Townsend Farm

Regenerative agriculture approach

Resilience through Diversity



Our farming philosophy

- Machinery and labour is expensive, keep both to an absolute minimum.
- Profit share collaborations to spread work and allow opportunity.
- Enterprises to begin small, understand process and market before expanding.
- Use the byproduct of an enterprises to feed another one.
- Biology is more of an art than a science.
- Diversity in every aspect has a positive impact.
- Farming is going to become more personal again.
- Always strive to leave things better than how you received them.
- Farming in conjunction with the environment will drive greater profits.
- The more interesting farming is, the more fun you have.
- Question everything!

Rainfall extremes and climate change?



Excessively wet

Average rainfall

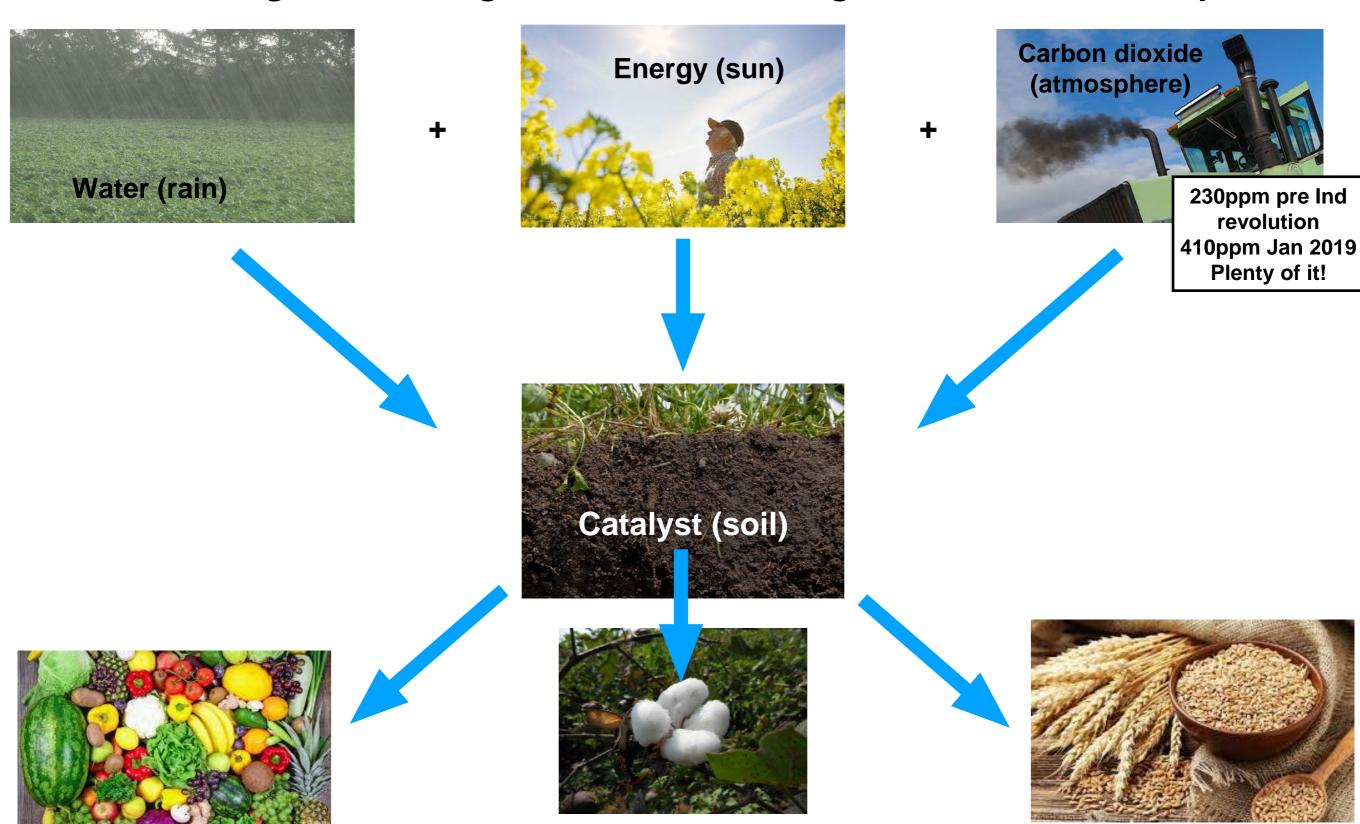
Excessively dry

There are more weather extremes in the past 20 years than there were in the previous 70 years!

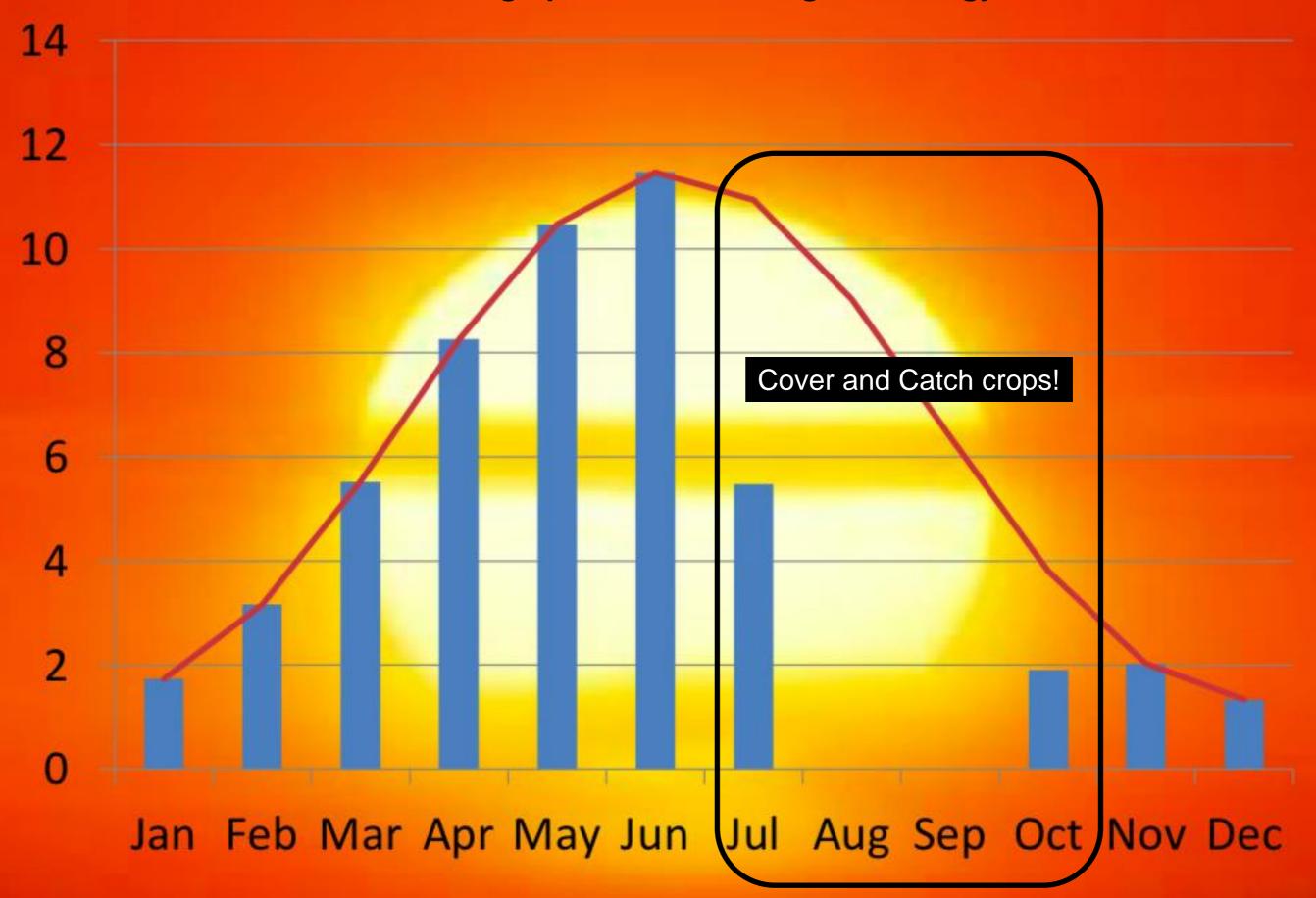


Farming the incredible business model

Taking free things and converting them into money



UK farming - poor at harvesting free energy!





Wheat diversity and Nutrition

- Population wheats.
- Drilled into the green
- Herbicides?
- Aphids?
- Nutrition!
- Plant sap analysis.
- Fungicides?

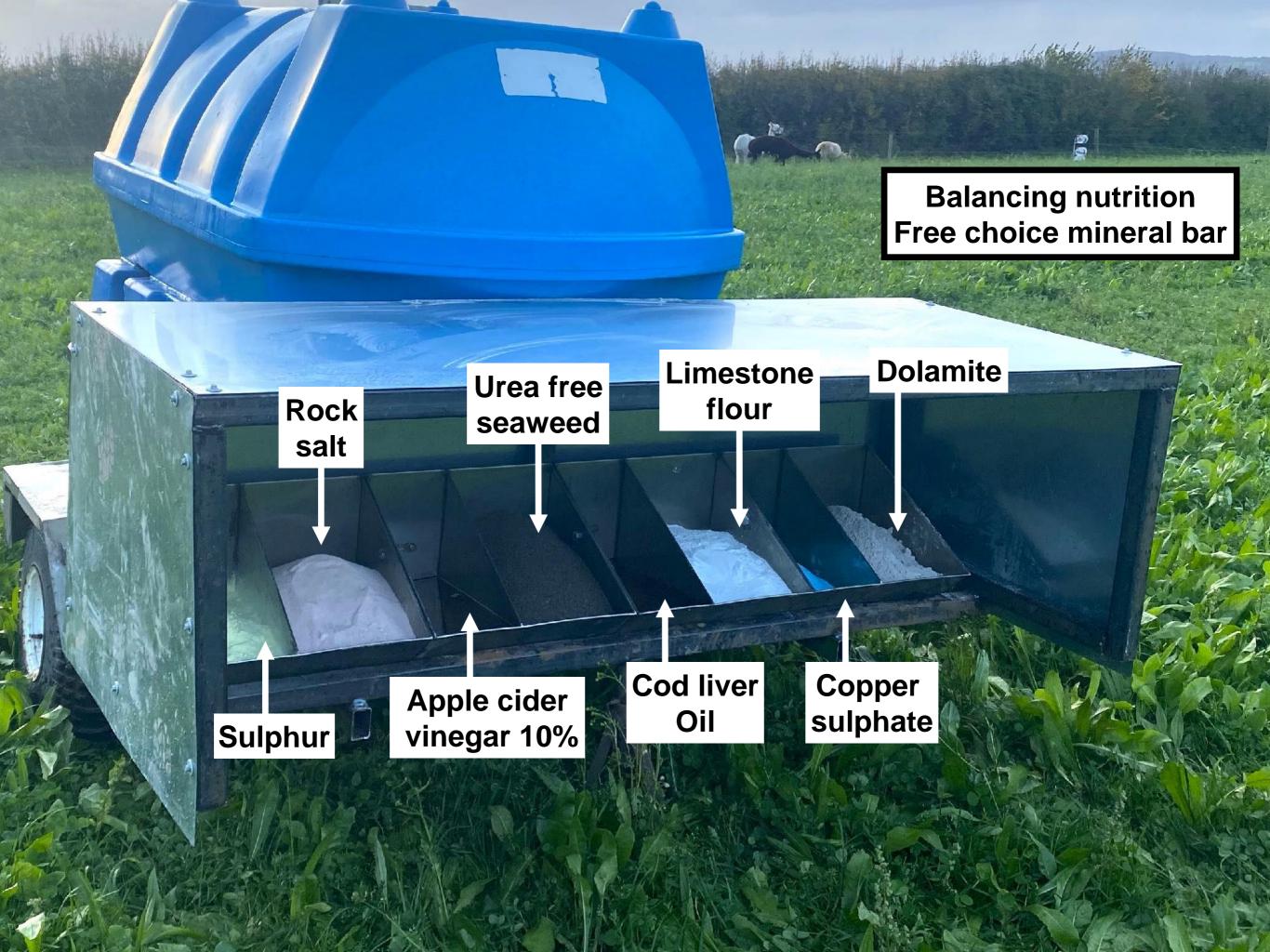


Livestock

- The soul of the farm
- Taking animals to the fodder!
- Where possible keeping urine and faeces apart.

DRINKING WATER ONLY

- Animals and soil food web do muck spreading.
- The flurd of diversity.
- Manage problems with animal solutions. (Chicory stem, willow, H Balsam)
- Turn byproducts into meat.
- Realise the intelligence of animals, learn from them!
- De-intensify breeding for resilience (Ross cob experiment)
- Meat in turn is sold through shop/website







Regen potatoes - a possibility?



