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22 **Introduction and content**

23 In addition to the methodology overview described in the main article, Appendix 1 provides a detailed  
24 description of the underlying accounting models used in the hybrid approach. This includes the physical  
25 accounting model LANDFLOW of IIASA and the environmental-economic accounting model, EXIOBASE,  
26 processed at the Vienna Economic University. Finally, we describe the integration of both modelling  
27 frameworks into a hybrid land flow accounting model.

28 Appendix 2 includes selected additional results included in the sections ‘Results’ and ‘Discussion’ in the  
29 main manuscript.

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## 53 **Appendix 1 Methodology and data for hybrid accounting**

### 54 **1. LANDFLOW physical accounting**

#### 55 **1.1 Overview and data**

56 LANDFLOW was developed in two former projects (IIASA/GWS/SERI, 2006; Prieler et al., 2013) and  
57 extended in this project. It comprises two main steps.

58 First (section 1.2), the production of primary commodities is separately attributed to physical land for  
59 i) cropland (for primary food, and feed and fodder crop production); ii) grassland (for ruminant  
60 livestock feed); and iii) forest land (for roundwood harvest). Reported biomass productivity (yields)  
61 determine land intensities for cropland. Cropland attribution also accounts for multi-cropping and  
62 fallow periods.

63 Second (section 1.3 to 1.7), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)'s supply  
64 utilization accounts (SUA) for agricultural products, and wood balances for the forestry sector are  
65 connected with trade matrixes to track physical quantities and embodied land areas from primary  
66 production. This is done via intermediate products (notably animal feed), joint products (e.g., livestock  
67 producing milk and meat; soybean producing soy oil and soy cake), and trade to final utilization.

68 LANDFLOW operates on an annual basis per country. It uses a detailed commodity list for  
69 calculations and then generates results for aggregate commodity groups allowing a complete land  
70 balance of agricultural and forestry production. Apart from the land area required for agricultural  
71 production and trade, the physical volumes of produced, traded and utilized (food, feed, other use,  
72 and seed/waste) commodities are also recorded. Flows of selected important commodities of  
73 interest can be traced separately. The model includes the following main modules: i) LANDFLOW  
74 trade reconciliation; ii) LANDFLOW crop sector; iii) LANDFLOW livestock sector; and iv) LANDFLOW  
75 forestry sector<sup>1</sup>.

#### 76 **1.1.1 Input data**

77 LANDFLOW uses the large harmonized 1990 to 2011 time series country data from different domains  
78 of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization FAOSTAT<sup>2</sup> agriculture and forestry  
79 databases (FAOSTAT, 2016). The database includes i) primary crop and livestock production; ii) land  
80 use data; iii) crop yields; iv) animal stock numbers; v) SUA of primary and derived products; and vi)  
81 bilateral commodity trade data by country in physical units and dollar values.

82 The FAOSTAT commodity list includes 683 commodities grouped in 20 chapters. It provides a  
83 framework for the collection and analysis of data on production and trade and, ultimately compiles  
84 the SUA. The FAO commodity list is tailored on “commodity trees”, that is, the primary crop and its

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<sup>1</sup> The forestland module has not been included in this paper and will therefore not be described further.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#home>

85 derived products or live animals and their derived products are traceable all along the value chain of  
86 agricultural production.

87 In the case of grassland, land intensities (i.e., pasture yields) for individual countries were compiled  
88 using modelled biomass productivity estimates from the Global Agro-Ecological Zones (GAEZ<sup>1</sup>)  
89 database (FAO and IIASA, 2012; Fischer et al., 2012).

### 90 **1.1.2 Output data**

91 LANDFLOW generates annual results per country/region for the period 1995 to 2011 separately for  
92 cropland and pastures. For reporting and optimal linkage with the environmental-economic  
93 accounting (see section 3), individual commodities are summed up and presented in terms of the  
94 following main commodity aggregates:

95 Firstly, crop products from cropland include the following sub-groups:

96 1) Wheat; 2) rice; 3) maize; 4) other cereals; 5) roots and pulses; 6) sugar crops (primary); 7) oil crops;  
97 8) fruits/vegetables/spice; 9) stimulants (cacao, coffee, tea); 10) tobacco; 11) rubber; 12) other  
98 industrial crops (mainly fibre); 13) fodder crops; 14) sugar, sweeteners, and molasses; 15) vegetable  
99 oil; 16) oil cakes; and 17) alcohol.

100 Note, sub-groups 14 to 17 are derived commodities based on other crop groups. For example,  
101 vegetable oil and oil cakes are derived from primary oil crops. Alcohol is derived from a number of  
102 crop groups including wheat, rice, maize and fruits. Fodder and oil cakes are exclusively used for  
103 livestock feed. Other crop groups have multiple uses for feed, food and other non-food industrial  
104 uses (e.g., vegetable oil for food and industrial use; maize for food and feed).

105 Secondly, two sub-categories of livestock products are reported according to their feed requirements  
106 and associated land utilization: first, ruminants (e.g., cattle and sheep) use cropland and pastures and  
107 second, monogastric livestock (mainly pigs and poultry) relies on cropland for feed only. Reported  
108 commodity aggregates include:

109 1) Ruminants, meat and offals; 2) ruminants, dairy products; 3) ruminants, fats and meals; 4)  
110 ruminants, wool, hides and skins; 5) monogastric, meat and offal; 6) monogastric eggs; 7)  
111 monogastric, fats and meals; 8) monogastric, hides and skins.

112 For each commodity aggregate, country and year, LANDFLOW generates a balance of supply and  
113 utilization. Supply consists of domestic production and imports. Utilization in the agricultural sector  
114 includes food use, which is separate for vegetarian and livestock diets, 'other use' (i.e., non-food  
115 industrial use), and exports and equivalents for seeds and wastes (from field to farm gate). In  
116 addition, land embedded in stock changes is reported each year.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gaez.iiasa.ac.at/>

117 Additional derived variables include self-sufficiency ratios (i.e., land in domestic production divided  
118 by land in consumption), net trade balances, and per capita utilization.

## 119 **1.2 Land use allocation to primary production**

### 120 **1.2.1 Land use data**

121 Tracking land in produced commodities starts from the countries of origin. Agricultural production  
122 utilizes cropland and grassland. Cropland produces annual crops (e.g., cereals, sugar crops, roots and  
123 tubers) cultivated on arable land and permanent crops (e.g., orchards, vineyards, oil palms, natural  
124 rubber) for food, feed, fibre, and other industrial uses. Grasslands provide feed for grazing and  
125 browsing ruminant livestock herds (e.g., cattle and sheep). FAOSTAT reports consistent land use time  
126 series data for all countries, including agricultural areas separately for arable land, land for  
127 permanent crops, and permanent meadows/pastures. These are defined as follows:

128 *Arable land:* Arable land is the land under temporary agricultural crops (multiple-cropped areas are  
129 counted only once), temporary meadows for mowing or pasture, land under market and kitchen  
130 gardens, and land temporarily fallow (less than five years). The abandoned land resulting from  
131 shifting cultivation is not included in this category. Data for “arable land” are not meant to indicate  
132 the amount of land that is potentially cultivable.

133 *Permanent crops:* Permanent crops are sown or planted once, and then occupy the land for some  
134 years. Permanent crops, such as cocoa, coffee and rubber do not need to be re-planted after each  
135 annual harvest. This category includes flowering shrubs, fruit trees, nut trees and vines, but excludes  
136 trees grown for wood or timber.

137 *Permanent meadows and pastures:* Land used permanently (five years or more) to grow herbaceous  
138 forage crops, either cultivated or growing wild (wild prairie or grazing land).

139 In LANDFLOW, arable land and permanent crops are combined under the category “cropland”.  
140 Permanent meadows and pastures are henceforth termed “grassland”.

### 141 **1.2.1 Allocation of cropland to primary crop commodities**

142 Globally, cropland comprises 1,550 million hectares and is concentrated in the world’s most fertile  
143 areas. Cropland productivity depends on biophysical endowment, access to agro-research knowledge  
144 through extension services, the availability of agro-inputs, and applied land management and local  
145 socio-economic circumstances. Biophysical endowments and agronomic land management regimes  
146 determine crop rotation schemes including multi-cropping and fallow periods. In order to connect  
147 individual crop data (harvested area and production) with aggregate data on physical cropland areas  
148 LANDFLOW allocation to primary production accounts for land use intensities.

149 The FAOSTAT crops primary production domain reports the following items for each primary crop: i)  
150 Production (tons); ii) area harvested (ha); and iii) yields (tons/ha)<sup>1</sup>. Table 1 lists all 170 primary crops  
151 aggregated to LANDFLOW’s reporting crop groups and attributed to either annual crops cultivated on  
152 arable land, or perennials cultivated on land for permanent crops. In addition, FAOSTAT includes a  
153 domain on fodder crops reporting production and harvested area of 16 commodities used exclusively  
154 for feed (see Table 5).

155 For the physical land balance maintained in the LANDFLOW model, the task is to go beyond  
156 harvested areas and to estimate the physical land base used (in the particular year, management  
157 regime and country) for the production of individual crops. We assume that physical cropland can be  
158 allocated to individual cultivated primary crops by accounting for the *entire* country’s land use  
159 intensity, *separately for annual crops and perennials*<sup>2</sup>.

160 *Calculation of Multi-Cropping Index:* The intensity of using physical land in time, accounting for both  
161 sequential cropping and fallow periods, is indicated by the multi-cropping index (MCI). It reflects the  
162 cropping intensity on a given piece of land and is defined as the ratio of harvested area of all crops in  
163 a defined region over the actual underlying physical cropland area. Whereas annual crops are sown  
164 or planted each year and, weather permitting, may be harvested more than once a year, perennial  
165 crops occupy the land for long periods and are usually harvested only once a year. Taking into  
166 account the differences in land requirements between annual and perennial crops, we calculate  
167 separate MCIs. In the case of annual crops, we calculate an average MCI over all annual crops  
168 cultivated in the particular year and country:

$$169 \quad MCI_{annuals} = \frac{\sum ac_{Harv}}{arable\ land}$$

170  $MCI_{annuals}$  Multi-Cropping Index for annual crops

171  $a_{C_{Harv}}$  Harvested area of annual crops

172 For perennial crops an MCI of 0.9 to 1.0 is assumed.

173 The physical extent of cropland for individual primary crops is then derived by dividing the harvested  
174 area by the respective MCI.

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<sup>1</sup> **Production** data refer to “the actual harvested production, excluding harvesting and threshing losses, as well as the part of a crop not harvested for any reason”. **Area harvested** is defined as “land area from which a crop is gathered”. Areas, on which no harvest takes place due to damage or failure, are excluded. In cases of successive cropping, the area is counted as many times as it is harvested. **Yields** represent “the harvested production per unit of harvested area for crop products”.

<sup>2</sup> Applying a country’s aggregate annual and perennial land intensities evenly to individual crops is also a necessary assumption due to lacking data on specific crop rotation patterns.

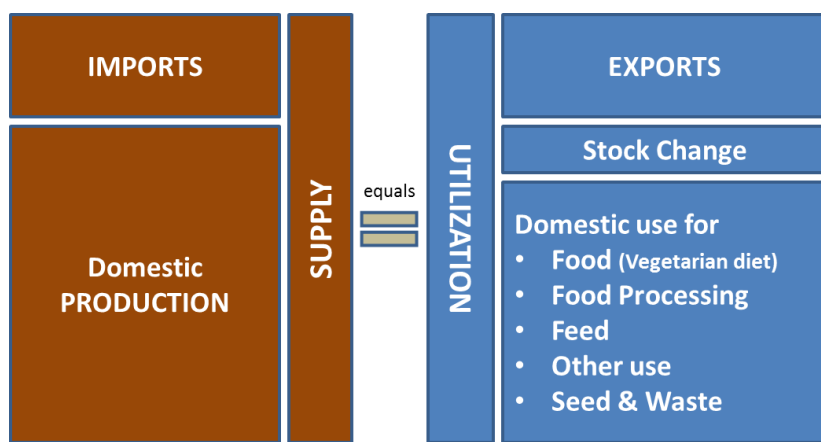
<b>Group</b>	<b>FAO primary crops</b>
Cereals	<i>Annual crops:</i> Wheat; rice, paddy; maize; barley; rye; oats; millet; sorghum; buckwheat; quinoa; fonio; triticale; canary seed; mixed grain; cereals not elsewhere specified (nes)
Roots and pulses	<i>Annual crops:</i> Potatoes; sweet potatoes; cassava; yautia; taro (cocoyam); yams; roots and tubers nes; beans, dry; broad beans, dry; peas, dry; chick-peas; cow peas, dry; pigeon peas; lentils; bambara beans; vetches; lupins; pulses nes
Sugar crops	<i>Annual crops:</i> Sugarcane; sugar beets; sugar crops nes
Oil crops	<i>Annual crops:</i> Soyabeans; groundnuts in shell; castor beans; sunflower seed; rapeseed; safflower seed; sesame seed; mustard seed; poppy seed; melon seed; tallow tree seeds; seed cotton; cottonseed; linseed; hempseed; oilseeds nes <i>Perennials:</i> Coconuts; oil palm fruit; palm kernels; palm oil; olives; karite nuts (sheanuts); tung nuts; jojoba seeds; kapok fruit; kapok seed in shell; kapok seed shelled
Vegetables, fruits, nuts and spices	<i>Annual crops:</i> Cabbages; artichokes; asparagus; lettuce; spinach; cassava leaves; tomatoes; cauliflower; pumpkins, squash gourds; cucumbers; eggplants; chillies and peppers, green; onions & shallots; onions, dry; garlic; leeks & other allium veget.; beans, green; peas, green; broad beans, green; string beans; carrots; okra; green corn; mushrooms; chicory roots; carobs; fresh vegetables nes; strawberries; watermelons; Cantaloupes & other mel.; anise, badian, fennel, coriander. <i>Perennials:</i> Brazil nuts; cashew nuts; chestnuts; almonds; walnuts; pistachios; kolanuts; hazelnuts; areca nuts (betel); nuts nes. Bananas; plantains; oranges (Tangerines, mandarins, clementines, satsumas); lemons and limes; grapefruit and pomelos; citrus fruit nes; apples; pears; quinces; apricots; sour cherries; cherries; peaches and nectarines; plums; stone fruit nes, Fresh; raspberries; gooseberries; currants; blueberries; cranberries; berries nes; grapes; figs; mangoes; avocados; pineapples; dates; persimmons; cashew apple; kiwi fruit; papayas; tropical fresh fruit nes; fresh fruit nes; mate; tea nes; hops; pepper (white/long/black); pimento, allspice; vanilla; cinnamon (canella); cloves; nutmeg, mace, cardamom; ginger; spices nes; peppermint
Stimulants	<i>Perennials:</i> Coffee, green; cocoa beans; tea
Industrial crops	<i>Annual crops:</i> Cotton lint; flax fibre; hemp; jute; jute-like fibres; fibre crops nes; tobacco leaves <i>Perennials:</i> Pyrethrum, dried flowers; kapok fibre; ramie; sisal; agave fibres nes; abaca (manila hemp); coir; natural rubber; natural gums
Fodder crops	<i>Annual crops:</i> Rye grass, forage and silage (For&Sil); grasses nes, For&Sil; clover for For&Sil; alfalfa for For&Sil; leguminous fodder crops nes, forage & silage; mixed grasses & legumes; fodder crops for livestock; maize for For&Sil; sorghum for For&Sil; green oilseeds for fodder; cabbage for fodder; turnips for fodder; beets for fodder; carrots for fodder; swedes for fodder; forage products nes; vegetables & roots for fodder

176 **Table 1: FAOSTAT primary crop list aggregated to main crop groups**



177 **1.3 SUAs for agricultural supply chain allocation**

178 The FAO SUAs time series data, deal with statistics on supply and utilization, which are kept  
179 physically together to allow the matching of food availability with food use (Figure 1). The total  
180 quantity of agricultural commodities produced in a country, that is, domestic production added to  
181 the total quantity imported and adjusted to any change in stocks that may have occurred since the  
182 beginning of the reference period, gives the supply available during that period. The utilization side  
183 distinguishes between the quantities exported, food supplies available for human consumption  
184 (food), fed to livestock (feed), put to manufacture for food use (processing), other uses (other use),  
185 used for seed production (seed), losses during storage and transportation (waste), and changes in  
186 stocks (stock change).



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188 **Figure 1: Items in the FAO Supply Utilization Accounts (SUA)**

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190 The SUA database structure of agricultural statistics is designed to cover each country's entire  
191 agricultural sector. Over 200 different primary and processed crop and livestock commodities  
192 (Table 2) are linked by a consistent commodity tree structure and balanced annually for each  
193 country. Intermediate or processed commodities may be included in a particular SUA commodity in  
194 their primary equivalent. For example, the SUA commodity wheat includes in its supply of imports  
195 not only the import of primary wheat, but also all imported wheat products converted into primary  
196 wheat equivalent.

197 LANDFLOW utilizes SUAs for tracking physical quantities and embedded agricultural land areas along  
198 supply chains. Land areas associated with the utilization of crops are estimated by applying country  
199 specific yields to domestic production following the procedures described below, adding imports  
200 (using relevant yields in country of origin), and subtracting exports of individual commodities (using  
201 land content of both domestic production and imports).

202 In addition, LANDFLOW generates supply utilization accounts for alcohol by combining the food  
203 processing information of commodities used for alcohol production (grapes, barely, maize) with data  
204 from the SUAs on different types of alcohol (e.g., beverages, alcohol; and alcohol, non-food).

SUA item	Produce	Feed	SUA item	Produce	Feed
<b>1 CEREALS</b>			<b>4 OIL CROPS</b>		
Wheat	A	F	Soybeans	A	F
Barley	A	F	Groundnuts	A	
Maize	A	F	Sunflower seed	A	F
Rice	A	F	Rape and mustard seed	A	F
Rye	A	F	Cottonseed	A	F
Oats	A	F	Coconuts	P	F
Millet	A	F	Sesame seed	A	F
Sorghum	A	F	Palmkernels	P	F
Cereals, other	A	F	Olives	P	
Brans	D	F	<b>4.1 VEGETABLE OIL</b>		
Beer	D		Soybean oil	D	F
Maize germ oil	D		Groundnut oil	D	F
Rice bran oil	D		Sunflower seed oil	D	F
Infant food	D		Rape and mustard seed oil	D	F
<b>2 ROOTS &amp; TUBERS</b>			Cottonseed oil	D	F
Potatoes	A	F	Palmkernel oil	D	F
Cassava	P	F	Palm oil	D	
Sweet potatoes	A	F	Coconut oil	D	
Roots, other	A	F	Sesame seed oil	D	F
Yams	A/P	F	Olive oil	D	F
Beans, dry	A	F	Oilcrops oil, other	D	
Peas, dry	A	F	<b>4.2 OIL CAKES</b>		
Pulses, other	A	F	Soybean cake	D	F
<b>3 SUGAR CROPS</b>			Groundnut cake	D	F
Sugarcane	P	F	Sunflower seed cake	D	F
Sugar beets	A	F	Rape and Mustard cake	D	F
Sugar, non-centrifugal	D	F	Cottonseed cake	D	F
Sugar (raw equivalent)	D	F	Palm kernel cake	D	F
Sugar crops, nes	A/P		Copra cake	D	F
Sweeteners, other	D	F	Sesame seed cake	D	F
Molasses	D	F	Oilseed cakes, other	D	F

205 Note: SUA items were grouped in annual (A), perennial (P) crops, derived products (D) and commodities used for feed (F)

206 **Table 2: Commodities of the Supply Utilization Accounts (SUAs)**

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SUA item	Produce	Feed	SUA item	Produce	Feed
<b>5 VEGETABLES; FRUITS; NUTS; SPICES</b>			<b>7 INDUSTRIAL CROPS</b>		
Nuts	P		Cotton lint	A	
Tomatoes	A	F	Jute	A	
Onions dry	A	F	Jute-like fibres	A	
Vegetables, other	P	F	Soft fibres, other	A/P	
Oranges, mandarins	P	F	Sisal	P	
Lemons, limes	P		Abaca, manila hemp	P	
Grapefruit	P		Hard fibres, other	A/P	
Citrus, other	P		Tobacco leaves	A	
Bananas	P	F	Natural rubber	P	
Plantains	P	F	<b>8 FODDER CROPS</b>		
Apples	P	F	Fodder crops	A/P	F
Pineapples	P		<b>9 LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</b>		
Dates	P	F	Bovine meat	D	F
Grapes	P	F	Pig meat	D	
Fruits, other	P	F	Poultry meat	D	
Pepper	P		Meat, other	D	F
Pimento	P		Mutton and goat meat	D	
Cloves	P		Offal, edible	D	
Spices, other	A/P		Meat, meal	D	F
Wine	D		Eggs	D	F
Beverages fermented	D		Milk, excl. butter	D	F
Beverages, alcoholic	D		Milk, whole	D	F
<b>6 STIMULANTS</b>			Milk, skimmed	D	F
Coffee green	P		Cheese	D	
Cocoa beans	P		Butter, ghee	D	F
Tea	P		Cream	D	
			Whey	D	F
			Fats, animals, raw	D	F
			Hides and skins	D	
			Honey	D	
			Silk	D	
			Wool	D	

209 Note: SUA items were grouped in annual (A), perennial (P) crops, derived products (D) and commodities used for feed (F)

210 **Table 3: Commodities of the Supply Utilization Accounts (SUAs)**

211 Consistent tracking of cropland from primary production to final utilization entails, i) solving trade  
212 flows; ii) connecting the land use intensities of primary crops to SUAs; iii) accounting for joint  
213 production; and iv) dealing with the livestock sector.

214 The following sections 1.4 to 1.7 describe the main processes applied in LANDFLOWS crop and  
215 livestock sector allocation.

#### 216 **1.4 Cross-country trade reconciliation**

217 LANDFLOW tracks the extents of land associated with exported and imported primary and processed  
218 agricultural commodities to provide consistent accounts of land use from farm production, to  
219 international trade, and to final use. Exported agricultural products may come from domestic  
220 production or may derive from imported primary or processed commodities. Processed agricultural  
221 commodities are derived from primary crops from both domestic production and imported primary  
222 crops<sup>1</sup>.

223 LANDFLOW tracks traded commodities and their land content based on annual bilateral FAOSTAT  
224 trade data. The commodity list includes nearly 600 different products covering a country's entire  
225 trade of the agricultural sector. For the land appropriation of traded agricultural commodities, a  
226 relationship has been established between the trade data and their respective SUA items. In the case  
227 of the primary commodity maize reported as primary equivalents in the SUA, for example, the  
228 following items are included in the trade database: Maize primary; germ of maize; flour of maize; and  
229 bran of maize. Processed commodities of the trade domain are converted to primary equivalents  
230 using technical coefficients (FAO, 2015).

231 The LANDFLOW methodology links countries through bilateral trade, based on a large time series  
232 data set of more than ten thousand bilateral trade flows of agricultural commodities, published in  
233 FAOSTAT. Globally consistent natural resource allocations, including land footprints, require  
234 consistency between imported and exported commodities. Bilateral trade flows are reported  
235 separately by importer and exporter, often resulting in large discrepancies in reported trade flows for  
236 a variety of reasons (Gelhar, 1996). FAOSTAT lists the following reasons for inconsistencies in their  
237 trade matrix data: i) time lags (e.g., exports reported at the end of the year could reach a destination  
238 in the following year); ii) exported quantities could be destroyed on the way to the destination;  
239 iii) type of trade reported—some countries report general trade (including re-exports), while others  
240 report special trade (imports of domestic consumption); iv) data confidentiality by one of the  
241 reporters; v) customs tax avoidance by misrepresenting a commodity on import, or not reporting a  
242 transshipment; vi) place of origin/final destination inconsistencies (e.g., some countries may report  
243 the final destination and omit intermediate trade via a third country).

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<sup>1</sup> For example, in many European countries domestic utilization of soybean is largely based on imported commodities from North and South America. Another example are European countries exporting processed tropical fruit commodities that they do not produce themselves.

244 *LANDFLOW trade reconciliation procedures:* For various reasons, some of which have been discussed  
 245 above, when two trading partners report trade, the export figures and the corresponding import  
 246 figures may not correspond. There is no common method for reconciling differences in counterpart  
 247 trade statistics. LANDFLOW reconciles imports and exports for defined countries or regional  
 248 aggregates to achieve consistency for all partner pairs by ensuring that primary equivalents in the  
 249 trade data, equal reported imports and exports in the supply utilization accounts. For this purpose,  
 250 countries were grouped into defined regional markets. For this study, we defined 28 regional  
 251 markets optimized for hybrid accounting (i.e., linked with the economic accounting model MRIO used  
 252 in this study) (Table 3).

253 After conversion of the extensive FAO bilateral trade data into a primary equivalent, and aggregation  
 254 to the respective SUA commodity, an iterative procedure is applied for each commodity and year.  
 255 The reconciliation process applies the following rules: In case of missing reporting, the value from the  
 256 trade partner who is reporting trade is accepted. When a country pair reports different quantities for  
 257 the same commodity, the larger quantity is used. The iterative process adjusts calculated trade  
 258 shares to ensure the full mutual consistency of export and import flows, that is, whatever region i  
 259 reports as export to region k, must also show up as import of region k from region i. The larger the  
 260 number of defined regional markets, the higher the necessary adjustments of the original 'raw' data,  
 261 to achieve a consistent trade matrix.

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LANDFLOW <sup>1</sup>	MRIO <sup>2</sup>	Major region <sup>3</sup>	Country listing
CAN	CAN	NAM	Canada
USA	USA	NAM	United States
MEX	MEX	LAM	Mexico
RCAM	RLAM	LAM	Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Aruba, Belize, Cayman Is, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Neth. Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, St Kitts Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent/Grenada, Trinidad/Tobago
ARG	RLAM	LAM	Argentina
BRA	BRA	LAM	Brazil
RSAM	RLAM	LAM	Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela
AUT	AUT	EU28	Austria
DEU	DEU	EU28	Germany
REU1	REU1	EU28	Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
REU2	REU2	EU28	Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

LANDFLOW <sup>1</sup>	MRIO <sup>2</sup>	Major region <sup>3</sup>	Country listing
RUS	RUS	OEUR	Russia
REUR	REUR	OEUR	Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Rep. Moldova, Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro, USSR, Ukraine, Switzerland, Yugoslav SFR
EGY	MEA	MEA	Egypt
TUR	TUR	MEA	Turkey
RCEA	RASI	MEA	Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Rep. Georgia, Kazakhstan, Korea DR, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
RWEA	RMIE	MEA	Iran, Islamic Rep of Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine O.T., Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
NAFR	RAFR	AFR	Algeria, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia
ZAF	ZAF	AFR	South Africa
SSAF	RAFR	AFR	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Republic of, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ethiopia PDR, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania Unit.Rep, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
CHN	CHN	CHN	China, Mainland; China, Hong Kong SAR; China, Macao SAR
JPN	JPN	JPN	Japan
IND	IND	IND	India
RSAS	RASI	RASI	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
IDN	IDN	RASI	Indonesia
RSEA	RASI	RASI	Cambodia, Korea Republic of, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Taiwan China Province, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
AUS	AUS	AUS	Australia
ROCE	RASI	RASI	Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

263 **1** LANDFLOW acronyms, e.g. RCAM = Rest of Central America; RSAM = Rest of Southern America

264 **2** MRIO Multi-Regional Input Output model

265 **3** Major Region Codes: **NAM** Northern America; **LAM** Latin America; **EU28** European Union; **OEUR** Other

266 Europe and Russia; **MEA** Middle East and Western Asia; **AFR** Africa; **CHN** China; **IND** India; **JP** Japan; **AUS**

267 Australia; **RASI** Rest of Asia

268 **Table 4: Regionalization applied for hybrid accounting and aggregation to major region**

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270 **1.5 Crop sector**

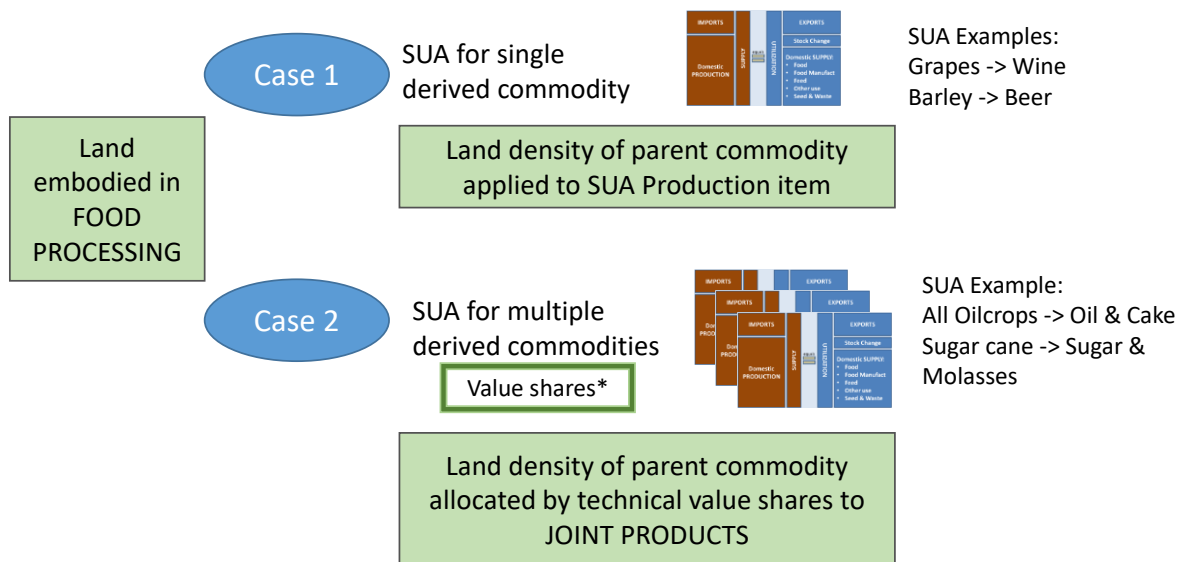
271 LANDFLOW covers the entire agricultural sector and uses bottom-up detailed crop intensities for  
 272 tracking embedded land areas. First, cropland densities of primary production are connected to SUAs  
 273 by applying the land densities of the respective primary crops to the production item in each SUA.  
 274 This is achieved by aggregating primary crops (from crop production lists) to the respective SUA  
 275 commodity. The physical area in supply is represented by the sum of physical areas in imports  
 276 calculated in the trade module (see section 1.4) and in domestic production.

277 We apply the land vector (ha/ton) of supply *equally* across all utilization items<sup>1</sup>, that is, assuming the  
 278 same composition of domestic and imported crops in exports and all domestic supply items (food,  
 279 livestock feed, etc.).

280 In LANDFLOW, the utilization items ‘Food use’ (i.e., crop-based vegetarian diet), ‘Other use’  
 281 (industrial), and ‘Seed and waste’ (from domestic production), signify end-points of the supply chain.  
 282 Potential limitations of denoting ‘Other use’ (i.e., use of agricultural commodities in the non-food  
 283 processing industry as end-point in the supply chain) are discussed in section 2.2.9.

284 In contrast, ‘Food processing’ and ‘Feed’ are further tracked along the supply chain. Processed items  
 285 may result either in a single derived commodity (e.g., grape processing produces wine; barley  
 286 processing produces beer), or in multiple derived commodities (Figure 2).

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289 \* Physical quantity and price of the sub-products determine technical value shares (see 1.6)

290 **Figure 2: Schematic overview of data flows for tracking land in the “Food processing” item**

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<sup>1</sup> This assumption is also necessary because FAOSTAT does not record the amount of crops from imports entering re-exports and the amount of crops from domestic production used for exports or other domestic supply items.

292 Examples of the latter include all vegetable oil crops that are processed in crushing mills to produce  
293 vegetable oils for food, industrial use and cakes, which is an important protein animal feed (see  
294 2.2.6). In the case of single derived commodities, the land vector of utilization of the ‘parent’  
295 commodities is applied to the derived commodity. For multiple derived commodities, LANDFLOW  
296 solves for joint production as described below (1.6). Cropland areas associated with SUA feed items  
297 are tracked in the LANDFLOW livestock module as described below (1.7).

## 298 **1.6 Treatment of joint production**

299 Tracking embodied land along supply chains requires solving for joint production. In the crop sector,  
300 joint production occurs with oil crops and sugar products. The processing of oil crops involves the  
301 crushing of oil seeds that produces vegetable oils and oilcakes, both of which are reported as SUA  
302 commodities. From the processing of sugar crops, the SUA commodities sugar and sweeteners, and  
303 molasses are produced. Examples of joint production in the livestock sector include ruminant animals  
304 producing milk, meat, and hides and skins.

305 LANDFLOW achieves the allocation of land to joint products by value shares using published technical  
306 extraction rates (FAO, 2015) and accounting for the economic value of the multiple produces as  
307 described below. As simple conversion of joint commodities by their extraction rates to primary  
308 equivalent would lead to double counting of physical land, a weighting of the technical coefficient is  
309 needed.

310 The LANDFLOW approach to weighting in case of joint production is to compare the monetary values  
311 (prices) of the joint products, and to use their share in total value of output to weight extraction  
312 rates of the corresponding commodities. LANDFLOW thus assumes that in cases of joint production,  
313 the land areas of the primary produce are best allocated by accounting for the economic value of the  
314 produce. This is justified by the fact that the vast majority of farmers produce according to a process  
315 of economic maximization. Alternative weighting schemes could be calorie content, physical weights,  
316 or energy content.

317 Detailed calculation steps of the applied economic allocation are listed below. Let us assume that we  
318 have two joint products A and B, which are both obtained from the processing of commodity  $Q$ .  
319 Product A with quantity  $Q_A$  has an extraction rate of  $\varepsilon_A$ , while product B with quantity  $Q_B$  has an  
320 extraction rate of  $\varepsilon_B$ . The following identities hold:

$$321 \quad \varepsilon_A = \frac{Q_A}{Q} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_B = \frac{Q_B}{Q}$$

322 Knowing the unit price of commodities A and B, say  $P_A$  and  $P_B$ , their respective value  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  may  
323 be calculated:

$$324 \quad V_A = Q_A \cdot P_A \quad \text{and} \quad V_B = Q_B \cdot P_B$$



325 The value share of commodity A is defined as:

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$$v_A = \frac{V_A}{V_A + V_B}$$

327 And  $v_A$  follows as: 
$$v_A = \frac{\varepsilon_A \cdot P_A}{\varepsilon_A \cdot P_A + \varepsilon_B \cdot P_B}$$

328 The value share of commodity B is then given by:  $v_B = 1 - v_A$

329 The world export unit values of the single commodities (in \$/t) from FAOSTAT for the year 2000 are  
330 taken as the unit price for the derived commodities. To give an example, SUAs report the quantity of  
331 oilseeds delivered to food processing industries, represented in SUAs through the utilization item  
332 'Food processing'. The output of this crushing industry is vegetable oil and oilcakes, both being  
333 converted to their corresponding land area (as explained above).

334 A separate SUA balances vegetable oils and further details its utilization (primarily as 'Food' and in  
335 the case of industrial use as 'Other use'). Another SUA balances oilcakes, which are primarily utilized  
336 as 'Feed' for livestock. LANDFLOW accounts the respective land areas under the corresponding  
337 utilization items.

338 Table 4 summarizes extraction rates (technical coefficients) for oil crops and the calculated value  
339 shares, which are applied to split the land content of the primary products to the land content of the  
340 derived produces. The same logic and calculation procedure are applied for sugar crops, carob,  
341 cotton and their derived products. From the processing of sugar crops, the SUA commodities sugar  
342 and sweeteners, and molasses are produced with extraction rates of about 16 % and 4 %  
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	Oilseed cakes		Vegetable oil	
	Extraction rates	Value share	Extraction rates	Value share
Soybeans	0.79	64.00%	0.18	36.00%
Groundnuts in shell	0.38	19.05%	0.3	80.95%
Coconuts	0.08	10.36%	0.13	89.64%
Palm kernels	0.52	15.83%	0.46	84.17%
Olives			0.22	100%
Sunflower seed	0.47	17.83%	0.41	82.17%
Rapeseed	0.6	27.45%	0.38	72.55%
Sesame seed	0.51	8.75%	0.43	91.25%
Cottonseed	0.51	40.51%	0.16	59.49%
Karite nuts (sheanuts)			0.25	100%
Castor beans			0.4	100%
Mustard seed	0.58	20.84%	0.36	79.16%
Tung nuts			0.16	100%
Jajoba seeds			0.35	100%
Safflower seed	0.63	29.70%	0.35	70.30%
Tallow tree seeds			0.3	100%
Kapok fruit	0.37	21.94%	0.3	78.06%
Linseed	0.63	37.30%	0.35	62.70%

354 *Table 5: Extraction rates and value shares of major oil crops*

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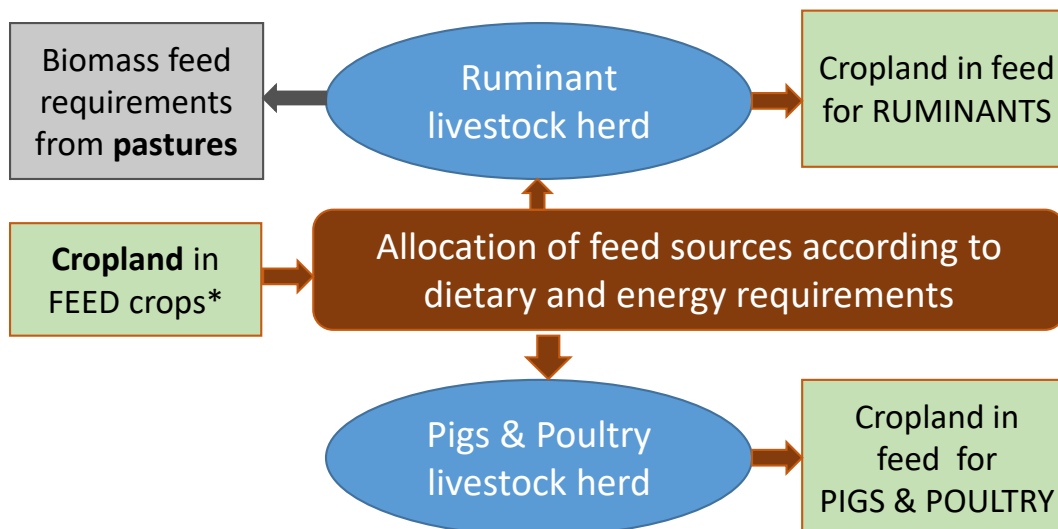
### 356 **1.7 Livestock sector**

357 LANDFLOW estimates the feed area used to produce the feed required for a country's domestic  
358 livestock herd. FAOSTAT reports time series of a country's number of heads of live animals for some  
359 15 different animal categories. Feed sources are obtained from two types of land use, namely  
360 permanent pastures and cropland. Corresponding to their feed composition and land requirements,  
361 we differentiate two broad groups of animals, namely 'ruminants' and 'pigs and poultry':

- 362 1. *Ruminants*: cattle, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules, camels, and other camelids
- 363 2. *Pigs and poultry*: pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, rabbits, and other rodents

364 Ruminants utilize herbaceous forage from grazing pastures, as well as fodder and feed crops  
365 cultivated on cropland. Feed sources for pigs and poultry originate solely from cropland. Feed  
366 requirements, together with feed sources form the basis for attributing cropland use and pastures to  
367 the two animal groups (Figure 3).

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370 \* Feed crops cultivated on cropland include fodder crops, primary crops, crop by-products, and cropland  
 371 embedded in feed derived from livestock products

372 **Figure 3: Land allocation in LANDFLOW livestock module**

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374 The allocation of feed crops and associated cropland areas to the two animal groups is estimated  
 375 according to the energy requirements of the livestock herd as compared to energy supply provided  
 376 by the different feed sources. First, energy requirements for both animal groups are calculated. For  
 377 this purpose, reported livestock species (in animal heads) are converted to a common reference unit,  
 378 namely the livestock unit (LU). Conversion factors were compiled by broad geographical regions. As  
 379 defined in this way, each livestock unit requires 8,700 Mcal of feed energy per year. With these  
 380 assumptions and conversions, annual livestock energy requirements for the two livestock groups can  
 381 be calculated for each country. Energy required for the livestock herd is then compared with energy  
 382 supply from various feed sources.

383 Feed in livestock production systems include many categories and vary greatly between countries.  
 384 Integrating different FAOSTAT databases allows tracing of the following types of feed sources:

- 385 A. Feed originating from cropland
  - 386 a) dedicated fodder crops cultivated especially for animal feed (Table 5)
  - 387 b) primary crops grown for both food and feed purposes (e.g., cereals and sugar crops)
  - 388 c) crop residues and by-products from food processing (e.g., oil cakes)
  - 389 d) feed derived from livestock products (e.g., milk, milk powder, eggs, and animal fats)
  - 390 e) fish products (e.g., fish meal)
- 391 B. Biomass from grazing on permanent pastures

392 Note that b), c) and d) may be produced domestically or may be imported. The column 'Feed' in  
 393 Table 2 lists all commodities used for livestock feed.

394 The FAOSTAT Primary Production domain reports harvested areas of fodder crops. Due to dietary  
 395 requirements, some fodder crops can only be fed to ruminants, while others are fed to both  
 396 ruminants and monogastric (pigs and poultry) livestock. We assume that all fodder crops grow on  
 397 cropland. Published conversion factors of dry matter percentage and energy content of dry matter  
 398 (Table 5) are used to estimate feed energy provision from fodder crops.

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Fodder crops reported in FAOSTAT Primary Production	Dry matter (DM) [%]	Energy content in DM [Mcal/kg]
<b>Fodder crops suitable for ruminants only</b>		
Rye grass, forage and silage	32	2.56
Grasses nes*, forage and silage	26	2.65
Clover for forage and silage	23	2.82
Alfalfa for forage and silage	26	2.69
Leguminous fodder crops nes, forage and silage	23	2.82
Mixed grasses and legumes	24	2.80
<b>Fodder crops suitable for ruminants and monogastric livestock</b>		
Maize for forage and silage	26	2.87
Sorghum for forage and silage	30	2.65
Green oilseeds for fodder	21	2.70
Cabbage for fodder	12	3.31
Turnips for fodder	9	3.75
Beets for fodder	13	3.54
Carrots for fodder	12	3.66
Swedes for fodder	11	3.75
Forage products nes	25	2.55
Vegetables and roots for fodder	11	3.50

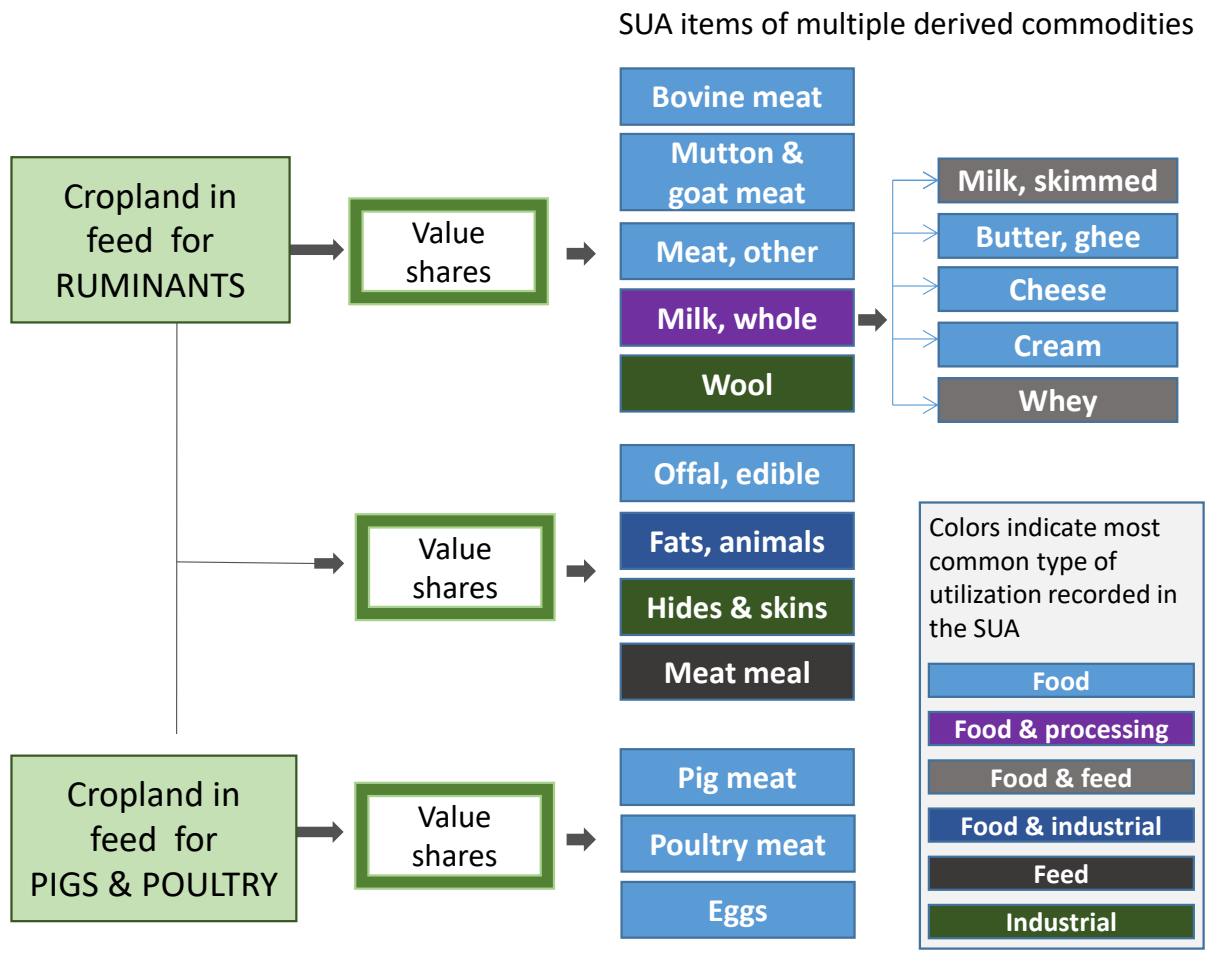
400 **Table 6: Fodder crops conversion factors**

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402 The SUA (see 1.3) trace the utilization of animal feed (Table 2). SUA items are generally reported in  
 403 metric tons. Like with fodder crops, conversion factors are used to calculate the dry matter and  
 404 energy content of the feed sources.

405 Feed sources and associated cropland areas are allocated to livestock categories in proportion to the  
 406 energy requirements of the respective livestock herds, and according to the suitability of feed  
 407 sources for use in animal diets. This means that, while respecting the dietary characteristics of animal  
 408 types and the total amounts of recorded feed types, the feed energy balance of each animal type is  
 409 satisfied as closely as possible.

410 Once cropland areas are allocated to the two animal groups, land areas are attributed to multiple  
 411 derived products using value shares as described for joint production (section 1.6). Figure 4 highlights  
 412 examples of main produces from the two animal groups including their most common type of  
 413 utilization.



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 415 **Figure 4. Allocation of cropland in feed to multiple livestock commodities using value shares**

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 417 *Grassland for ruminant livestock*

418 Finally, LANDFLOW records potential feed energy gaps for the ruminant livestock herd in each  
 419 country. These are compared with potential biomass supply from pastures. FAO statistics report the  
 420 heads of ruminant livestock and the total pasture areas for each country. Information on livestock  
 421 management practices (e.g., fencing, herd rotations, and improved pastures) is rare. Nor are there  
 422 statistical records on the actual pasture areas utilized for livestock grazing. In view of these large  
 423 uncertainties in allocating ruminant livestock to pasture areas that are actually utilized, LANDFLOW:

- 424 i) reports embodied cropland areas separate from pastures;

- 425        ii)        tracks both total reported pastures and reference pasture areas normalized to 5 t  
426                biomass yield per hectare; and  
427        iii)        calculates ruminant livestock feed balances.

428        As a first approximation and lacking information on actual pasture utilization, LANDFLOW allocates  
429        the entire reference pasture area, normalized to 5 tons of digestible biomass per hectare and year in  
430        a country, as pasture in primary production for feeding ruminant livestock herds.

### 431        **1.8 LANDFLOW system boundaries**

432        Due to the domain boundaries of the FAOSTAT databases, the trade of highly processed agricultural  
433        and forestry goods, and hence the ultimate final uses of such highly processed commodities, cannot  
434        be tracked within the LANDFLOW system. LANDFLOW analysis tracks the trade of raw materials to  
435        the destination of industrial use (as reported for the agricultural sector in the SUA “other use”), but  
436        cannot track the trade of highly processed industrial commodities. For instance, once animal fats  
437        enter the industrial sector to produce cosmetics, or tanned leather from skins and hides are turned  
438        into leatherwear or shoes, the trade of cosmetics or shoes respectively, is not recorded in the  
439        FAOSTAT data. Other examples of trade that cannot be tracked include biofuels produced from  
440        vegetable oils, clothes produced from fibres (e.g., cotton), or furniture made from wood.

441        This study goes beyond these system boundaries by a further analysis of the reported utilization  
442        items of industrial agricultural (i.e., non-food processing) commodities in an environmental-  
443        economic accounting of land flows (i.e., a hybrid accounting).

444        Due to the FAO’s focus on food security, information on international commodity flows captured in  
445        the SUAs is limited to food products. Non-food uses of bio-based commodities, such as fibre crops for  
446        textiles and vegetable oils for biofuels, are lumped into the utilization category ‘other use’.  
447        Therefore, the physical accounting model tracks these commodities and the embodied land use only  
448        to their industrial use stages.

449        The physical land flow accounting model (LANDFLOW) thus, can only be used for the study of food-  
450        related biomass flows and flows of basic wood products. The untraceable non-food commodities  
451        amount to about 10 to 30 % of a country’s total land footprint. For the comprehensive analysis of all  
452        biomass flows, in this study the physical system is joined with an environmental-economic  
453        accounting model (i.e., a monetary input-output model), forming a hybrid accounting model to track  
454        upstream flows of non-food biomass commodities.

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## 456 **2. Environmental-economic accounting of land flows**

457 Environmental-economic accounting approaches in the form of environmentally extended input-  
458 output analysis (EE-IOA) allow the tracing of land flows along monetary, inter-industry transactions  
459 (supply chains) represented in an input-output (IO) table. This technique has become an increasingly  
460 popular tool for national and international environmental assessments, driven by constantly improving  
461 data availability and computational power in the past 15 years. The Leontief inverse of an IO model  
462 shows all inputs required along the whole supply chain for each commodity or industry represented in  
463 the model. These inputs comprise the direct input requirements of the sector itself, and indirect inputs  
464 from other sectors located upstream in the supply chain. The methodology described here was  
465 developed during several EU projects (Tukker et al., 2013; Wood et al., 2015), and was extended in this  
466 project.

### 467 **2.1 Multi-regional input-output (MRIO) models**

468 Multi-regional input-output (MRIO) models link the input-output tables of several countries or  
469 regions together via bilateral trade flows. These models trace global supply chains using country  
470 specific information on production technologies and economic structures (Feng et al., 2011), thus  
471 allowing the different resource intensities (e.g., yields) in different countries to be taken into account  
472 (Tukker et al., 2013). MRIO analysis is considered an appropriate methodological approach for the  
473 analysis of environmental and wider sustainability impacts of traded goods and services (Wiedmann  
474 et al., 2011). In recent years, a range of scientific publications have validated the suitability of this  
475 approach, among others, for assessing the human footprint of nations on biologically productive  
476 areas (Weinzettel et al., 2013), tracing global flows of embodied land (Yu et al., 2013), and examining  
477 consumption-related biodiversity impacts (Lenzen et al., 2012).

478 In this study, we apply the MRIO model from EXIOBASE version 3.1 (Stadler et al., 2018). We select  
479 EXIOBASE among a range of available MRIO databases (see, e.g., Andrew and Peters, 2013;  
480 Dietzenbacher et al., 2013; Lenzen et al., 2013) due to its consistently detailed sector classification  
481 for food and agriculture sectors, which are of particular interest for this study. Moreover, EXIOBASE  
482 is the only MRIO database with dedicated biofuel sectors. For a comparison of MRIO datasets we  
483 refer to other studies (Arto et al., 2014; Bruckner et al., 2015; Inomata and Owen, 2014; Lenzen et  
484 al., 2017; Moran and Wood, 2014; Owen et al., 2014).

485 EXIOBASE 3 provides a multi-regional input-output table with global coverage comprising  
486 information on domestic and international intra- and inter-sectoral flows, so called intermediary  
487 flows, and global production and final demand for 49 countries or country groups. Each country  
488 model is available in a detail of 200 commodities including, wheat, raw milk, bovine meat products,  
489 dairy products, sugar, beverages, textiles, chemical products, motor vehicles, financial services, and  
490 so on. These data enable us to trace flows of goods and services (in monetary terms) from their  
491 production along global supply chains through to final consumption, which in turn allows us to

492 allocate land use related to the production of agricultural commodities to the consumer of the end-  
493 products.

494 **2.2 Environmentally extended MRIO methodology based on EXIOBASE 3**

495 In input-output analysis, the economy is represented by the simple equation  $x = Z + Y$ , stating the  
496 identity of total economic output  $x$  with intermediate use  $Z$  and final demand  $Y$  (Miller and Blair,  
497 2009). The technical coefficient matrix  $A$  shows the direct input-requirements per unit of output  
498 and is calculated by  $A = Z/x$ , or element-wise by  $a_{ij}^{pq} = z_{ij}^{pq}/x_j^q$ , where  $a_{ij}^{pq}$  represents the inter-  
499 sector monetary flow from sector  $i$  in country  $p$  to sector  $j$  in country  $q$ , and  $x_j^q$  is the total  
500 output of sector  $j$  in country  $q$ .  $Y$  is a final demand matrix with  $y_i^{pq}$  representing the final  
501 demand of country  $p$  for products from sector  $i$  in country  $q$ .  $x$  is a vector of total outputs for all  
502 sectors in all countries. More specifically,

$$503 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a^{11} & a^{12} & \dots & a^{1n} \\ a^{21} & a^{22} & \dots & a^{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a^{n1} & a^{n2} & \dots & a^{nn} \end{bmatrix}; \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{11} & y^{12} & \dots & y^{1m} \\ y^{21} & y^{22} & \dots & y^{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y^{n1} & y^{n2} & \dots & y^{nm} \end{bmatrix}; \quad x$$

$$504 \quad = \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

505 Table 6 shows the dimensions and descriptions for the model variables and their indices. We use  
506 capital letters for matrices and small letters for vectors, scalars and indices.

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Variable/Indices	Description	Dimension
$i, j$	Sectors or commodities	1...200
$p, q$	Countries and country groups	1...49
$x$	Total output vector	9800 × 1
$Y$	Final demand matrix	9800 × 49
$Z$	Intermediate use matrix	9800 × 9800
$A$	Technical coefficients matrix	9800 × 9800
$F$	Footprint matrix	9800 × 49
$e$	Environmental extension vector	9800 × 1

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509 *Table 7: Variables and indices of the EXIOBASE 3 MRIO model and their dimensions*

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513 Consequently, the total output of the economy can be set up as the sum of all intermediate uses,  
514 expressed by the multiplication of  $A$  with  $x$ , and final demands:

$$515 \quad x = Ax + Yi \quad (1)$$

516 We use  $i$  to represent a column vector of 1's (of appropriate dimension – here  $m$ ). This is known as  
517 a summation vector. Solving for  $x$ , we obtain

$$518 \quad x = (I - A)^{-1}Yi \quad (2)$$

519 where  $(I - A)^{-1}$  is the Leontief inverse (Leontief and Ford, 1970). This matrix captures both direct  
520 and indirect inputs to satisfy one unit of final demand in monetary values.  $I$  is the identity matrix.

521 To allocate an environmental input to final demand, that is, to calculate an environmental footprint  
522 embodied in goods and services, the MRIO model is extended with environmental data, using the  
523 equation

$$524 \quad F = \hat{e}(I - A)^{-1}Y \quad (3)$$

525 where  $\hat{e}$  is a diagonalised vector of environmental inputs per unit of economic output and  $F$  is a  
526 matrix of the resulting footprint indicator for all goods and services ultimately serving final demand  
527 (i.e., private and government consumption, investments and changes in inventories). The sum of  
528 each column vector of matrix  $F$  represents the footprint of a specific country  $q$ .

### 529 **3. Linking physical LANDFLOW with environmental-economic MRIO** 530 **accounting**

531 In the standard EE-IOA approach applied to land footprint accounting (Arto et al., 2012; Bruckner et  
532 al., 2012; Wood et al., 2015; Yu et al., 2013), the economic MRIO model is extended by data on land  
533 use in primary production. In other words, land use data from agricultural statistics are attributed to  
534 the agricultural sectors of an IO table, and forestland data to the forestry sectors.

535 In the case of hybrid accounting approaches that combine physical data from agricultural and  
536 forestry statistics with IO models (Ewing et al., 2012; Weinzettel et al., 2014), environmental inputs  
537 are allocated to the IO model at a later stage of the supply chain in order to relax the uncertainties  
538 introduced by the homogeneity and proportionality assumptions of environmental IOA. For example,  
539 land embodied in fibre crops is attributed to the manufacturing industries and countries where the  
540 crops are processed into textiles, or land embodied in oil seeds is attributed to the industries and  
541 countries where they are processed into food or non-food commodities, or fed to livestock.

542 The methodology applied in this study extends the approach presented by Ewing et al. (2012) by fully  
543 exploiting the spectrum of available international agricultural and forestry statistics reporting supply  
544 and use flows in mass units. Using LANDFLOW, we track food commodities to final consumption  
545 along physical supply chains and attribute only the remaining non-food commodities to the  
546 manufacturing industries of the IO model. For example, land embodied in vegetable oils is attributed

547 to the industries where the vegetable oils are used for non-food purposes. Thereby, we establish a  
548 very detailed globally consistent top-down accounting framework comprising all biomass supply  
549 chains.

550 The environmental extension consequently represents the intermediate consumption of non-food  
551 crop and animal products, as well as pulp and wood products distinguished by region of origin. A list  
552 of non-food commodities allocated to the IO model is provided in Annex B-3. We track the flows of  
553 commodity  $c$  from the country of a recorded non-food use in the SUAs to final demand in country  
554  $q$  using the equation

$$555 \quad F_{io_c^q} = \hat{e}_c(I - A)^{-1}\hat{y}_q \quad (4)$$

556 where  $\hat{e}_c$  is a diagonalised vector of land use inputs per unit of economic output for the non-food  
557 commodity  $c$  assigned to the consuming sectors, and  $\hat{y}_q$  is the diagonalised final demand of  
558 country  $q$ . By aggregating  $F_{io_c^q}$  over all sectors for each country, we get a matrix with the  
559 dimension  $20 \times 20$ , representing the flows of commodity  $c$  from country  $p$  to country  $q$ . The sum  
560 of each column vector of matrix  $F_{io_c^q}$  represents the final demand of a specific country  $q$  for a  
561 commodity  $c$ .

$$562 \quad F_{total_c^q} = F_{io_c^q} + F_{ph_c^q} \quad (5)$$

563 The results from eq. 4 have to be added to the footprint results for the products covered by the  
564 physical approach  $F_{ph_c^q}$  to give the total consumption of commodity  $c$  by country  $q$ .

565 The most intricate task when linking physical with economic accounts is to define the supply shares  
566 of each commodity to the consuming economic sectors, in other words, to construct the  
567 environmental extensions  $\hat{e}_c$  to the IO model. The using sectors are identified based on educated  
568 guesses, which in many cases are rather straightforward. For example, fibre crops are supplied to the  
569 'Textiles' sector, while tobacco leaves are further processed by the sector 'Tobacco products'.

570 In most cases, however, a clear user allocation is not possible. Therefore, we used the information  
571 from the multi-regional IO table, in particular from the transaction matrix  $Z$ , to allocate commodities  
572 to using sectors according to monetary inter-industry flows. For this approach, we first specify the  
573 supplying sectors using the detailed CPA-based sector definition of EXIOBASE. We find between one  
574 and six supplying sectors for the considered commodities listed in Table 7.

575 We then identify the potential using sectors based on the supply flows from these sectors. We  
576 narrow the scope of potential receivers of non-food commodities supplied by food sectors to non-  
577 food industries, based on the rationale that non-food commodities are rather directed towards non-  
578 food industries, while food commodities are supplied either to food and food processing industries,  
579 or to final demand (esp. households). More than half of the 200 sectors listed in EXIOBASE can be  
580 classified as non-food industry. Important sectors that use agricultural commodities as input for non-  
581 food industries include 'biodiesels', 'other liquid biofuels', 'biogasoline', 'chemicals nec', 'lubricants',  
582 'pulp', 'paper and paper products'.

583 For example, imagine the case of 5,000 ha of land embodied in the vegetable oils used in a specific  
584 country for non-food purposes. This number is derived by the physical accounting model and then  
585 handed over to the IO model. We can assume that vegetable oils are supplied by the EXIOBASE  
586 sector 'Products of vegetable oils and fats'. From the IO table we can see that the sector supplies,  
587 among others, the chemical industry and biofuel sectors with its outputs.

588 The environmental extension of a specific commodity is then constructed by multiplying the  
589 respective supply shares with the land use content of the non-food commodity, which is determined  
590 beforehand with the LANDFLOW model.

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No	LANDFLOW Commodity	MRIO Supplying sector(s)	MRIO Using sector(s)
1	Wheat	Wheat	all non-food industries
2	Rice	Paddy rice; processed rice	all non-food industries
3	Maize	Cereal grains not earlier classified (nec)	all non-food industries
4	Other cereals	Cereal grains nec	all non-food industries
5	Roots and pulses	Vegetables, fruit, and nuts	all non-food industries
6	Sugar crops (primary)	Sugarcane and sugar beet	all non-food industries
7	Sugar, sweeteners, molasses	Sugar	all non-food industries
8	Oil crops (primary)	Oil seeds	all non-food industries
9	Vegetable oil	Products of vegetable oils and fats	all non-food industries
10	Oil cakes	Products of vegetable oils and fats	all non-food industries
11	Fruit, vegetables, spices	Vegetables, fruit, nuts	all non-food industries
12	Stimulants	Crops nec	all non-food industries (excl. tobacco products and rubber and plastic products)
13	Tobacco	Crops nec	Tobacco products
14	Rubber	Crops nec	Rubber and plastic products
15	Other industrial crops	Plant-based fibers	Textiles
16	Alcohol, non-food	Additives/blending components; biogasoline; biodiesel; other liquid biofuels; chemicals nec	all industries
17	Fodder	Crops nec	all non-food industries (excl. tobacco products and rubber and plastic products)
18	Meat, ruminants	Cattle; meat animals nec; products of meat cattle; meat products nec;	all non-food industries (excl. textiles; wearing apparel, furs; leather and leather products; wool, silk-worm cocoons)
19	Milk	Raw milk; dairy products	all non-food industries
20	Hides and skins, wool, ruminants	Cattle; meat animals nec; animal products nec; products of meat cattle; meat products nec; food products nec	Textiles; wearing apparel, furs; leather and leather products; wool, silk-worm cocoons
21	Meat, monogastrics	Pigs; poultry; products of meat pigs; products of meat poultry	all non-food industries (excl. textiles; wearing apparel, furs; leather and leather products; wool, silk-worm cocoons)
22	Eggs	Poultry; animal products nec	all non-food industries
23	Hides and skins, monogastrics	Pigs; products of meat pigs	Textiles; wearing apparel, furs; leather and leather products; wool, silk-worm cocoons

592 **Table 8: Supplying and using EXIOBASE sectors of the considered non-food commodities**

593 **Appendix 2 Additional information for results and discussion**

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595 **2.1 Cropland embedded in net trade of crop and livestock products**

596 The table shows extents of cropland embedded in net imports (imports – exports) by major regions and main  
597 commodity group. Negative and positive numbers refer to net exporting and importing regions respectively.

598 Colours indicate larger extents over 3 million hectares.

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<i>million hectares</i>	NAM	EU28	OEUR	LAM	CHN	IND	RASI	JPAU	MEA	AFR	
<b>Cereals</b>											
Wheat	-17.7	-1.5	-14.2	3.8	0.7	0.0	11.4	-6.2	12.7	10.9	0
Rice	-0.1	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.0	-5.3	0.3	1.8	2.9	0
Maize	-8.8	2.5	-1.7	-1.4	-0.9	-0.9	3.9	2.5	3.4	1.4	0
Other cereals	-1.9	-1.0	-3.8	1.2	0.8	-0.2	0.7	-1.1	4.6	0.8	0
<b>Other crops</b>											
Roots and pulses	-3.2	0.6	-0.3	0.2	1.0	2.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.9	-0.3	0
Sugar crops (primary)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Sugar and molasses	0.8	0.6	0.2	-4.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.7	0
Oil crops (primary)	-21.9	8.6	-1.3	-15.1	22.2	-1.1	3.7	2.4	4.0	-1.4	0
Vegetable oil	0.9	5.7	-4.5	-4.2	2.5	1.9	-8.4	1.1	3.6	1.4	0
Oil cakes	-2.2	8.0	-0.6	-11.3	0.1	-2.7	4.7	1.2	1.7	1.2	0
Fruit, veget., spices	1.9	2.5	1.0	-2.8	-0.4	0.2	-1.1	0.6	-0.4	-1.6	0
Coffee, cacao, tea	4.2	5.7	1.5	-4.6	-0.1	-0.4	-2.6	1.3	0.8	-5.7	0
Tobacco	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0
Rubber	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.1	-6.2	0.7	0.4	-0.3	0
Other industrial crops	-0.8	2.5	0.4	-0.1	2.1	-3.6	-0.1	0.2	1.3	-2.0	0
Alcohol	0.6	0.4	0.2	-1.1	0.2	0.0	-0.9	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0
<b>Ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats):</b>											
Meat and offal	-0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	-0.7	2.8	-5.2	1.0	0.3	0
Dairy products	-1.5	-1.5	-1.3	1.0	0.7	0.1	2.2	-1.8	0.9	1.2	0
Fats and meals	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.1	0
Hides and skins	-1.3	0.9	-0.2	0.1	3.2	0.0	0.5	-3.2	0.3	-0.3	0
<b>Pigs and poultry</b>											
Meat and offal	-3.4	-1.8	1.5	-3.4	1.8	0.0	1.2	1.8	1.5	0.9	0
Eggs	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0
Fats and meals	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0
Hides and skins	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-53.4</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>-22.3</b>	<b>-41.0</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0</b>

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601 **Table 2.1: Net imports of cropland embedded in trade of crop and livestock products by region**  
602 **and commodity group, 2010**

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605 **2.2 Average grassland yields, reported grassland areas and reference**  
606 **grassland areas normalized to 5 t/ha, 2000, selected countries**

<i>1000 hectares</i>	Grassland yield <sup>1</sup> [tons/ha]	Reported grassland <sup>2</sup> [Mha]	Reference grassland <sup>3</sup> [Mha equivalent]
Germany	6.5	5	6.6
France	6	10	12
Russia	2	91	36
Kazakhstan	0.84	185	31
Brazil	5	196	196
Argentina	3	100	60
Uruguay	7.5	13	20
United States	3	236	142
Nigeria	2	39	16
Sudan	1.7	117	40
Saudi Arabia	0.02	170	0.7
China	1	400	80
Mongolia	0.67	129	17
Australia	1	408	82
Indonesia	9	11	20
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>

607 **1** Source GAEZ average over all grid-cells with grassland land use; **2** Source: FAOSTAT; **3** Normalized to 5  
608 tons/hectare; i.e. Reference grassland area = Reported grassland area \* grassland yield / 5

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612 **2.3 Cropland, irrigation and land quality weights, 2010, selected countries**

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	Reported cropland [Mha]	Irrigation share	Land quality weight <sup>1</sup>	Land quality weighted cropland <sup>2</sup> [Mha equivalent]
Germany	12.1	5%	0.814	9.8
EU28	121			99
Russia	122	4%	0.670	81.6
Canada	48.4	2%	0.682	33.0
USA	158	12%	1.079	171
Australia	45.7	6%	0.638	29.1
India	169	39%	1.285	218
China	122	55%	1.0	122
Indonesia	44.9	15%	1.184	53.2
Brazil	78.1	7%	1.049	81.9
Argentina	37.3	6%	1.095	40.9
Egypt	3.7	99.7%	1.647	6.0
<b>World</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1,497</b>

614 **1:** Land quality calculations are derived from the GAEZ databases. We normalize to the median of land  
615 quality across current (year 2010) global rain-fed and irrigated cropland; **2** Cropland weighted by land  
616 quality = Cropland \* Land quality weight

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