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Global Outlook: Agriculture and food research as seen from a global perspective

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Issues

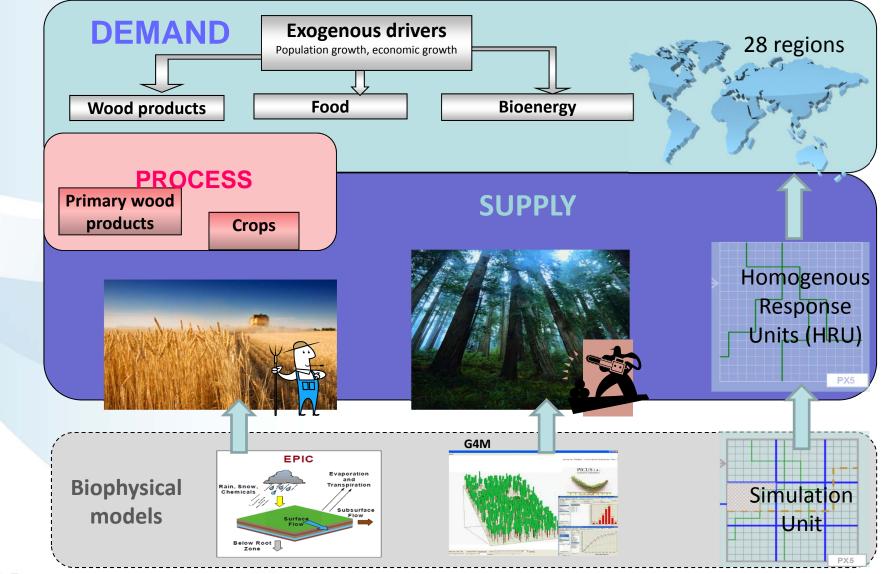
- Every AG-research problem is unique
- Global consistency of local actions
- Long-term consistency of today's action
- Sectorial consistency
- Robust decision making uncertainty
 - Environmental
 - Technological
 - Market
 - Policy



How do we generate an integrated view on the Global Agricultural sector?



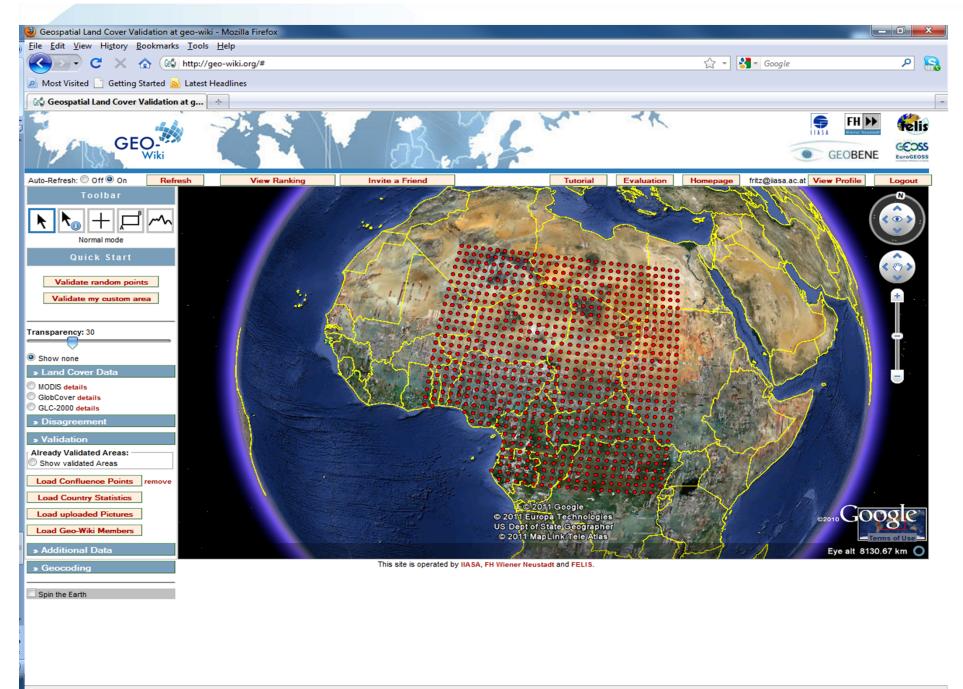
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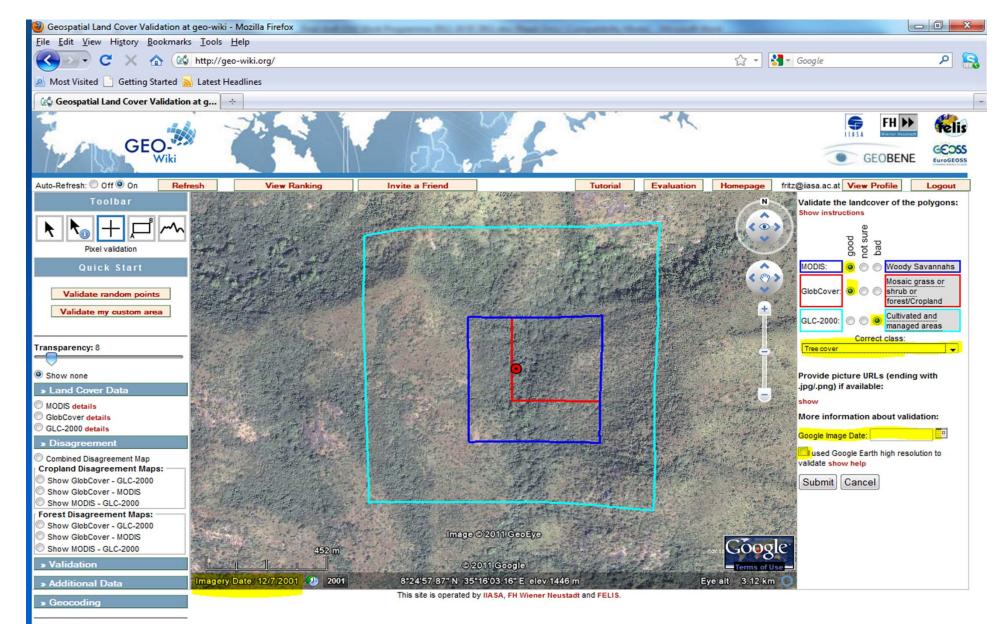
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Issues of basic input data for biophysical modeling





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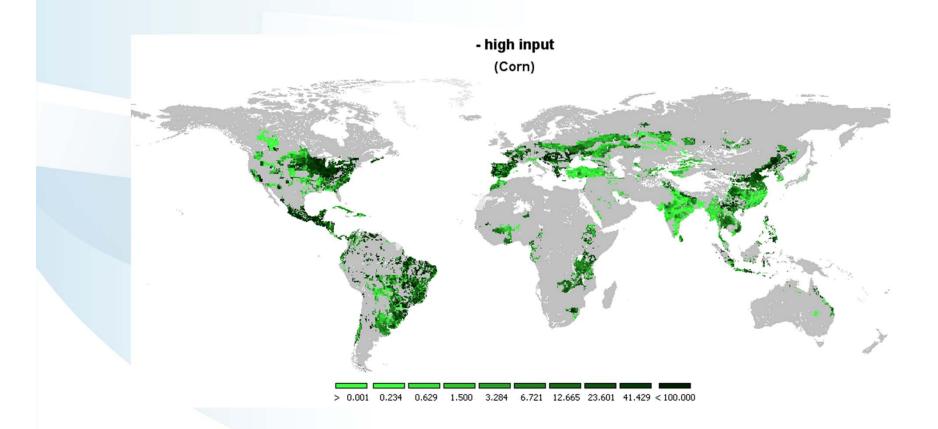
Spin the Earth



Initial crop areas distribution

Spatial Production Allocation Model (SPAM) by You et al. (IFPRI)

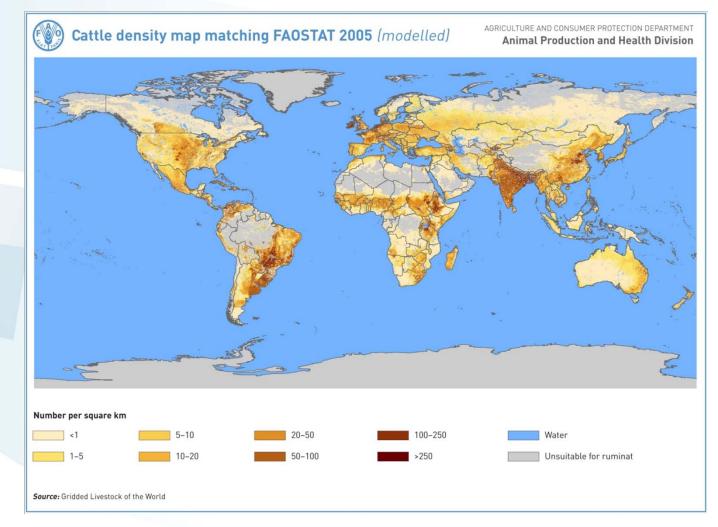
- provides harvested area and physical area for 20 crops and 3 input systems





Initial livestock numbers distribution

Gridded Livestock of the World – Robinson et al. (2011)



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Biophysical Modeling



Physiological targeting by integrating modeling and Plant breeding

Processes

- Weather
- Hydrology
- Erosion
- <u>Crop Scheduling google fq</u>
- Carbon sequestration
- Crop growth
- Crop rotations
- Fertilization
- Tillage
- Irrigation
- Drainage
- Pesticide
- Grazing
- Manure

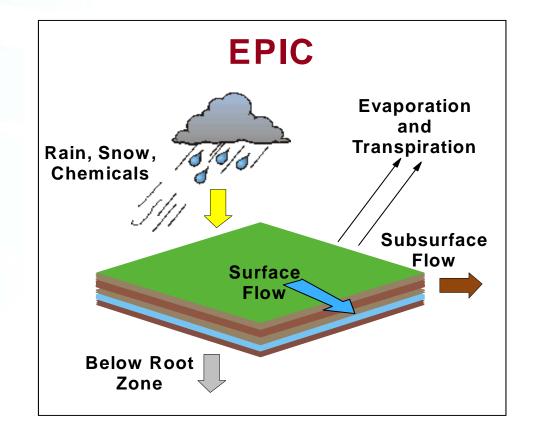
Major outputs:

Crop yields, Environmental effects (e.g. soil carbon, nitrogen leaching)

20 crops (>75% of harvested area)

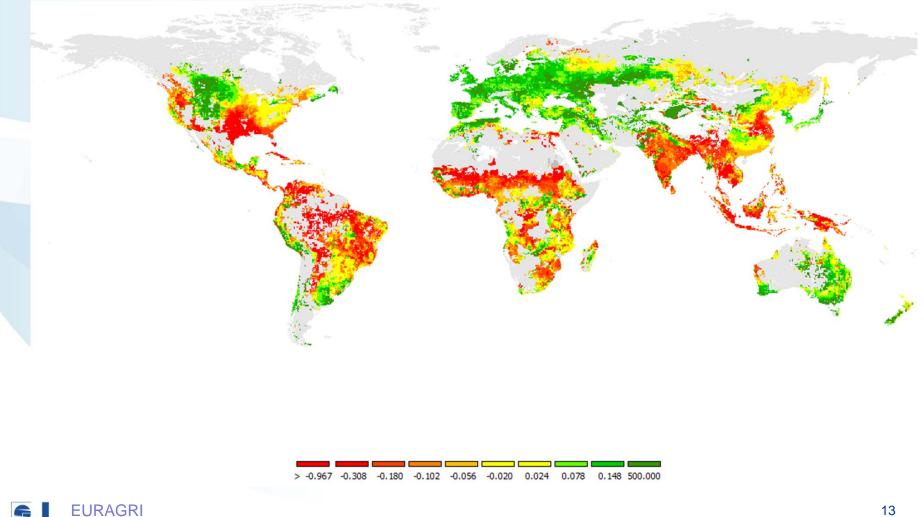
4 management systems: High input, Low input, Irrigated, Subsistence



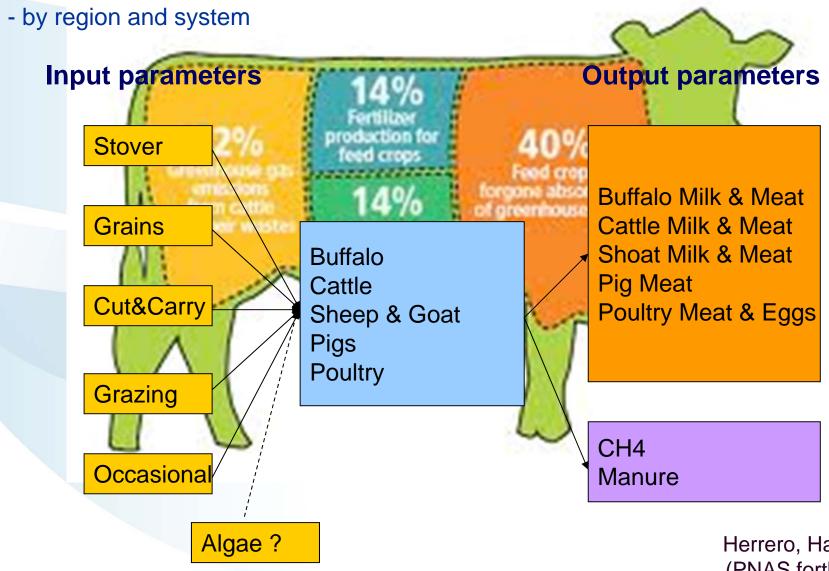


Climate change impacts

Relative Difference in Means (2050/2100) in Wheat Yields [Data: Tyndall, Afi Scenario, simulation model: EPIC]

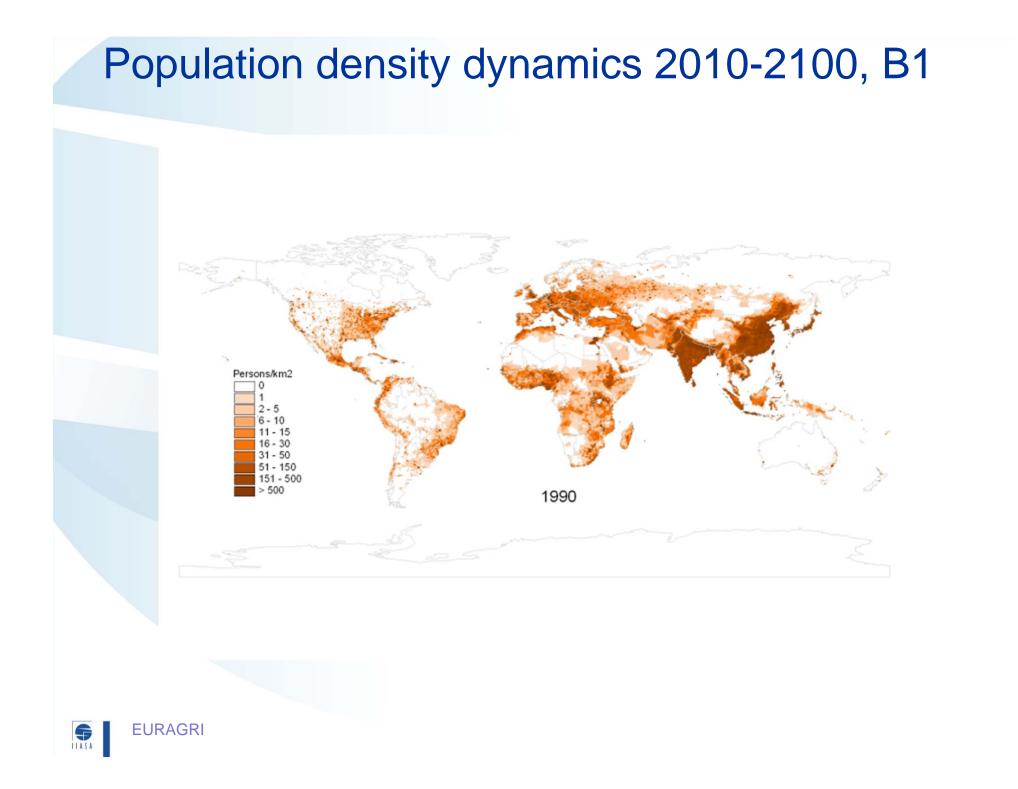


Livestock production parameterization



Policy experiments







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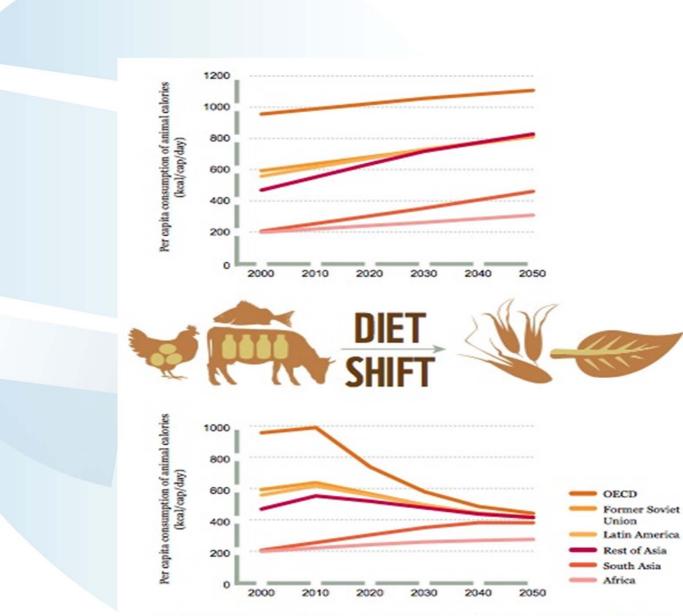
Food for a Week, Germany









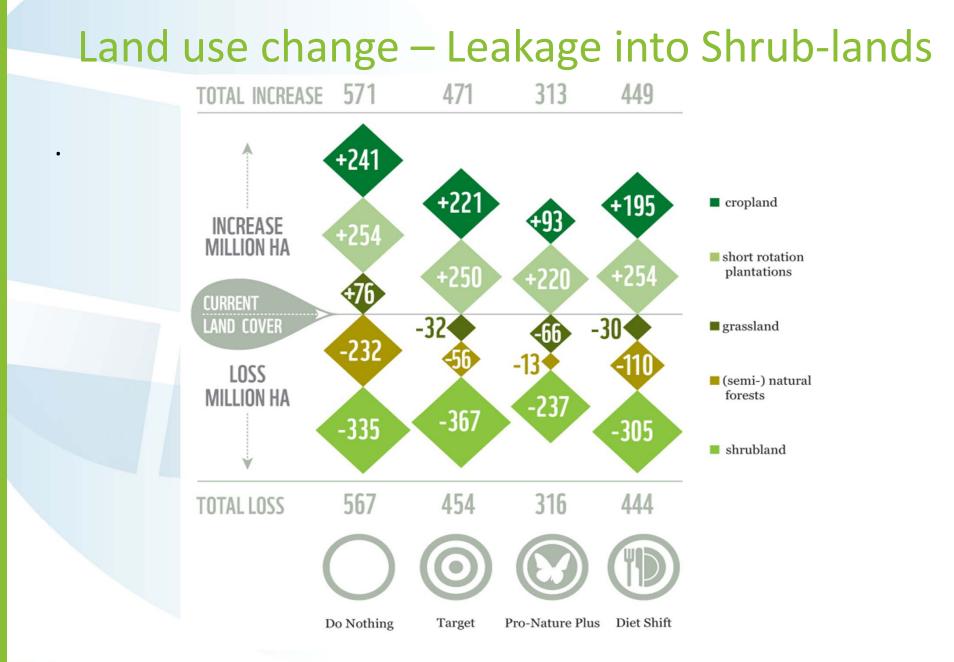


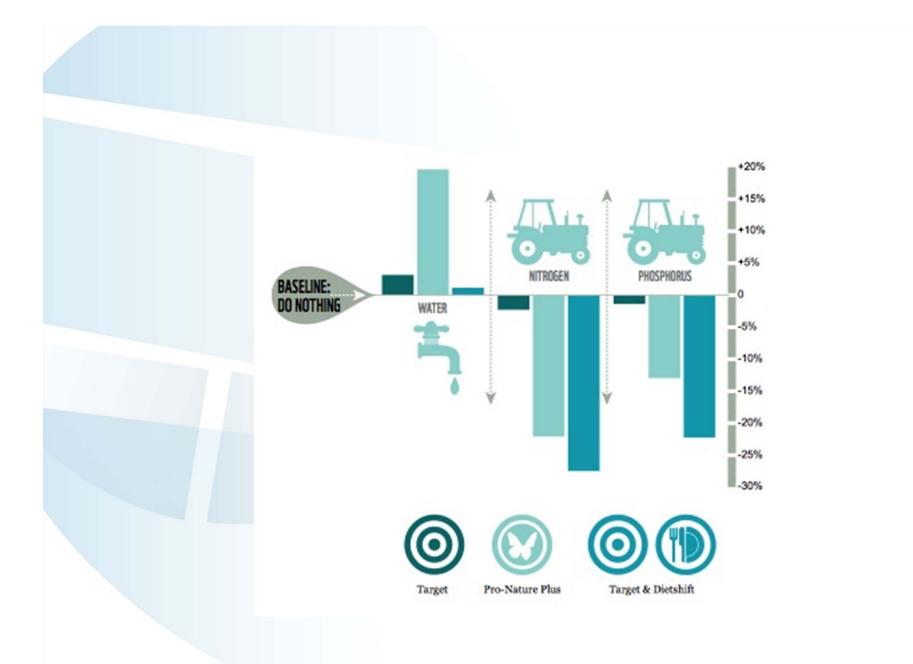
Projected animal calorie consumption per day between now and 2050 in different regions under the Do Nothing Scenario (top graph), where per capita consumption continues to follow the current path predicted by the FAO and the Diet Shift Scenario (bottom graph), where in OECD countries a gradual reduction is achieved through dietary changes and waste reduction, while allowing per capita consumption in other regions, such as South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, to increase.

Options Disappear

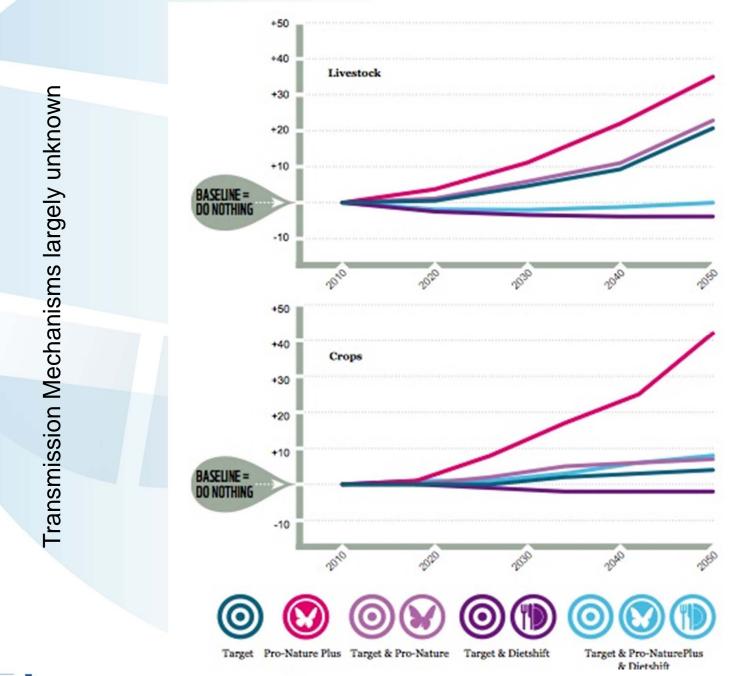
	feasibility in 2030	feasibility in 2030 if agriculture stagnates	feasibility in 2050	feasibility in 2050 if food commodity index increases capped at 10%	
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Outlook: Towards a systematic strategic research agenda

- Data, data, data Vol studies
- R&D VoR studies
- Policy foresight VogP studies

