

# **Nutrition Session**

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# Measure to Manage: A 3 Step Checking Approach to Crop Nutrient Management

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How important are better field-specific, seasonal measurements in guiding & improving crop nutrition management on-farm?

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# What can improving nutrition management on-farm achieve most easily?

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From January 2023 to December 2025 "To maximise site-specific precision in managing the nutrition of European arable crops"

















# Capturing & sharing knowledge

- National Expert Groups, forming a Network to bring together stakeholders for prioritization & cocreation.
- Surveys across Europe to identify farmer's needs & motivations to improve crop nutrition management.
- An inventory to capture information about recommendation systems, tools & services to support decisions along with relevant research papers & projects.
- A **custom-built platform** to provide accessibility to gathered information.







# **Measure to Manage A 3 Step Checking Approach**







# Quantifying costs & benefits of tools ..... What works on-farm?

NUTRI-CHECK NET

- 26 Crop Nutrition Club's, with a total of 200 members, established across the 9 partner countries.
- Workshops with the CNC's identified and verified the main needs of farmers to improve nutrient management and crop nutrition on arable farms.
- 63 crop nutrition decision support tools were selected for evaluation by the CNC's.
- A cost-benefit analysis is currently being conducted on these tools, which will underpin the development of best practices.











# 3 Step Checking Approach A Toolbox for implementation



 Recommendations & Planning Tools

2. Tools & Services to guide in-season decisions

3. Harvest assessments of final nutrient sufficiency and soil balances





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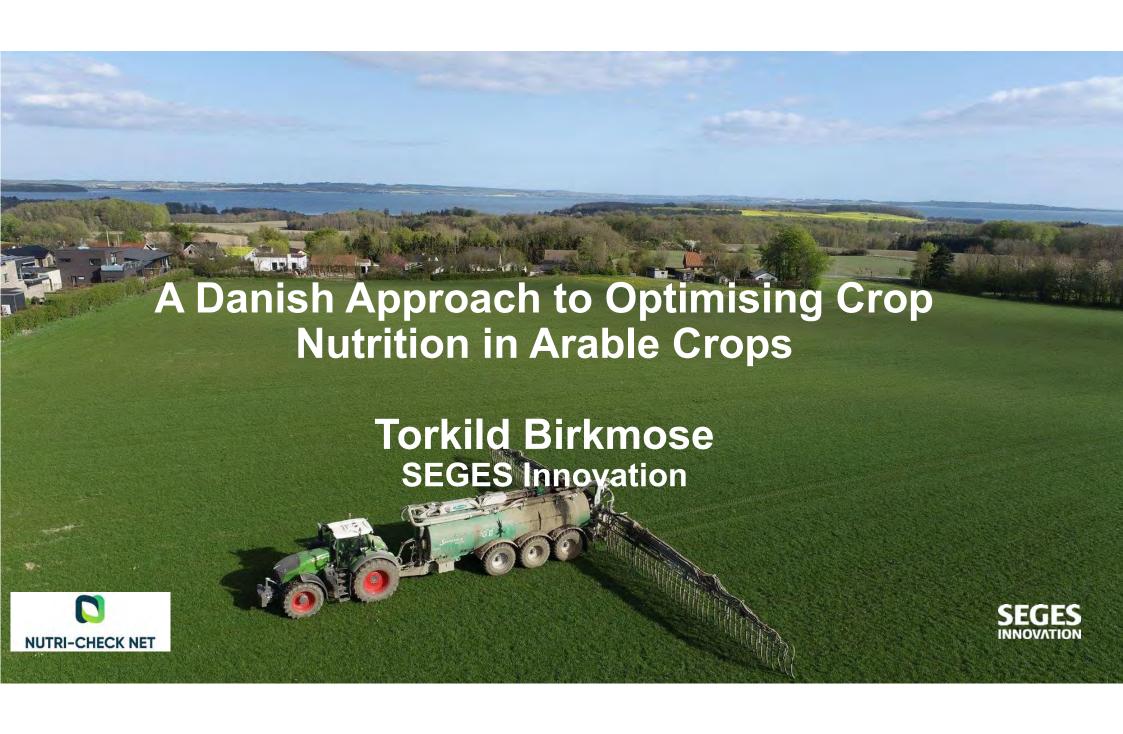
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# **Audience Q&A**

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#### What is SEGES Innovation?



SEGES Innovation is an independent research and innovation company, which works for a sustainable and competitive agriculture and food production.

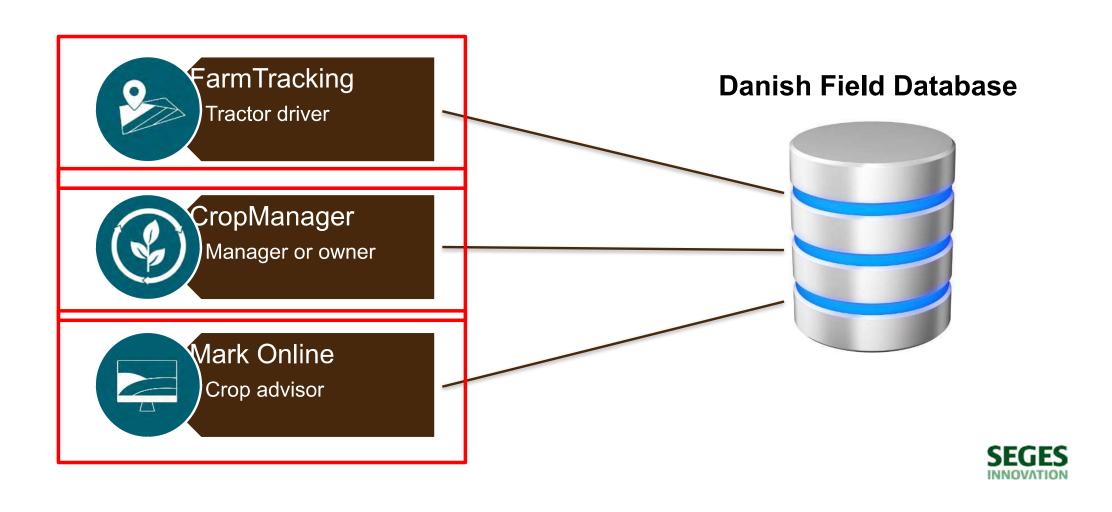


## Agenda – how are Danish farmers taking decisions?

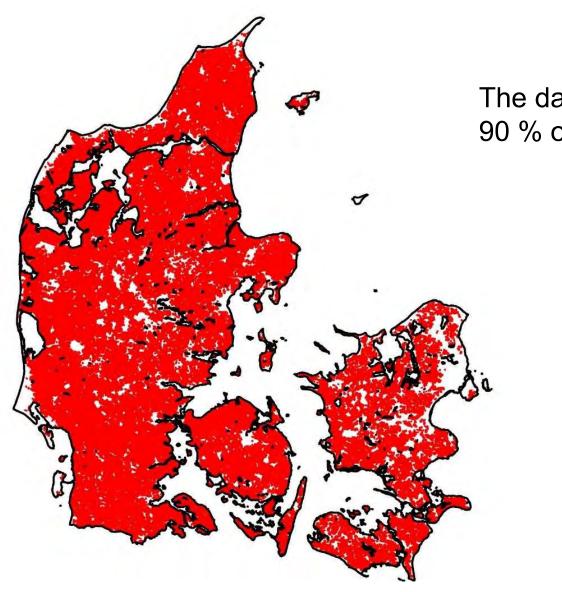
- Decision support tools
- Use of satellite images, examples
- Slurry management
- In season measurements
- Grain analysis
- Data management and documentation



#### Three decision support tools – one database



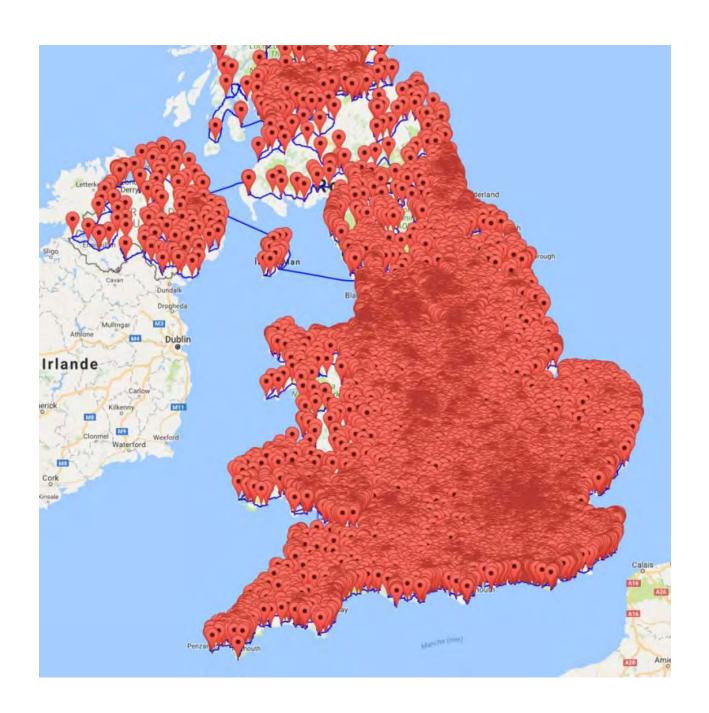
## **Coverage of fields in Danish Field Database**



The database contains data for 90 % of all fields in Denmark

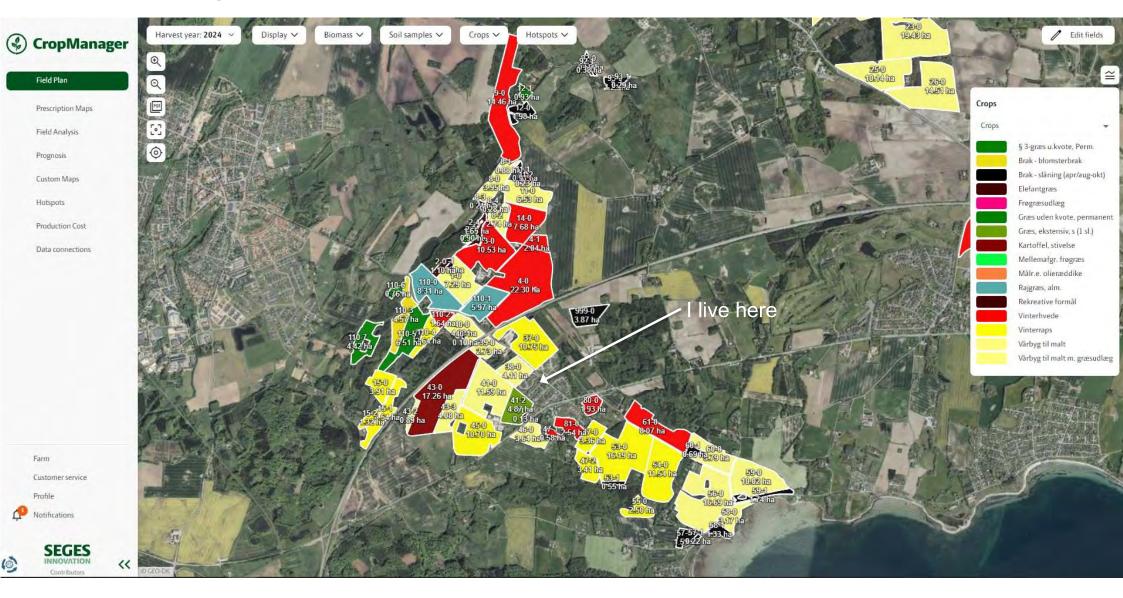








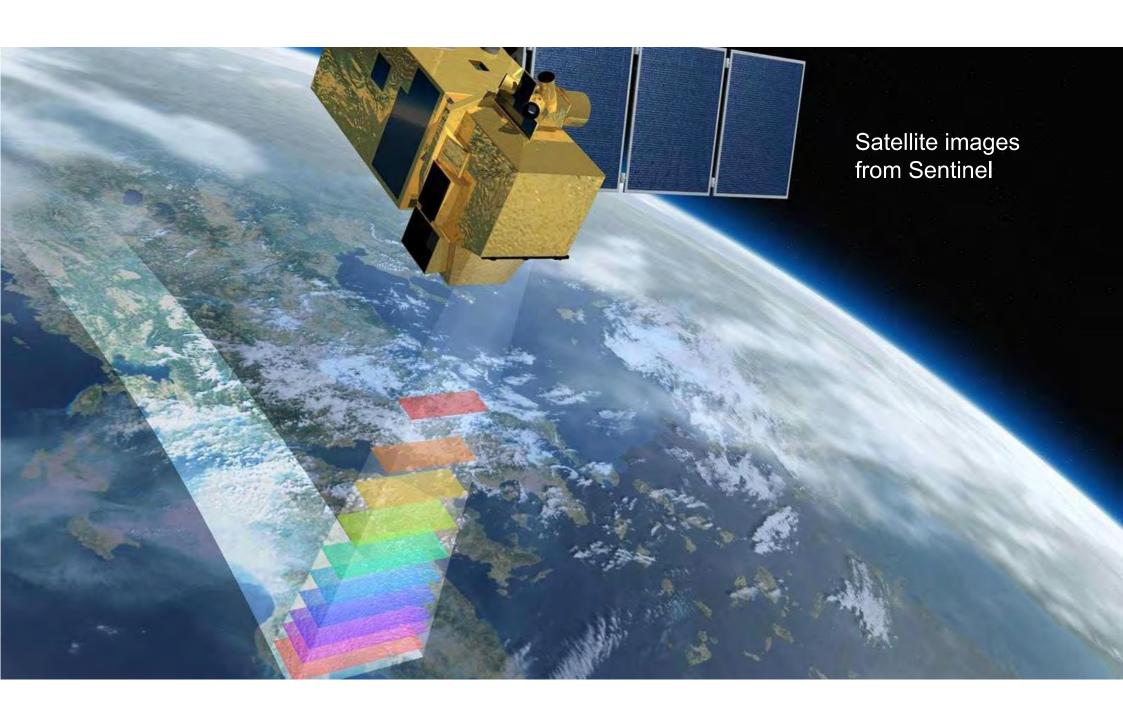
## **CropManager – the farmer's tool**



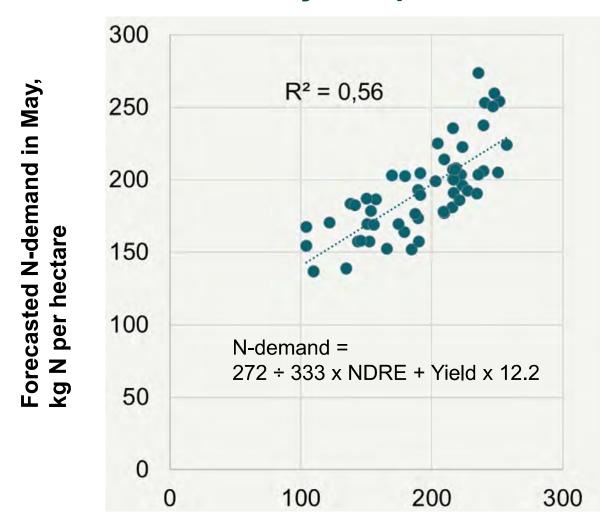
#### What can the farmer do with CropManager?

- View biomass based on Sentinel images
- View results of soil samples
- Prognosis tools for harvest yield, logging and potato blight
- View risk of Septoria
- View water balance and plan irrigation
- Calculate N-recommendations in winter wheat based on actual biomass
- Prescription maps for:
  - Variable N rate
  - Seeding
  - Plant protection
  - Liming
- And a lot more...





#### Forecasted N-demand in May compared to measured in trials



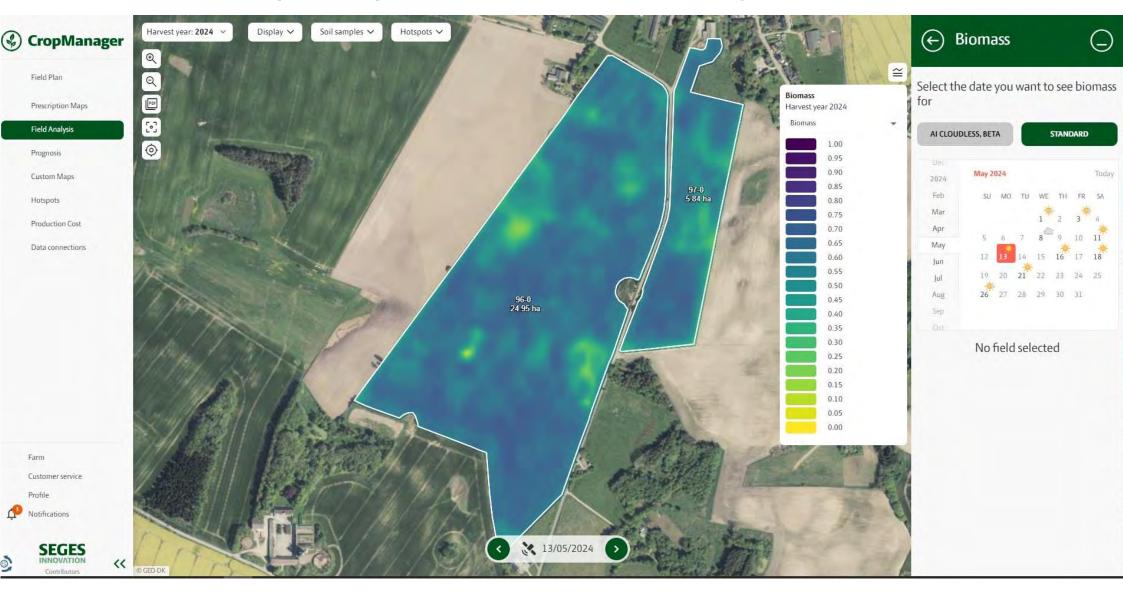


Measured N-demand in harvest, kg N per hectare

## Yield prognosis in winter wheat in CropManager



#### Biomass map (NDRE) for winter wheat in May 2024



## Prescription map based on biomass (NDRE)



#### Unique selling points of CropManager

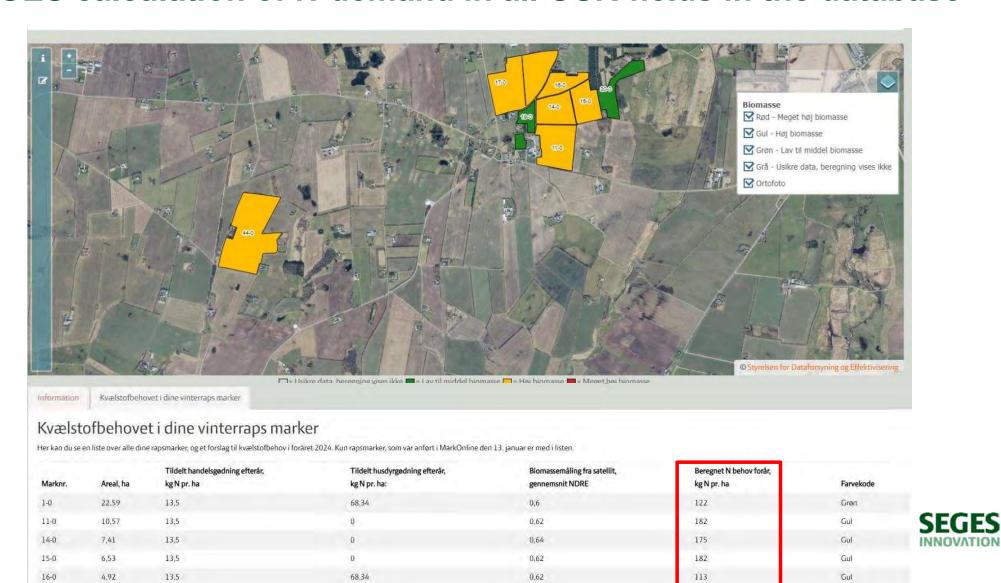
- Connection to Danish Field Database
- Very easy to operate often "one button click"
- Connected to tractor and machines
- Almost complete coverage of Danish fields
- Developed by SEGES agronomists and IT-developers in corporation



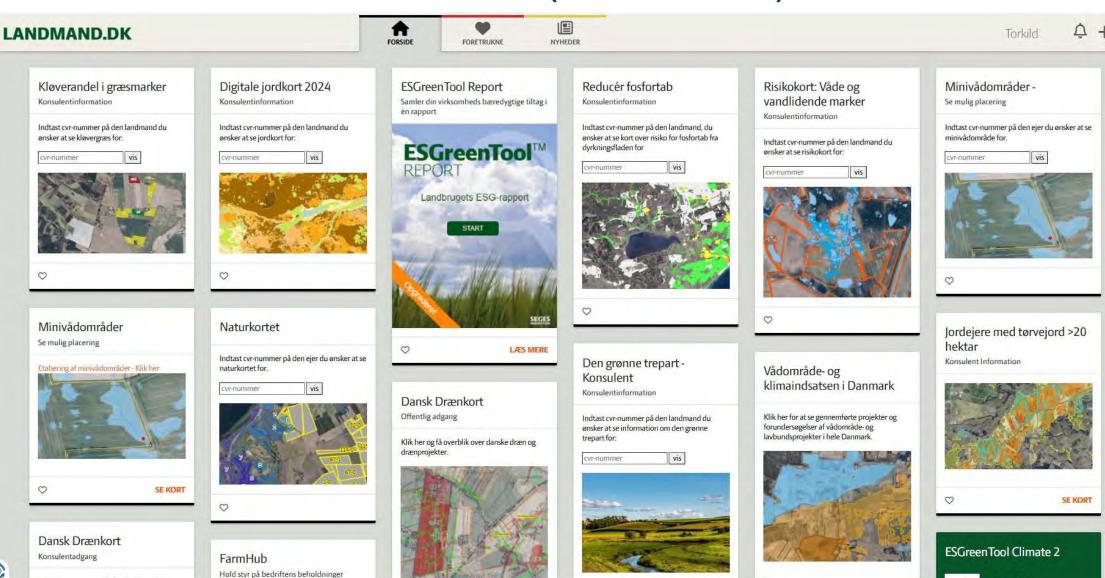


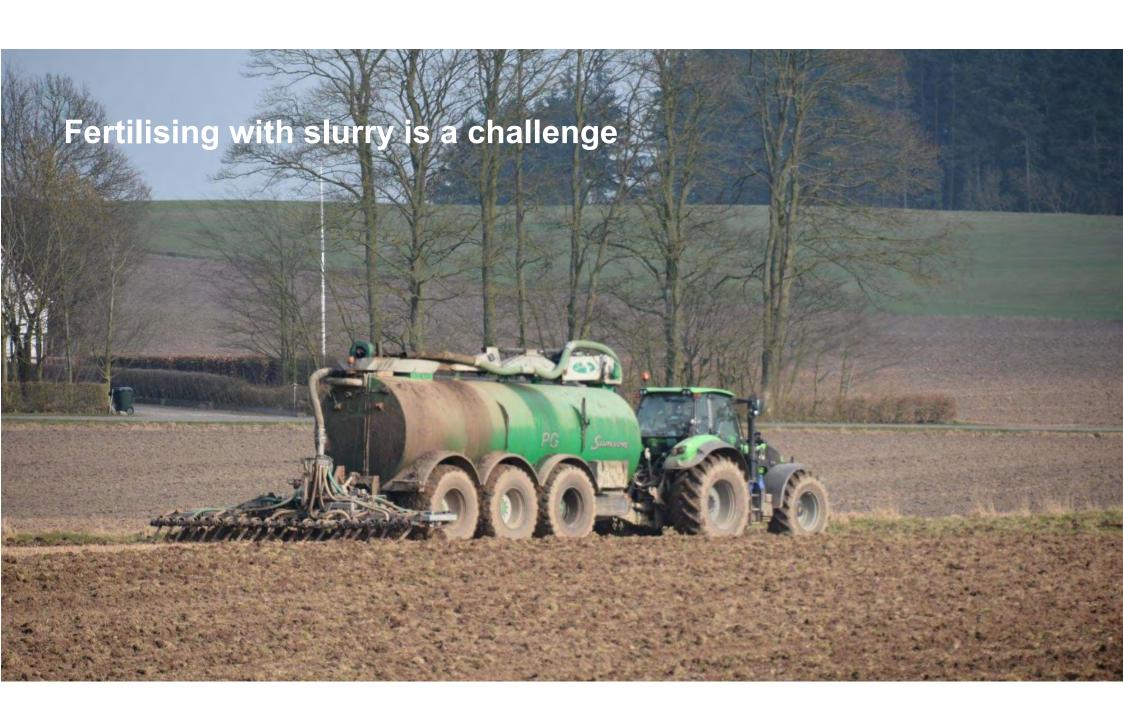


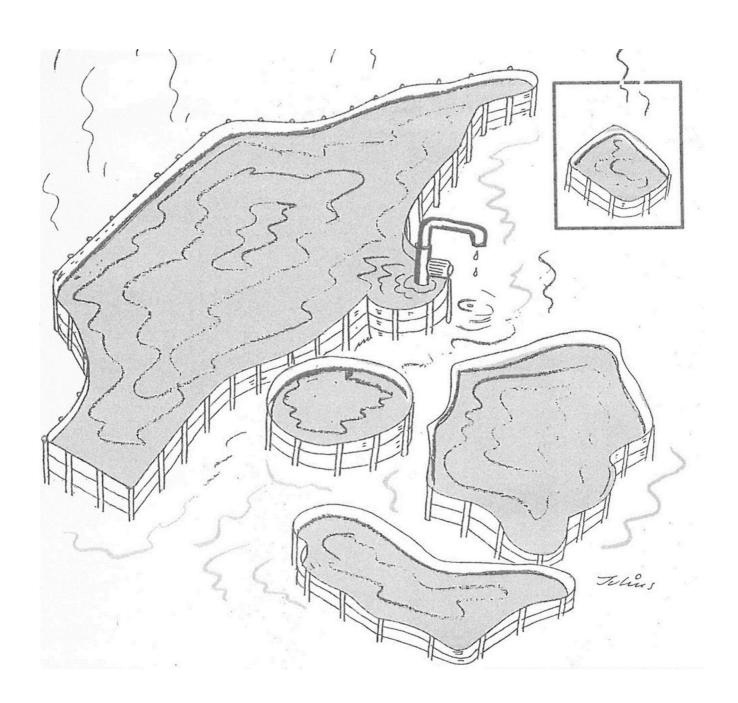
#### SEGES calculation of N-demand in all OSR-fields in the database



## Results shown in Landmand.dk (= "Farmer.dk")



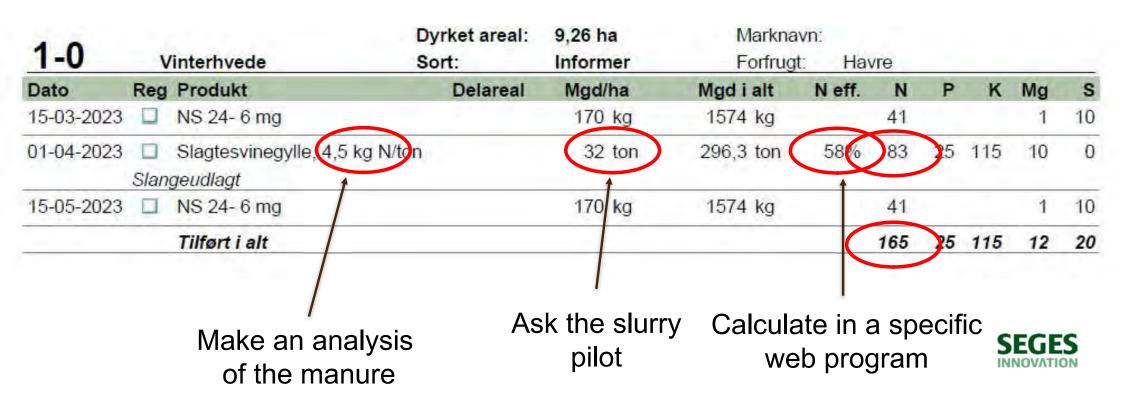


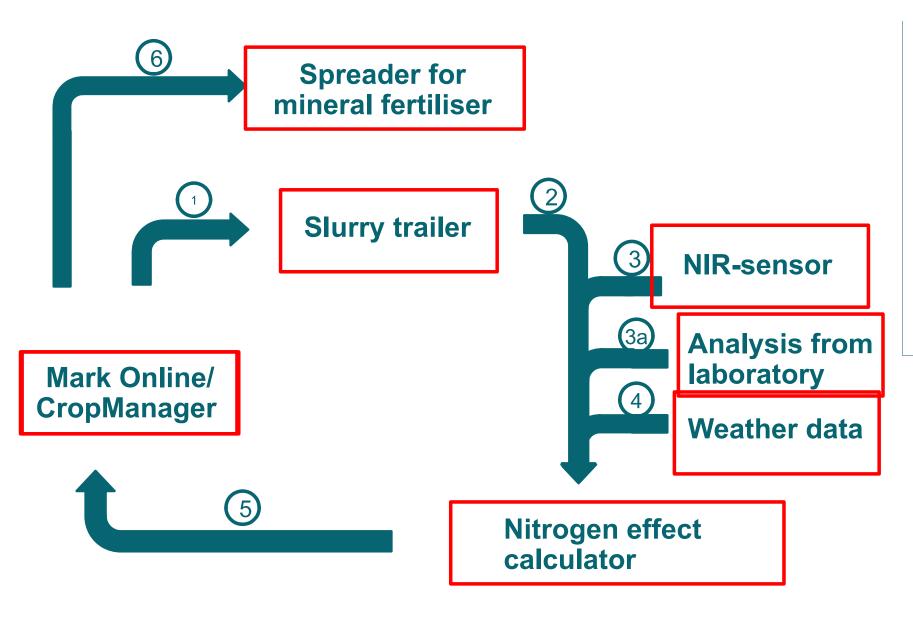




#### Managing slurry in the fertiliser plan: What is the challenge?

The utilized amount of nitrogen in applied manure is very unprecise!





- Task data from Mark Online
- 2. As applied data from slurry trailer
- 3. Slurry data
- 3a. Alternative slurry data from lab
- 4. Weather data
- Calculated Nutilization
- Adjusted application of mineral fertiliser



#### In season measurements are not used a lot

- N-min samples
- Leaf analysis
- Yara N-Sensor
- Yara N-Tester
- Phosphorus Tester
- Manganese Tester
- Drone images







# The next big thing: Keep track of your data with TraceIT

Provides traceability and documentation from the primary production to food companies and consumers



