

**FOR A LOCAL AND  
ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE:  
TIME TO MAKE WAY FOR  
PROTEIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

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**HERE IS HOW LAND  
IS USED IN THE EUROPEAN UNION.**

**THE PROBLEM IS THAT TOO MUCH AGRICULTURAL LAND  
IS DEDICATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL FEED,  
BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE EUROPE.**

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# LAND COVER IN THE EUROPEAN UNION\*



45%

AGRICULTURAL AREAS

31%

FORESTS

13%

SEMI-NATURAL AREAS  
(MOORS, ROCKS, GLACIERS...)

5%

ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

3%

WATER BODIES

3%

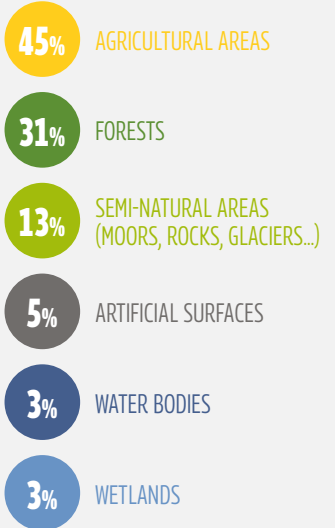
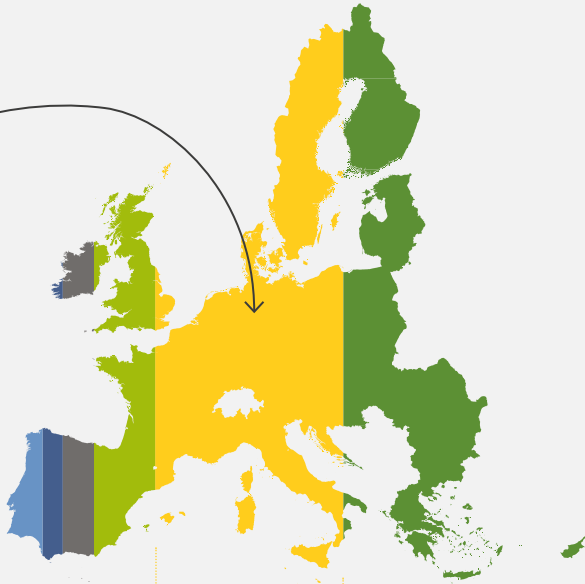
WETLANDS

\*IN THIS DOCUMENT, "EUROPEAN UNION" MEANS THE EU-28 (UK INCLUDED).

SOURCE : CORINE LAND COVER 2018, "FEEDING THE PROBLEM: THE DANGEROUS INTENSIFICATION OF ANIMAL FARMING IN EUROPE" GREENPEACE 2019, EUROSTAT, COMTRADE.

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# ALMOST 50% OF EUROPEAN LAND IS DEDICATED TO AGRICULTURE



# ANIMAL FEED TAKES UP MORE THAN 70% OF AGRICULTURAL LAND



71%

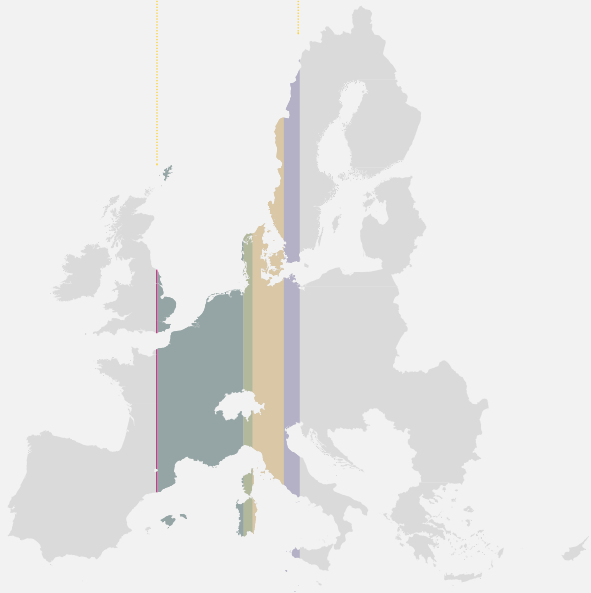
OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IS  
USED FOR ANIMAL FEED\*

29%

OF AGRICULTURAL  
LAND IS DEDICATED TO  
HUMAN FOOD AND THE  
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

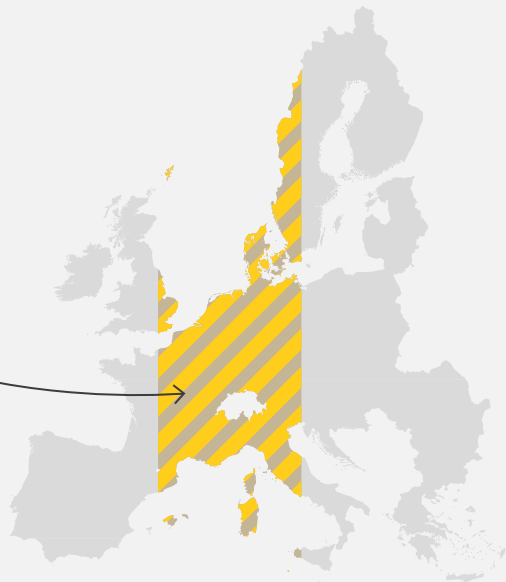
\*INCLUDING PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT  
GRASSLANDS.

# DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND DEDICATED TO ANIMAL FODDER



- <1%** SOYA (GROWN IN EUROPE)
- 48%** PERMANENT GRASSLANDS
- 7%** NON-PERMANENT GRASSLANDS
- 27%** CEREALS
- 18%** OTHERS (OILSEEDS, SILAGE CROPS...)

**IN ADDITION  
TO THIS LAND  
USED FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF  
ANIMAL FODDER...**



**...THE EU MOBILISES  
11.9 MILLION HA  
OF SOYA ABROAD  
TO SATISFY  
ITS LIVESTOCK  
FARMING NEEDS**



(I.E. THE SURFACE AREA  
OF BENELUX AND DENMARK)



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