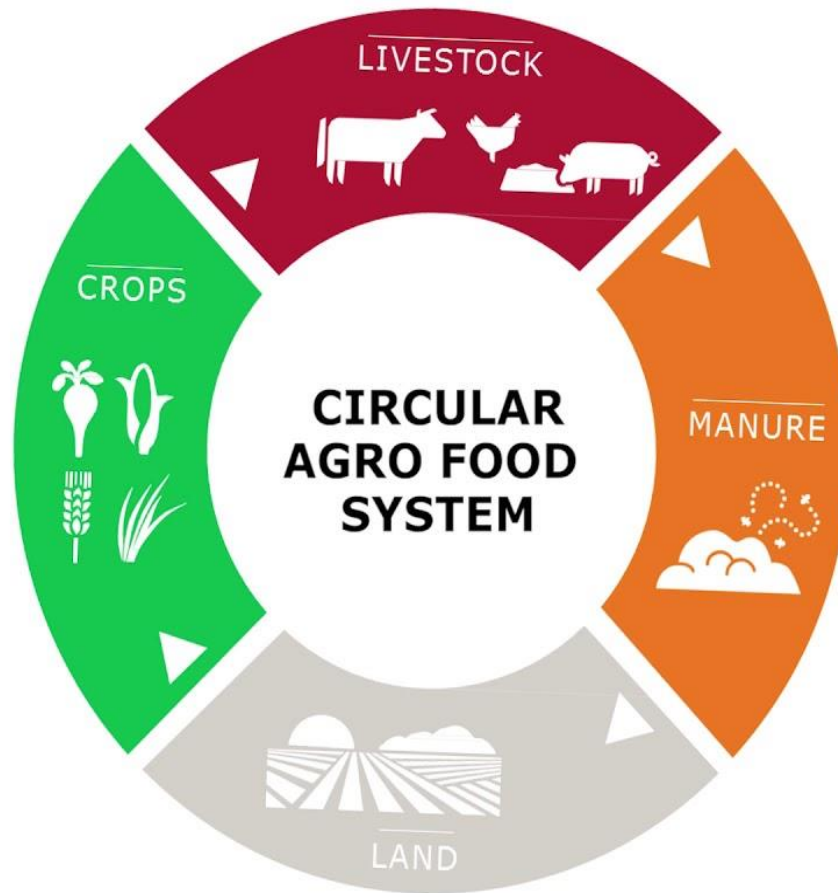
Vitamin D and bone health in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Meta-Analysis > [Hormones \(Athens\).](#) 2019 Dec;18(4):451-462. doi: 10.1007/s42000-019-00143-3.

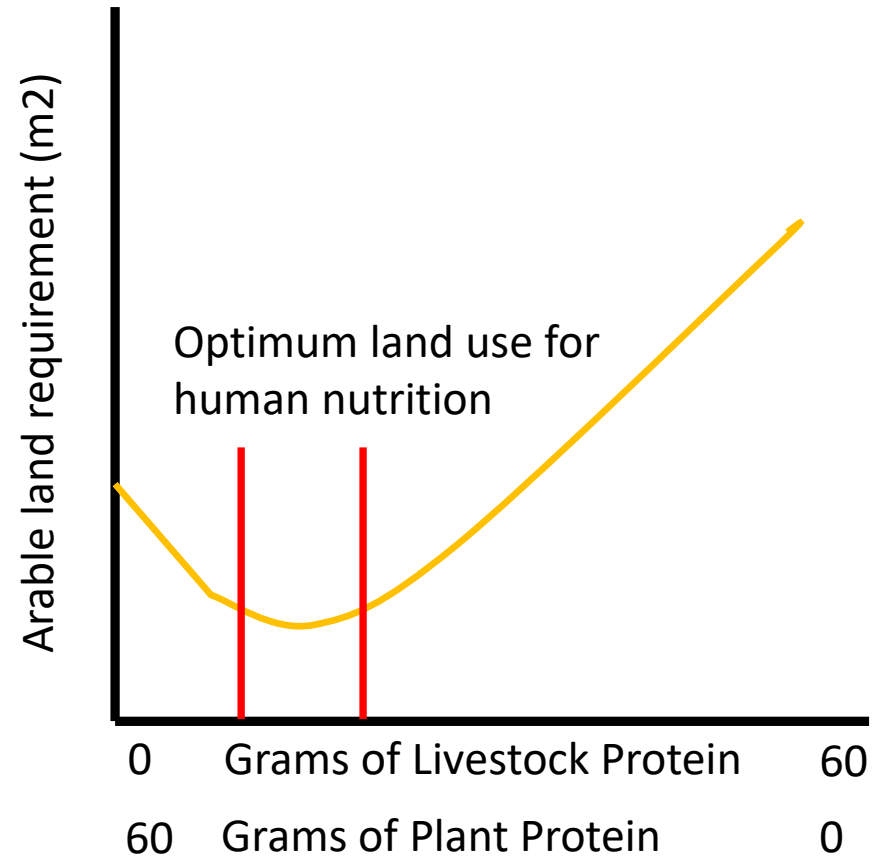
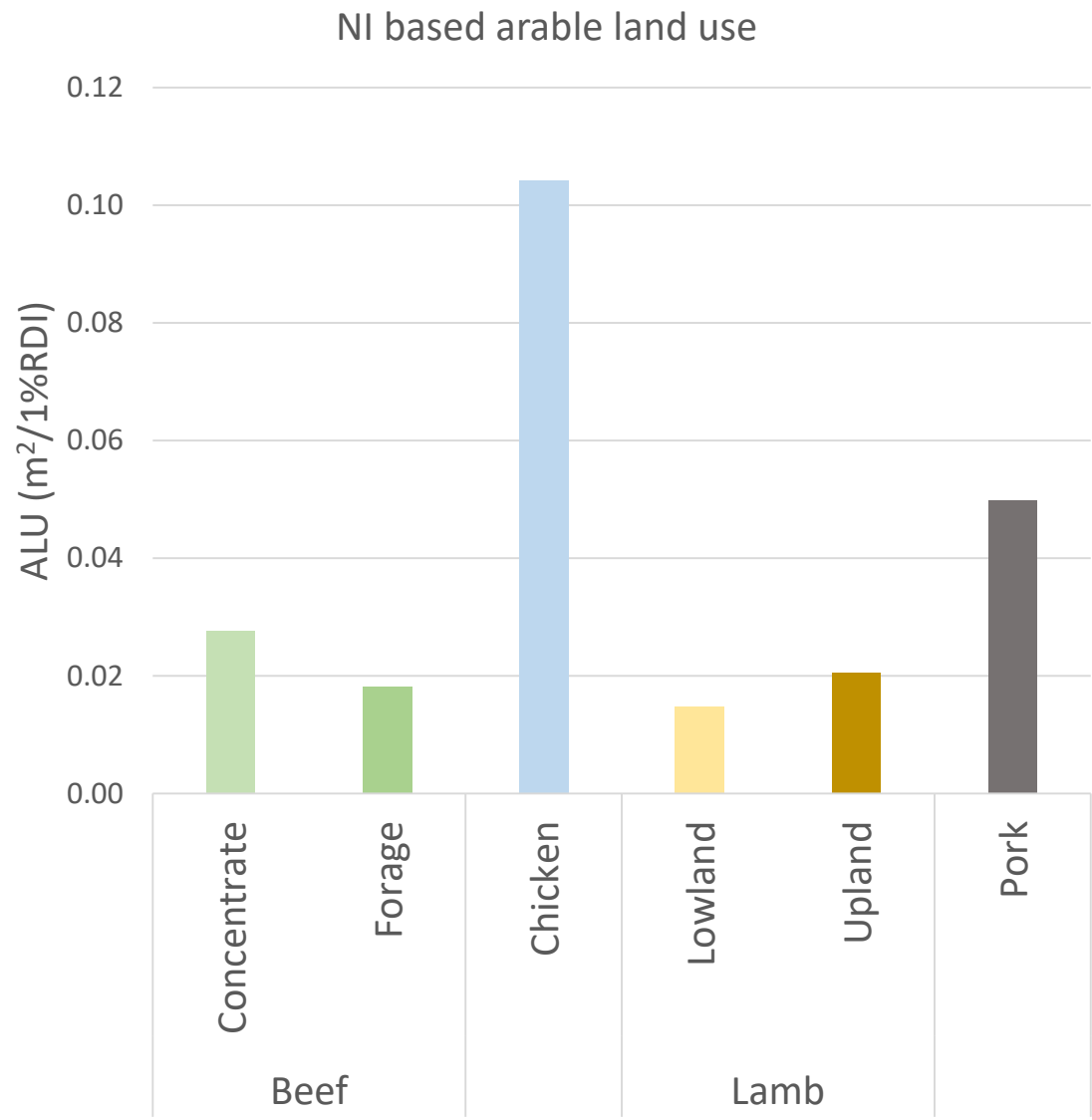
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Effect of selenium supplementation on antioxidant markers: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

Bio-circularity – FAO role

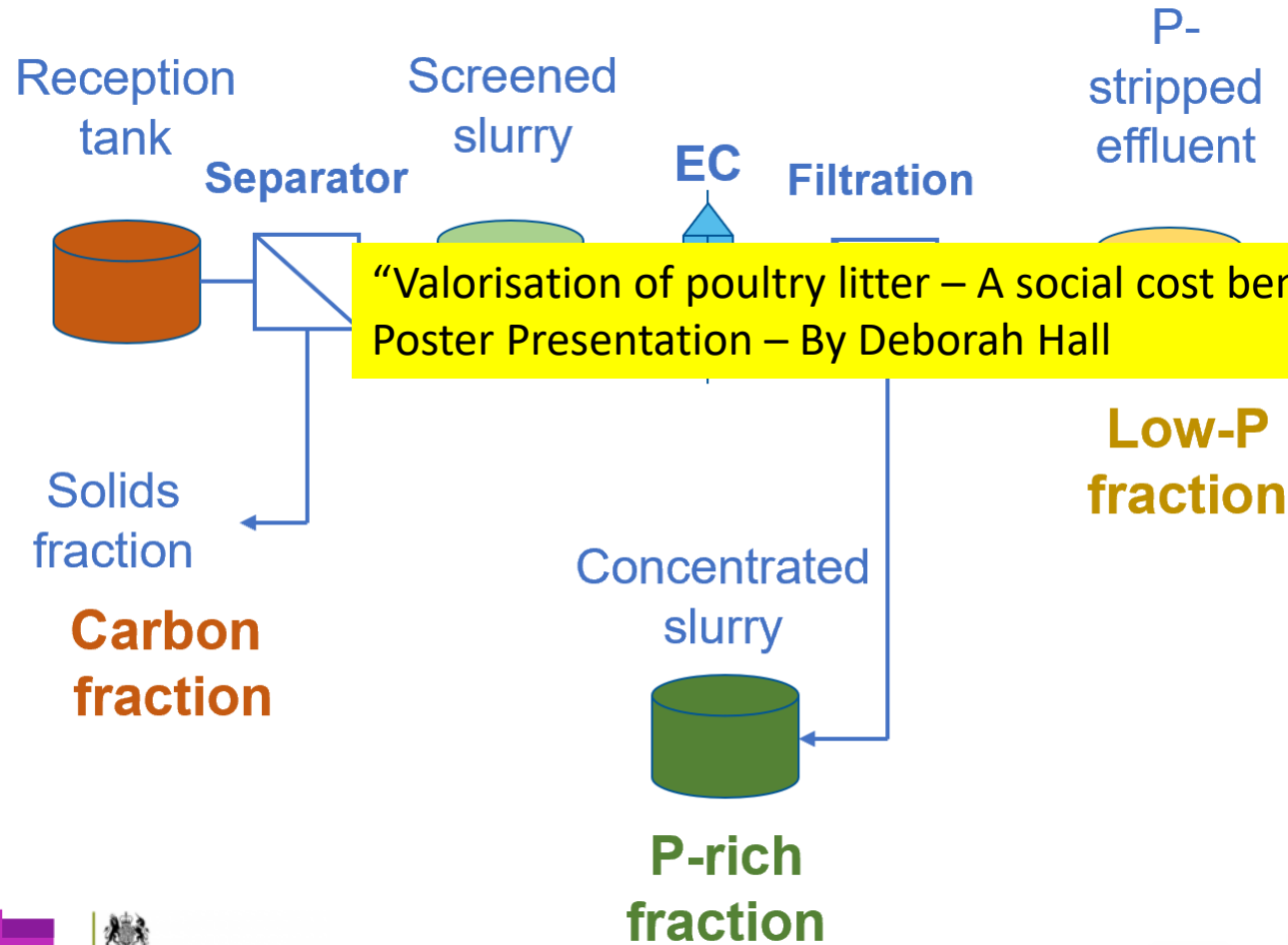


Arable land use (ALU) per NI provision



Phosphorous recovery from slurry to grassland agronomy

Rhiannon Evans, Simon Jeffery, James McCaughern, Harry Davies and Marie Kirby



"Valorisation of poultry litter – A social cost benefit comparison".
Poster Presentation – By Deborah Hall

