

Uthålliga odlingssystem i ett framtida svenskt lantbruk



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The global agenda for sustainable food production

Produce more healthy food
with
less climate and environmental impacts
while
inputs are decreased, regulations
enhanced and the climate becomes
more variable



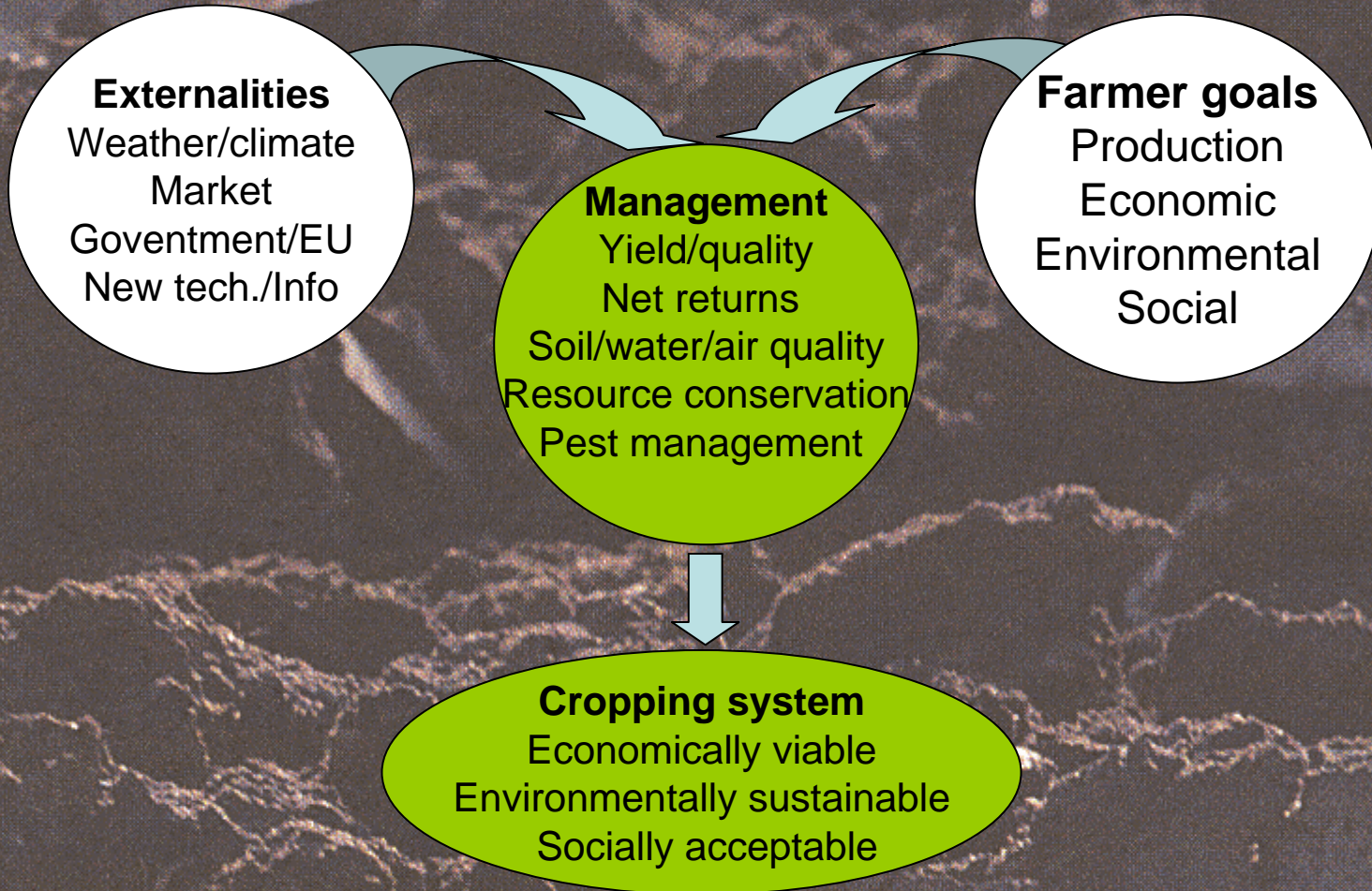
Which resources and what to do?

- Farmer knowledge and attitudes
- Cropping systems science incl systems approach
- Agroecological intensification
- Multifunctionality
- Model agriculture (role models – OiB/OF/?)
- Assessment of production systems
 - 4 E's – economy, ethics, environment, energy
- Decision support systems

Agroecological intensification (Cassman, 1999)

- Exploitable gap between average farm yield and genetic yield potential is closing
- Requirements:
 - Improved soil quality
 - Precise management of production factors in time and space
 - Scientific advancement in plant physiology, agroecology and soil science
- Systems approach (2+2=5)

Cropping systems



Cropping systems integrate:

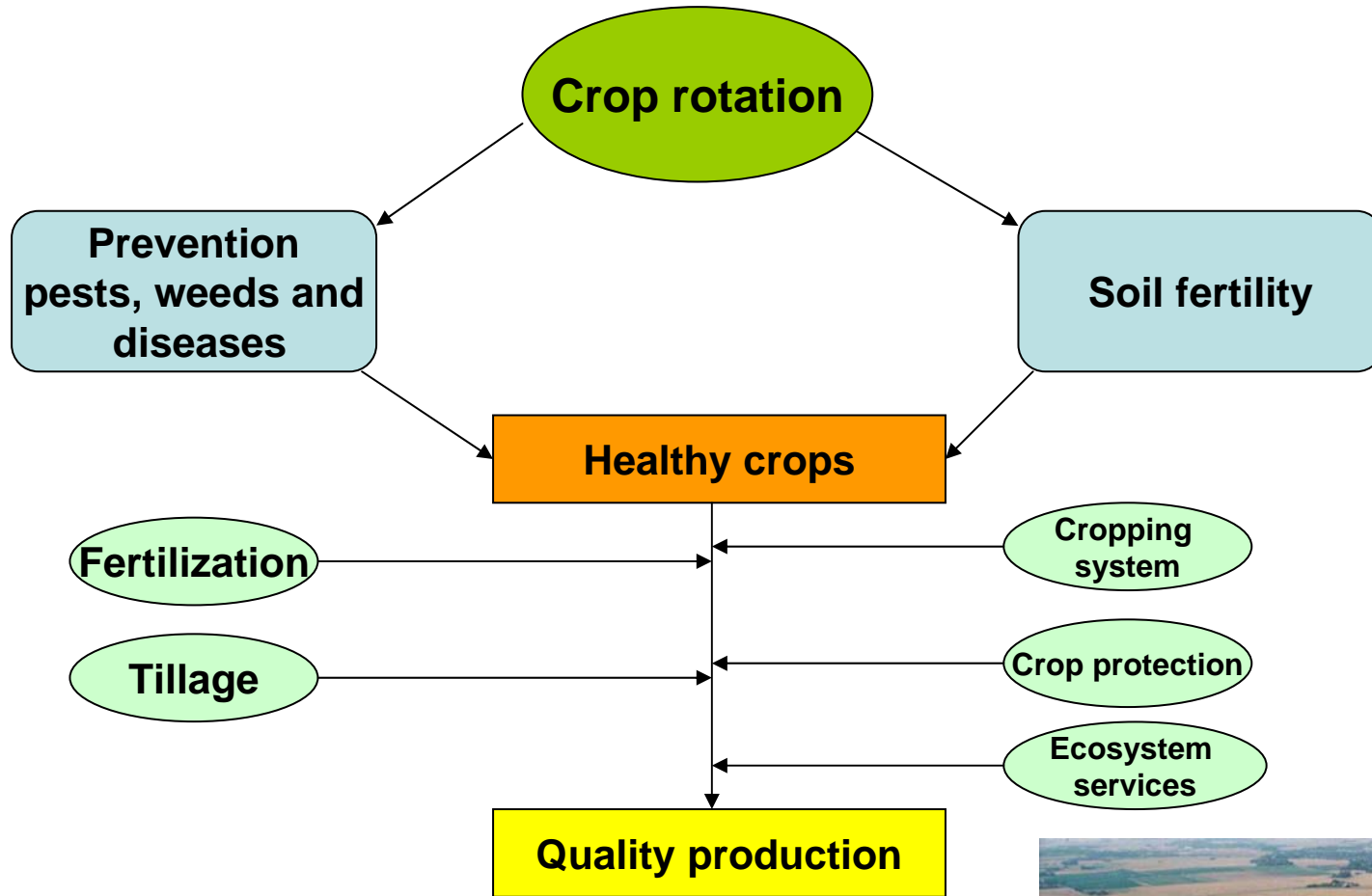
- The nature of crops (species, varieties)
- Crop succession (rotation)
- Management techniques applied



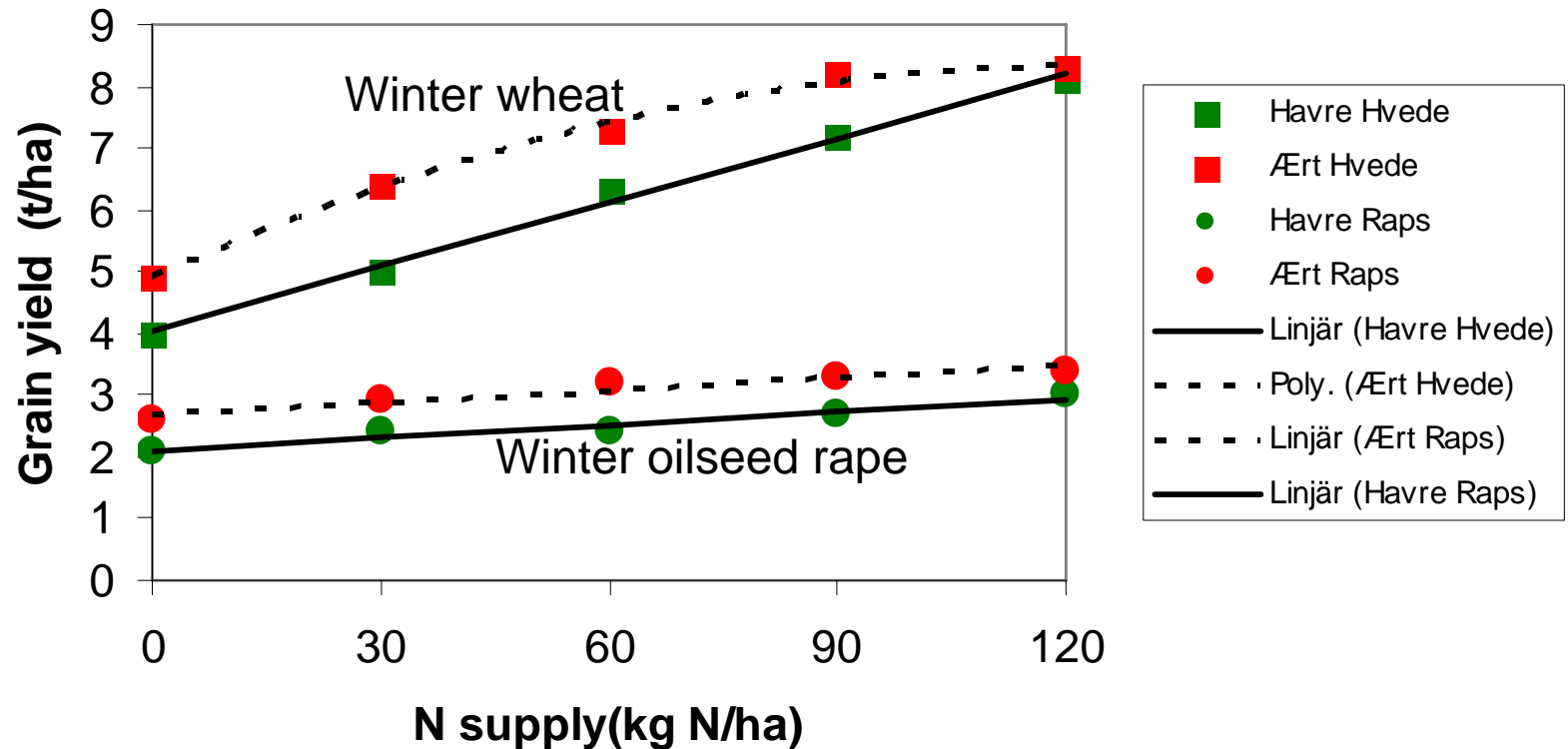
Cropping systems for the future

- Integrated systems: account for both economical and environmental considerations
- Shift from emphasis on greater yields to cost reduction, improved quality of products and multifunctionality
- Substituting expensive and potentially polluting inputs (especially fertilizers and pesticides) by agricultural knowledge, labor (brain) and non-chemical cultivation techniques
- Systems include longer rotations and more perennial crops to increase cropping options and reduce risks
- Systems exploit synergism in time and space through crop succession to improve crops yields without additional inputs and deterioration of the environment and climate

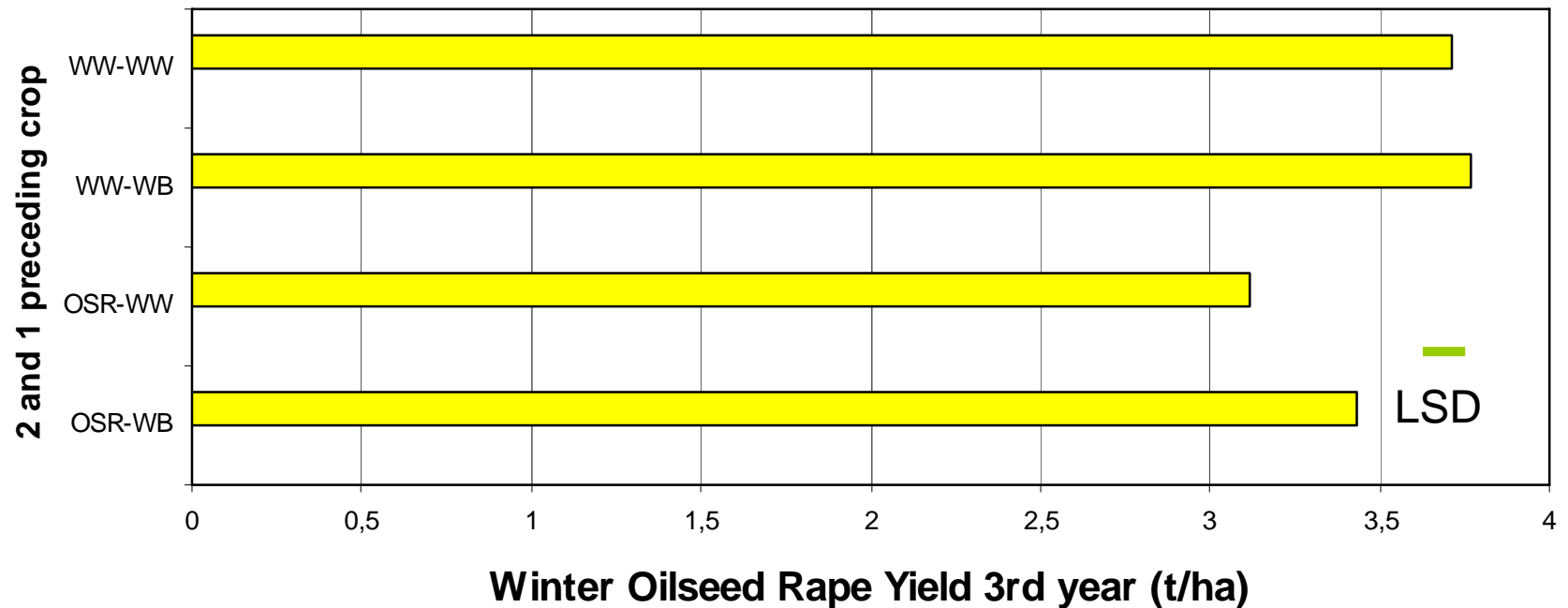
Crop Rotation – the most important management tool?



Preceding value of pea and oat on winter wheat and winter OSR



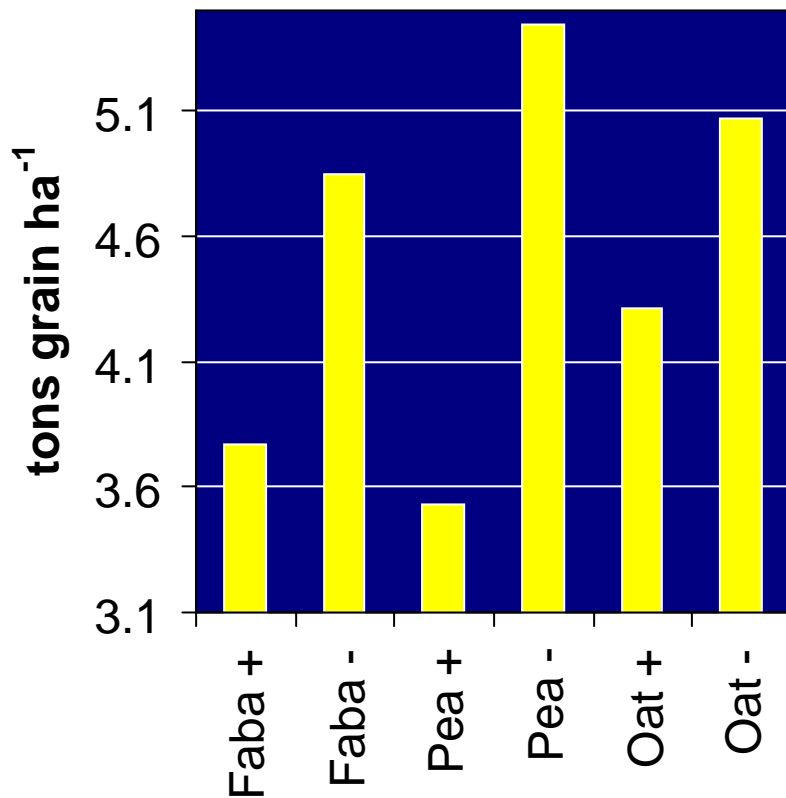
Precropping effects on oilseed rape



After Sieling and Christen 2008

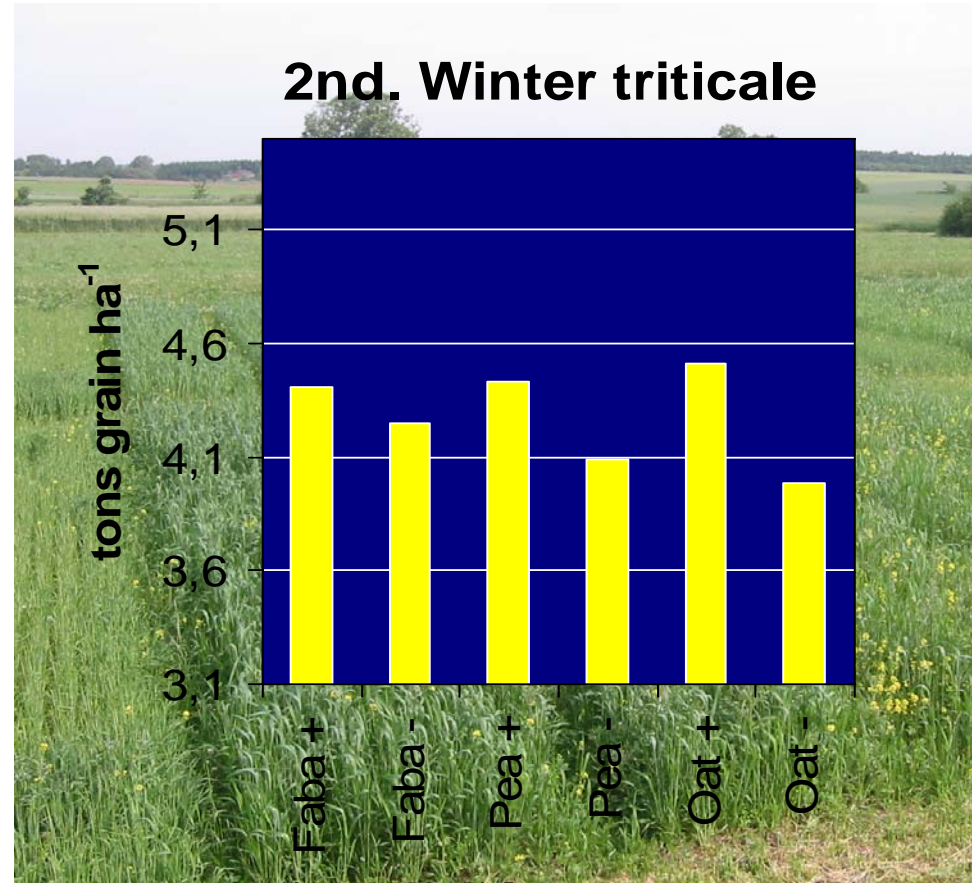
Response of crops following grain legumes and a catch crop

1st. Spring wheat



Previous crop (- or + catch crop)

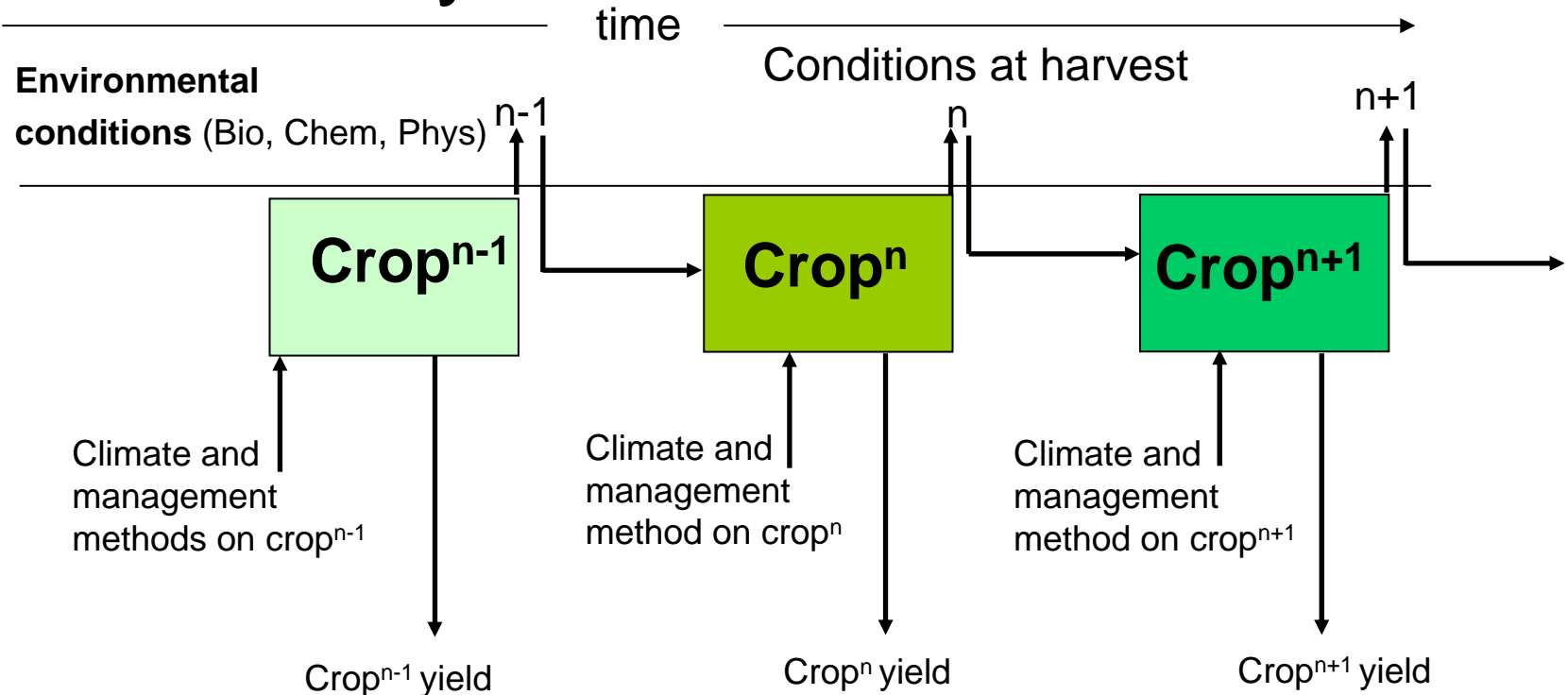
2nd. Winter triticale



Previous crop

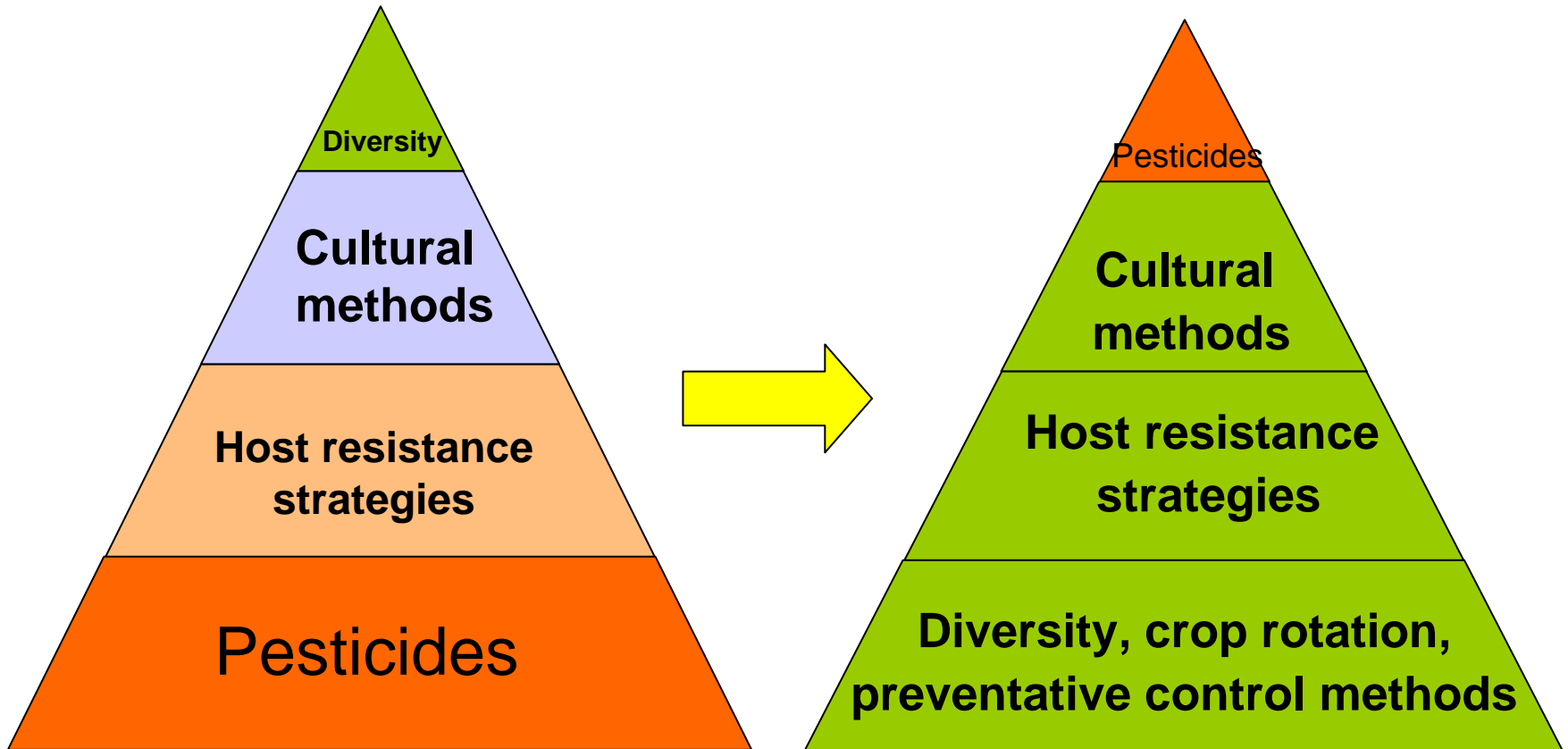
Source: GLIP Project; Hauggaard-Nielsen et al., 2010 in prep.

A theoretical framework for cropping systems science



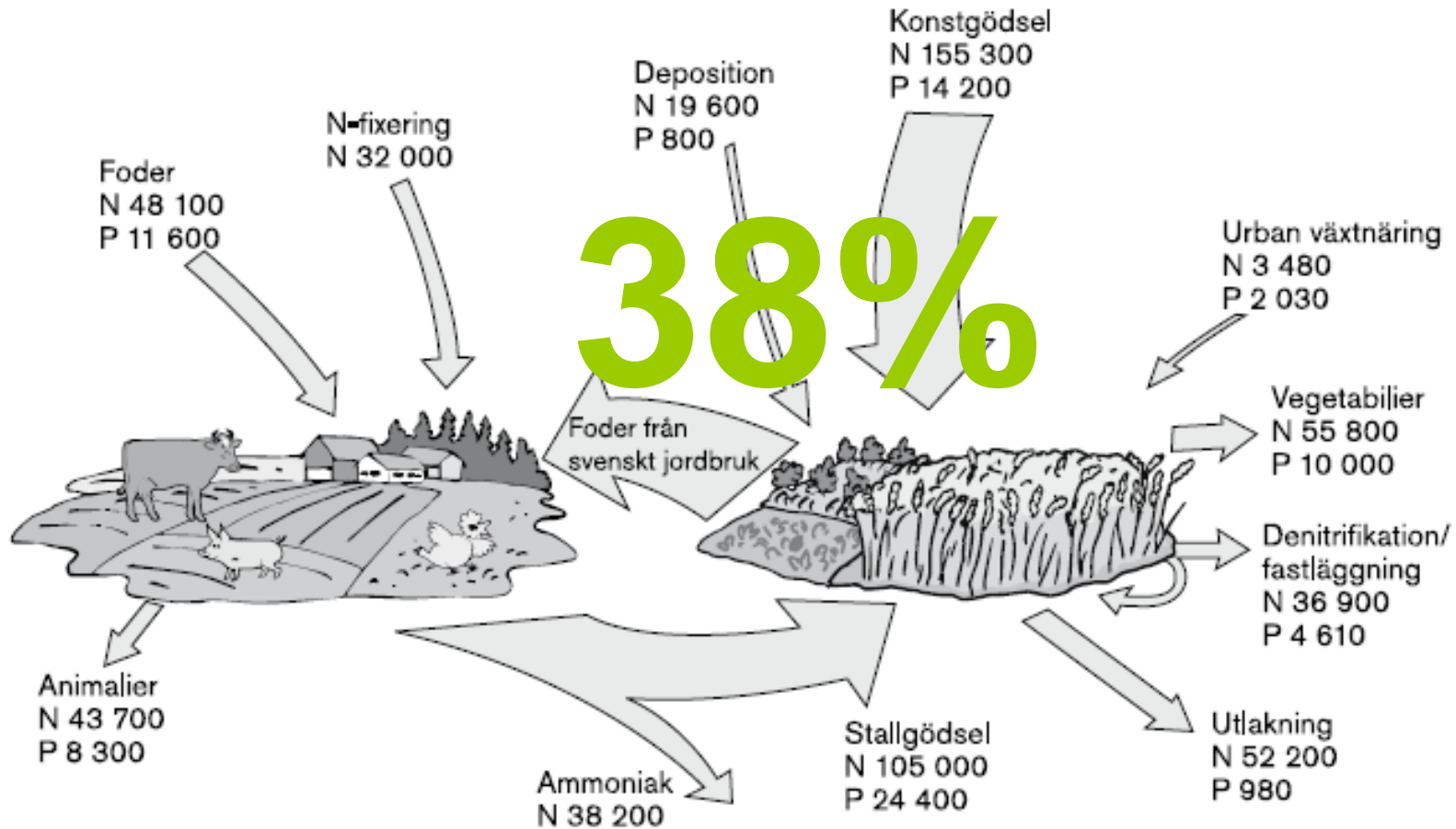
Preceding effect
Sensibility of the following
Cumulative effect

Plant protection strategies for the future

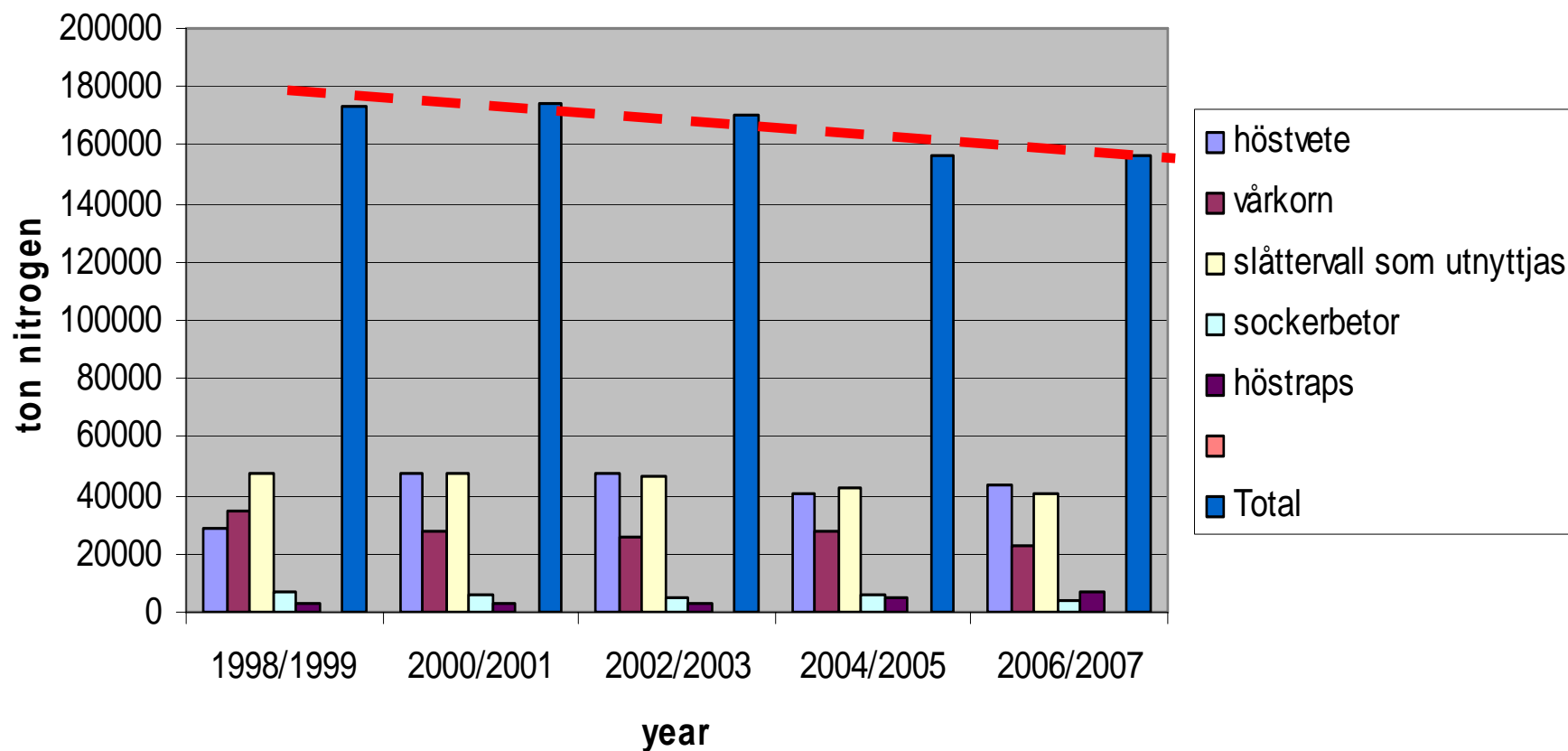


After Wiik 2009

Nitrogen and phosphorus supply in Swedish agriculture (ton N yr⁻¹)

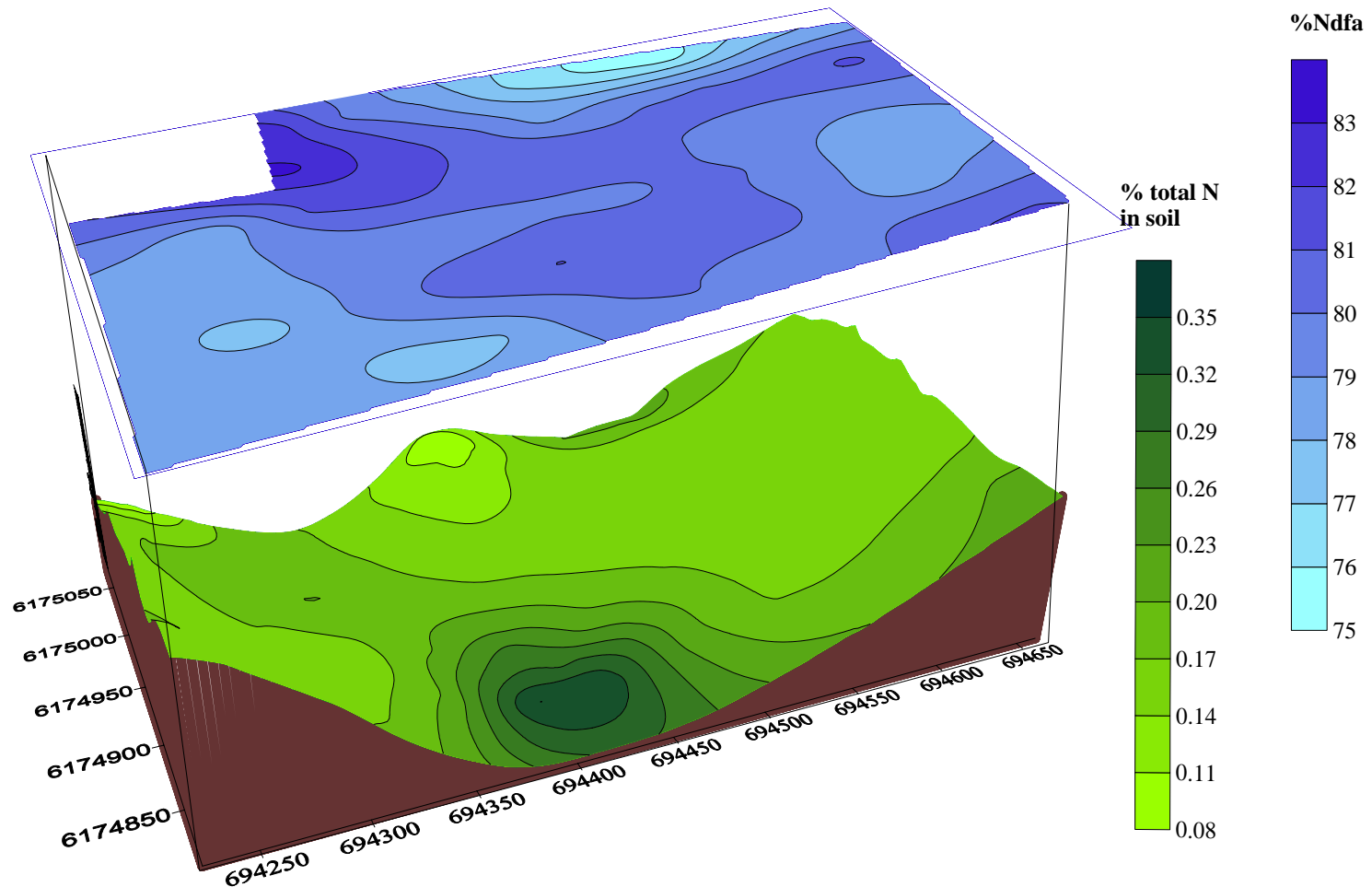


Fertilizer N use in Sweden



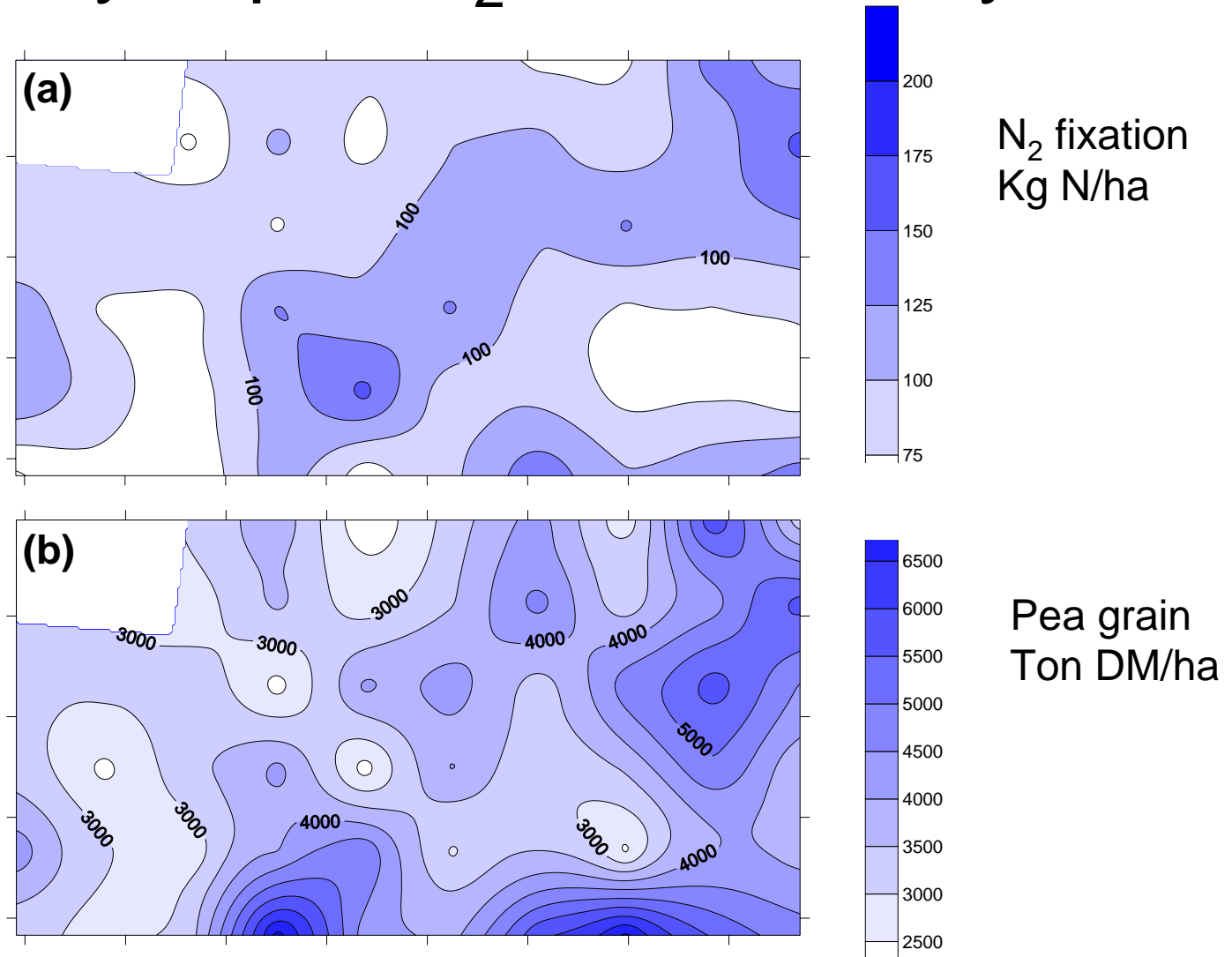
-2000 ton N year⁻¹

Spatial variability in soil N and % N derived from symbiotic N_2 fixation within 10 ha dry pea



Plant and Soil: Hauggaard-Nielsen et al 2010

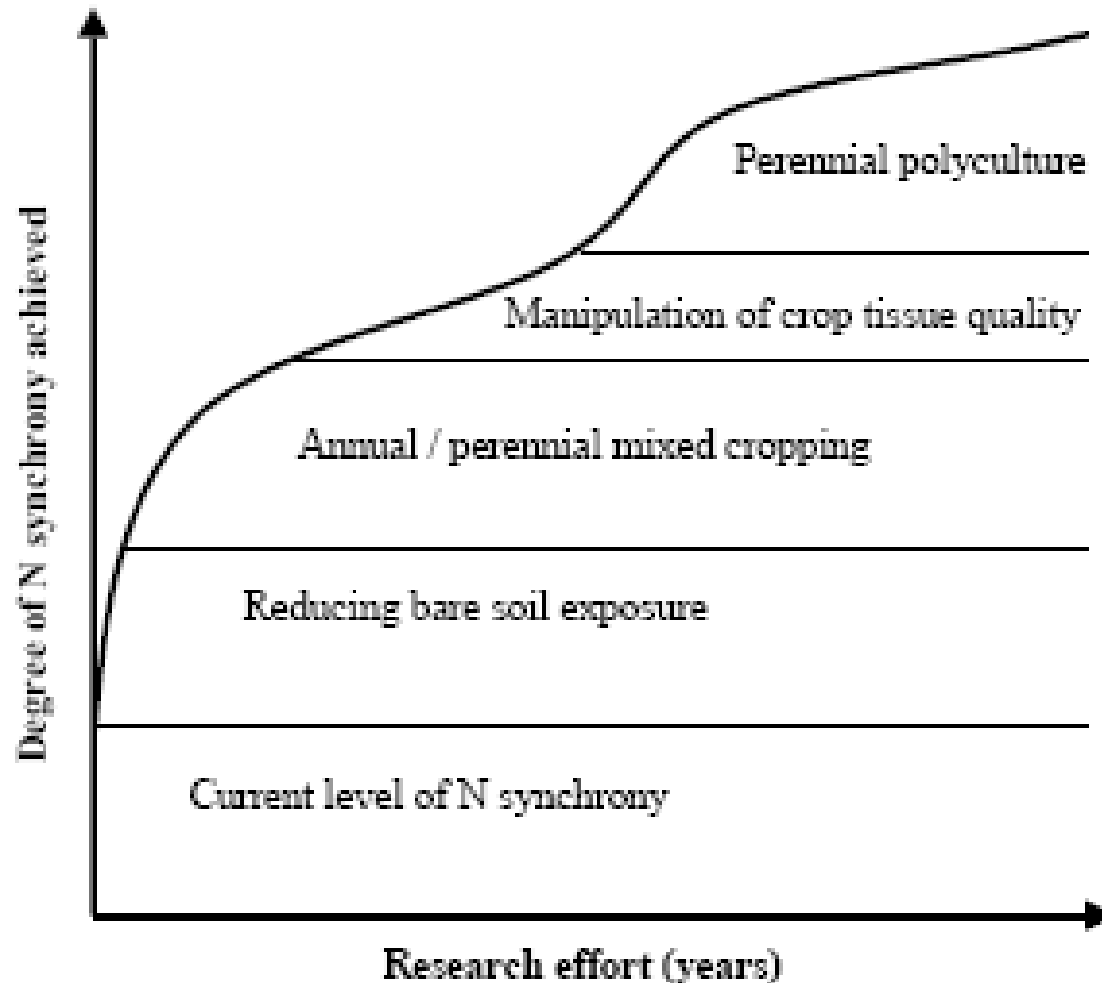
Variability in pea N_2 fixation and yield



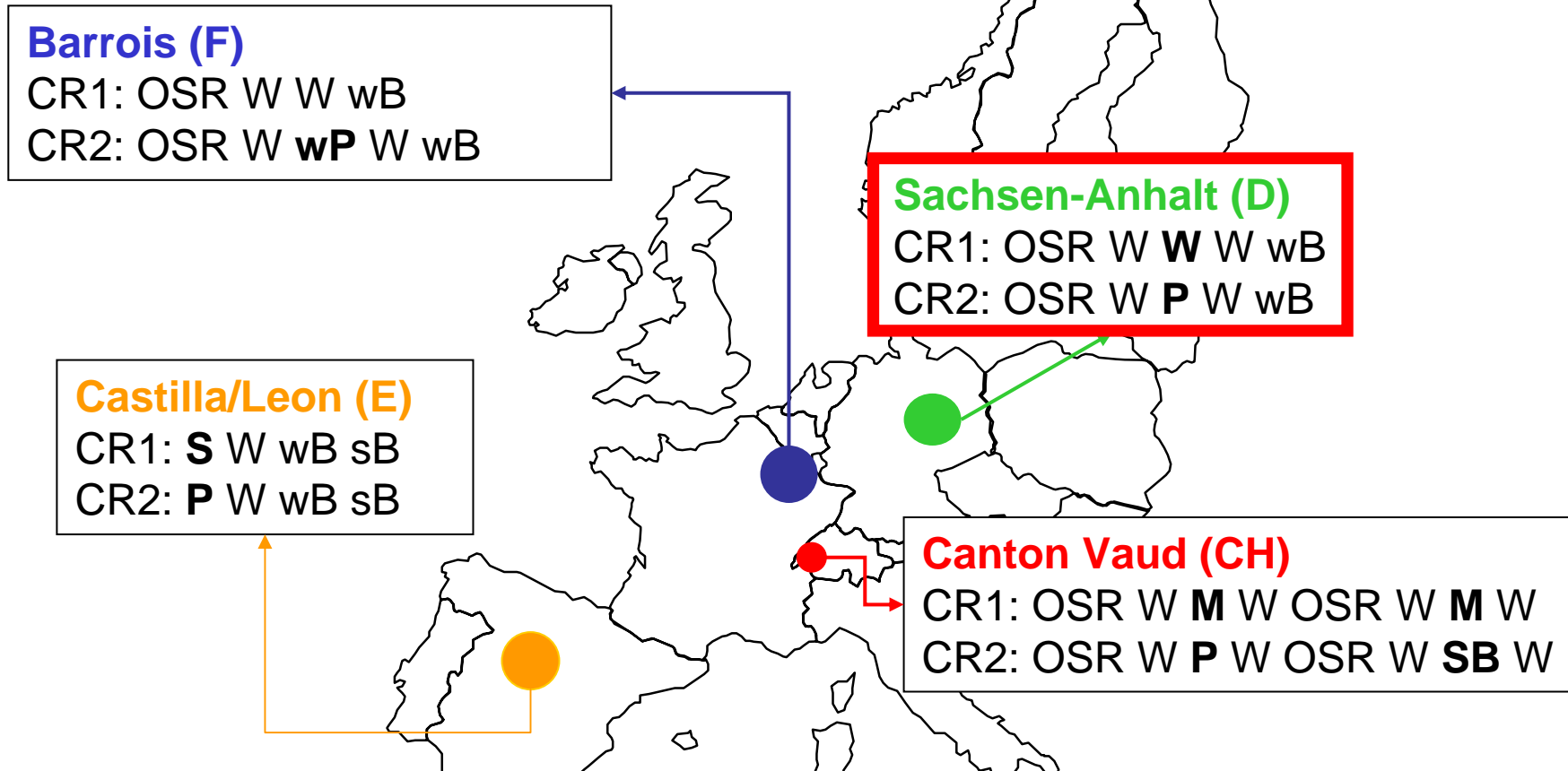
Synchronization of nutrient supply and crop demand

- On-farm nutrient management research and extension
- Knowledge intensive technologies at the field level (cultivar, species and cultivar mixturre, equipment)
- NUE increase by matching temporal and spatial nutrient supply with plant demand.

Prospective advances in cropping systems research for increased N use efficiency



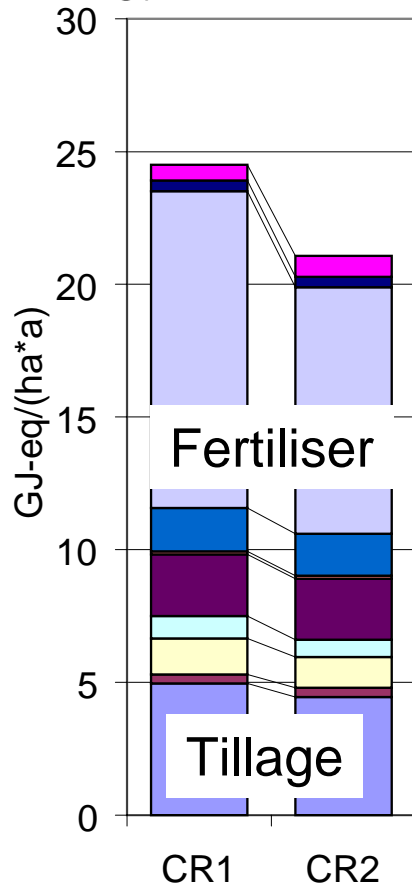
Life cycle analysis of introducing pea in cropping systems



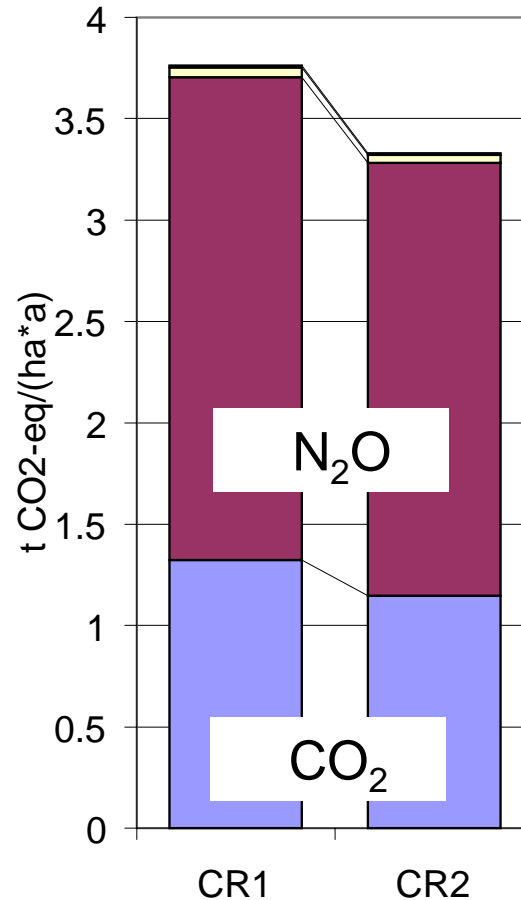
Legend: OSR: Winter rapeseed, W: Winter wheat, wB: Winter barley, sB: Spring barley
P: Spring pea, wP: Winter pea, M: Grain maize, S: Sunflower

Crop rotation (Saxony-Anhalt, Germany)

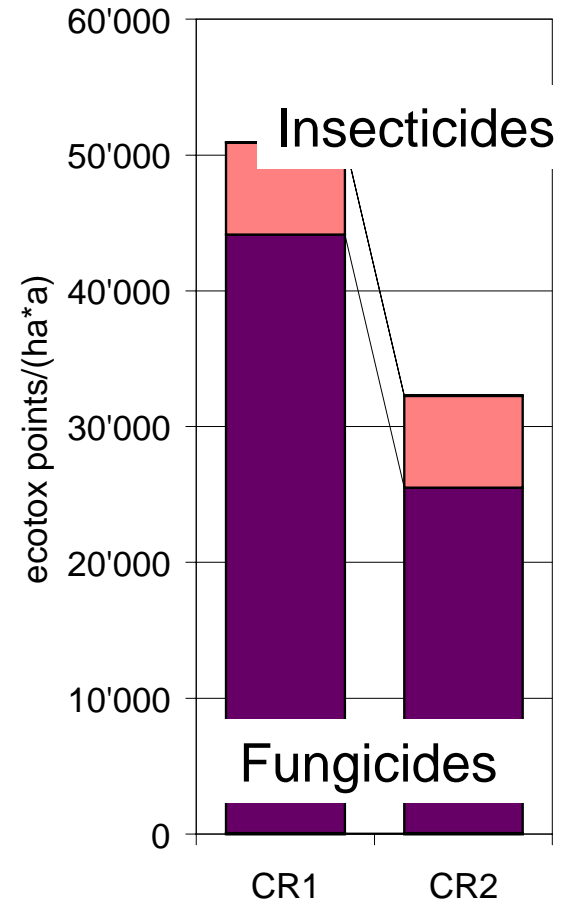
Non-renewable energy consumption



Global warming potential (~100yr)



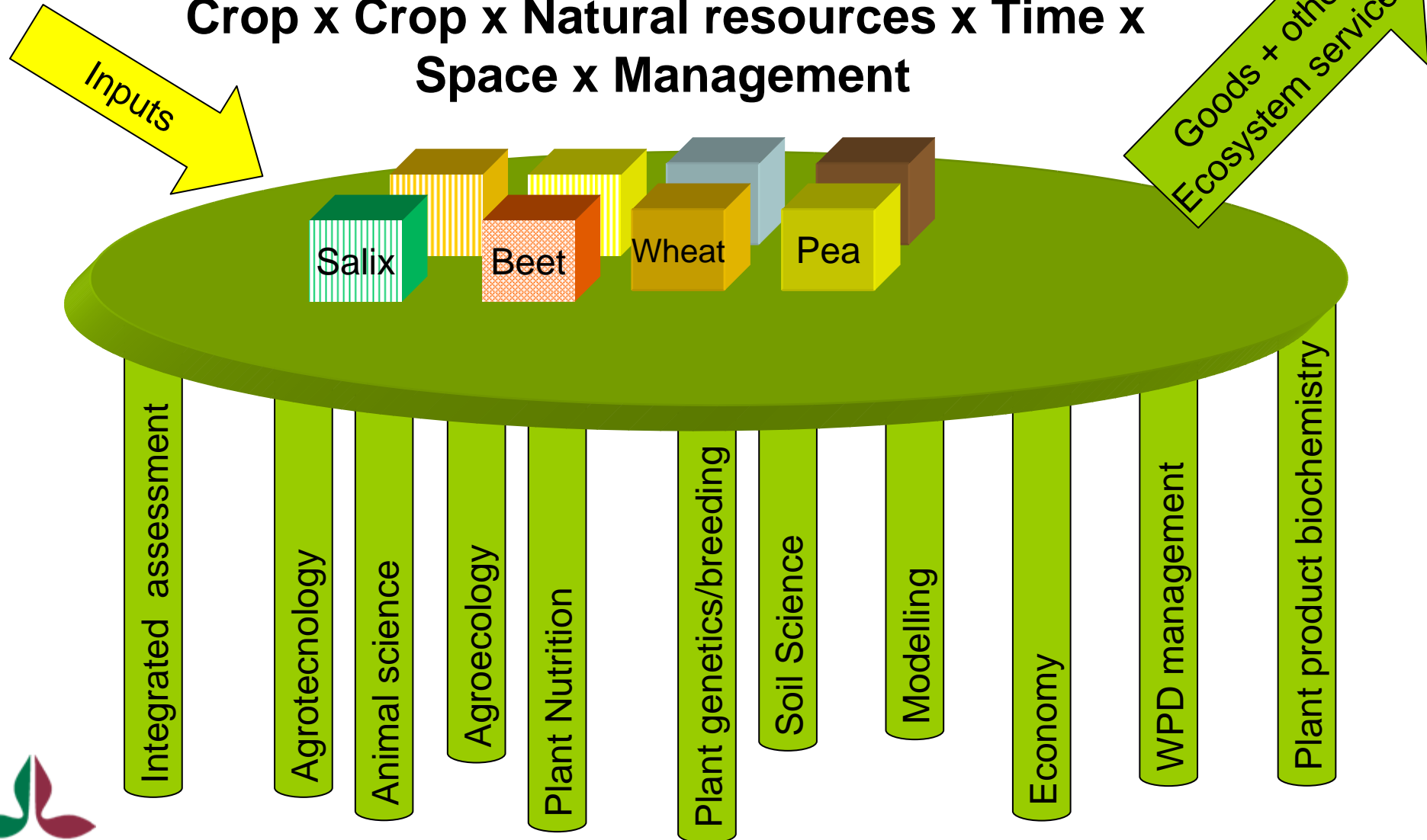
Terrestrial ecotoxicity potential



Source: Nemecek et al., 2008

Platform for Sustainable Cropping Systems Research and Education

Crop x Crop x Natural resources x Time x
Space x Management



Conclusions

- More knowledge about rotation effects to give farmers tools to enhance diversity of systems
- Multidisciplinary research teams are required to design, develop, test, model and assess cropping system on farms – integrating especially ecological and agricultural sciences
- Fundamental understanding of agro-ecology, biogeochemistry and biotechnology linked to breeding programmes will be essential for future sustainable crop production
- User friendly tools and assessment methods for economy, environmental impacts and quality of goods are required for assisting the farmer and the society in valuation of ecosystem services.