

- Climate Change -From an Integrated Farm Management perspective

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... are developing and promoting sustainable farming systems.



### EISA – developing & promoting Integrated Farm Management

... Creating a united voice for sustainable agriculture and enabling its practical implementation on the ground through the development and promotion of Integrated Farm Management.

Integrated Farm Management is a holistic approach characterised by a continuous improvement process in the delivery of more sustainable agriculture.

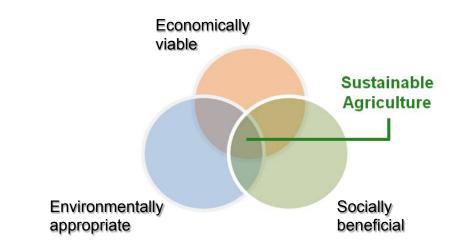




### EISA – developing & promoting Integrated Farm Management

Our commitment: To contribute to the Paris Agreement and UN Sustainable Development Goals through encouraging the uptake of Integrated Farm Management

Integrated Farm Management delivers prosperous agriculture that enriches the environment & engages local communities ... mitigation and adaption to climate change is a key part of this







## **Climate Change; sense of urgency**



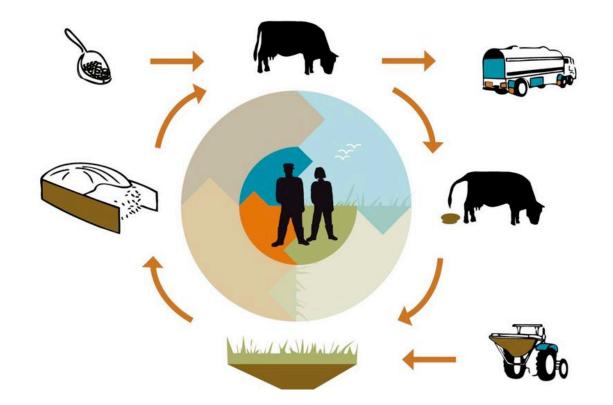












A farm lifecycle (source: Wageningen University, NL)



## A farmer's story

- Site specific fertilisation
- Avoiding soil compaction with bigger – or smaller – tractors?





SOIL MANAGEMENT







## A farmer's story

#### Innovations



- On farm energy storage
- Solar energy as part of crop rotation

ENERGY

- Automatic measurement and control systems by sensor technology
- Hydro driven tractor









## - Climate Change -From an IFM perspective

#### **Conclusions:**

- Farmers deal with weather, not with climate change directly.
- Soil productivity and economics are the main drivers for farmers' decisions.
- Getting soil management right helps farmers mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Many farmers are doing good and others need incentives to adapt.







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Challenges:

The challenges integrated farmers are facing:

- Keep the spirit to continuously improve farm performance, bit by bit, piece by piece
- Adapt to and benefit from national and local regulations
- Difficult / bureaucratic initiatives

Integrated farmers need:

- Recognition and incentives towards Paris agreement from both the supply chain and EU
- Support from R&D in order to assess impacts
- Good and user-friendly infrastructure in order to learn and inspire





# Come and join us on farm to see IFM in practice



We have a network of Demonstration Farms throughout Europe and we look forward to welcoming you on farm to discuss practical ways to deliver change. Thank you!