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# Manure: a valuable resource

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# Outline of the presentation

1. Fertilization in the Netherlands
2. Export processed manure
3. European Animal byproduct regulation
4. European fertilizer regulation





# Fertilization in the Netherlands

- Livestock manure is the basis
- Both in grassland as in arable crops
- Trade of livestock manure is therefore important





# Transport regulation

## National

- Automatic registration of loading and unloading (GPS, date and time available to authorities)
- Document must accompany the load
- Loads must be weighed, sampled and analyzed for Nitrogen and Phosphate

## Intra EU trade

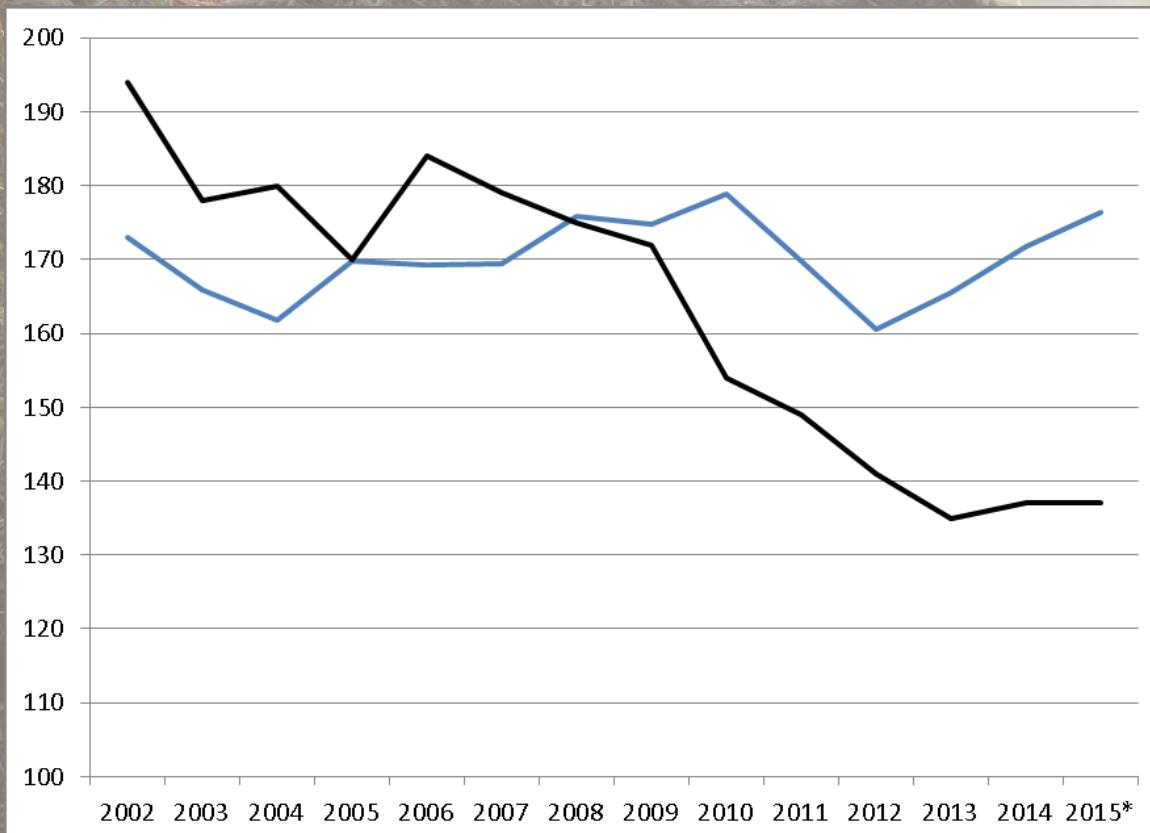
- National requirements
- Animal by-product regulation (1069/2009 and 142/2011)



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TRAde Control and Expert System



# Manure production vs use in Netherlands



Structural  
Surplus

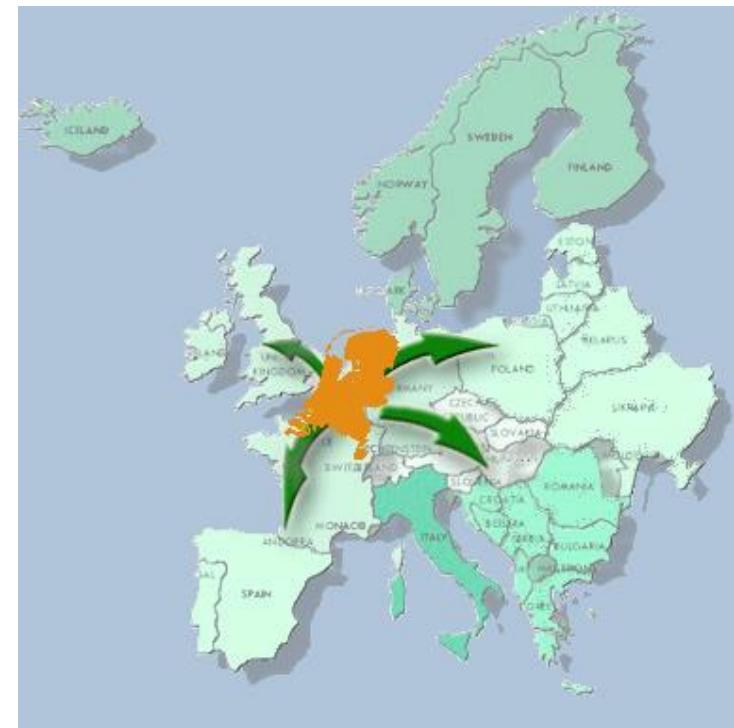


## Manure processing

*Goal: Place part of the Dutch animal manure outside the Dutch agriculture.*

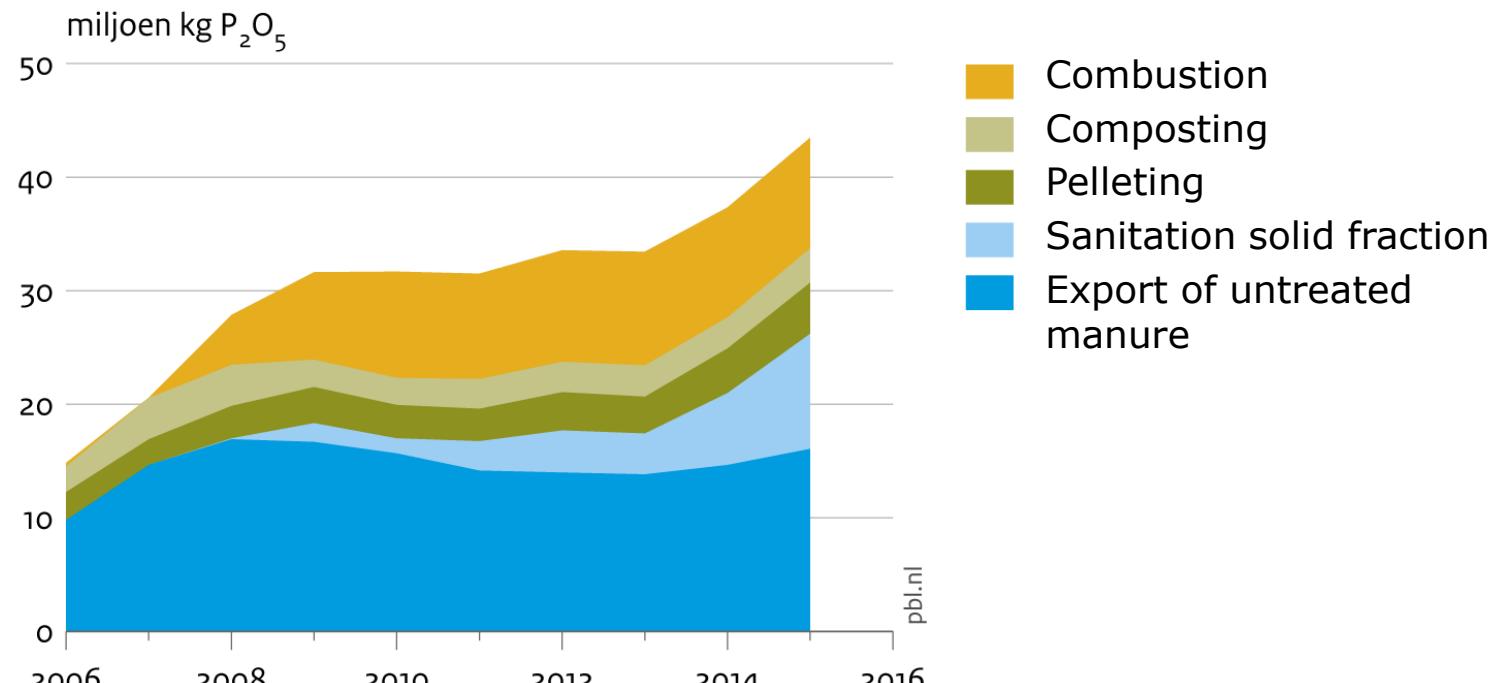
Examples:

- Separating
  - Drying
  - Pasteurization
  - Combustion
- } Export





# Processing of manure



Bron: CBS; bewerking PBL



**Incineration**



**Pelleting**



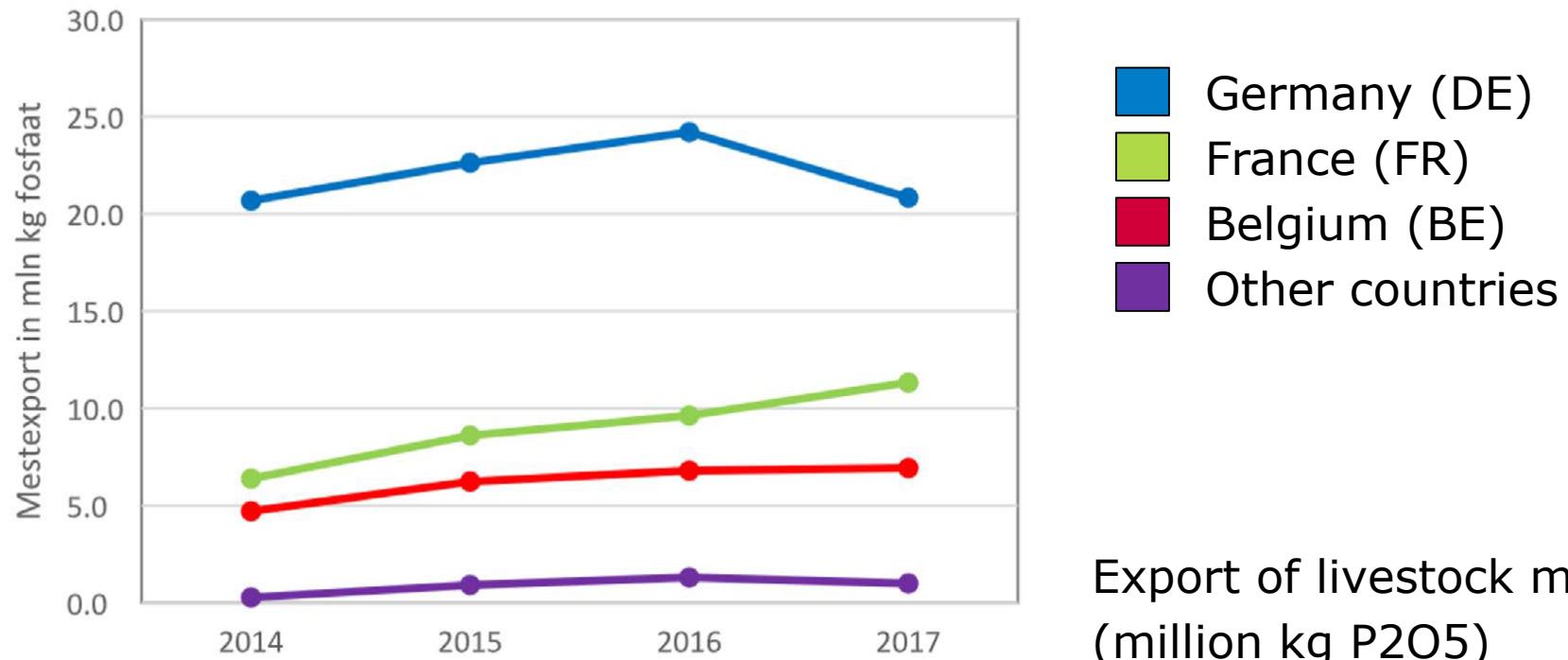
**Composting**



**Digestion**



## Export of livestock manure



Export of livestock manure  
(million kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)



## Clean and healthy products

- Livestock manure is distributed to EU-member states or 3rd Countries under Animal byproduct regulation (EU 1069/2009 and EU 142/2011)
- Prevention of (animal) diseases is essential
- Sanitation by heating (bv 1h - 70°Celsius or alternative method).
- Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA)
- List of approved plants handling animal byproducts –category 2
- Process is authorized by NVWA
- Load is weighed and samples are analyzed for Nitrogen and Phosphate (NL)





## Animal byproduct regulation

- Organic fertilisers shall only be traded with if they meet the following criteria:
  - ✓ are made from category 2 or 3 material
  - ✓ are produced according to the rules of pressure sterilisation or a comparable treatment. Installations receive NVWA-recognition
  - ✓ come from registered production facilities
  - ✓ are produced in accordance with the conditions for pressure sterilization or with other conditions to prevent risks arising to public and animal health (Art 32 of EG 1069/2009).





# Export regulation

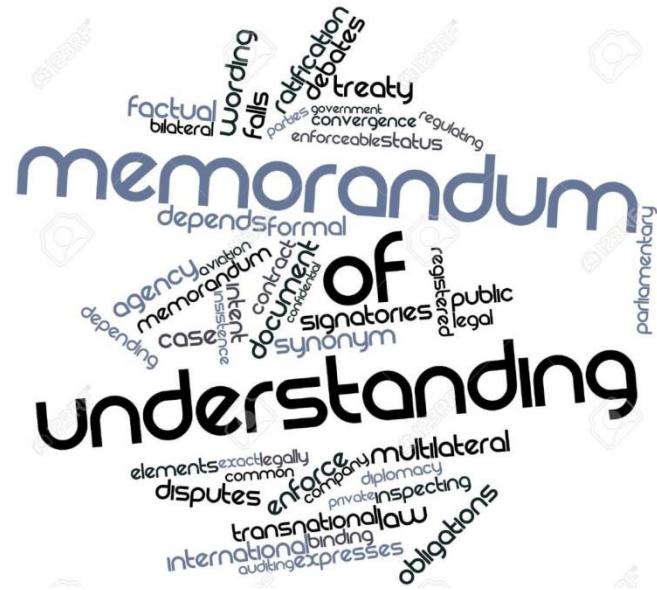
- Trade document, Annex III, EU-regulation nr. 142/2011
- Transport vehicle is cleaned and disinfected before loading on a certified truckwash
- Exporters apply for export documents at least 12 hours before export
- Exports are registered in the CLIENT-system
- Exports are accompanied with export documents and trade document and a national transportdocument for livestock manure
- During transport these documents are present for controls
- Export none-processed manure also accompanied with health certificate and registered in Traces
- 3rd countries just processed manure





# Memorandum of Understanding

- Control and enforcement on export outside national borders is limited
- The NL Government is willing to share information with control bodies in other member states about livestock manure exports with the aim of information exchange and mutual understanding.
- In recent years we made a MoU with;
  - ✓ Flanders (BEL)
  - ✓ Nord-Rhein Westphalen (GER)
  - ✓ Niedersachsen (GER)
  - ✓ Saksen-Anhalt (GER)





## European Fertilizer Regulation

- Revision of Fertilizer Regulation Europe (EU 2003/2003) completed
- Currently only chemical fertilizers
- Include also organic fertilizers
- Harmonisation of the rules for trading fertilizers through the Union
- NL government is supporting the new regulation with clear rules for organic fertilizers.





# Substitution of chemical fertilizer

## Next step: Closing the loop

**Products derived from manure processing should replace chemical fertilizer**

At first, liquid fractions from livestock manure are suitable

- Little organic matter
- Contain N and K<sub>2</sub>O

These products will be discussed  
In the upcoming JRC-report:  
**SAFEMANURE**





# Discussion and questions

- Any remarks or questions?

