

From Conventional to Regenerative Agriculture through Carbon Farming with farmers in the centre

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Conventional agriculture is feeding the world...

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...for the next 60 years at the maximum



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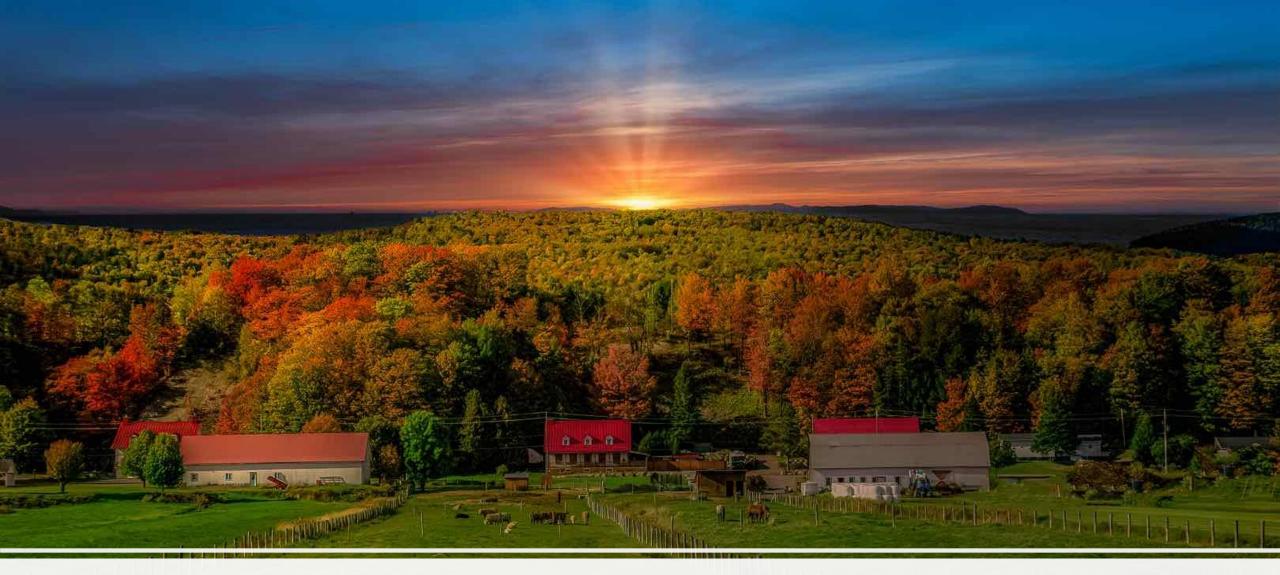
Massive soil loss



Contribution to climate change



Political pressure



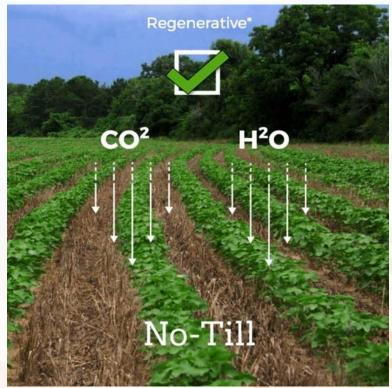
Regenerative agriculture is the solution

How do we get there in a way, which is not threatening an individual farm's financial viability?



How do we speed and scale up the second wave of regenerative agriculture practices?



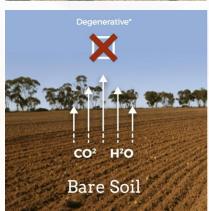


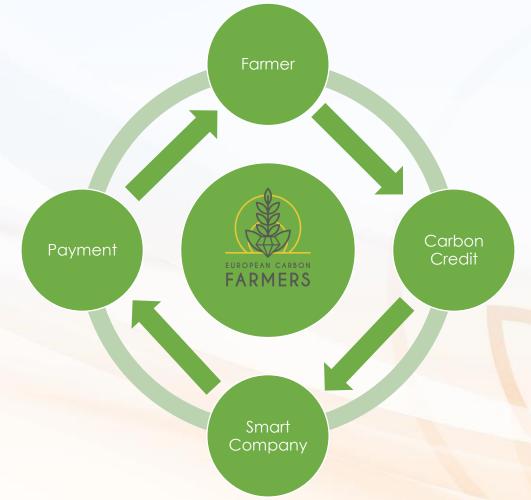
All year-round ground cover

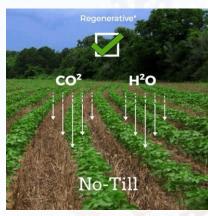
Zero tillage

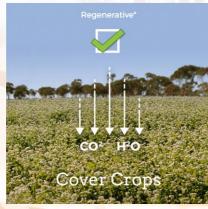
The solution: agricultural carbon credit – paying farmers for additional carbon captured and stored in their soils













Marathon starts now – you are invited to join us!

We are grateful for your attention and we are looking forward to the future!







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Backup Slides



European Carbon Farmers – internal

Our Why?, How? & What?

What?

 Starting with bringing the Cool Farm Tool to Poland.

How?

- •Bridging the gap between agriculture and the public by education.
- •Developing agricultural carbon credit payments in Poland.

Why?

 Agriculture can – and should – be the key part of climate change solution – we want to unleash this potential in a financially viable way for each farmer.

We have turned this challenge into a validated opportunity









Mar-Apr 2019

Jun 2020

Sep-Oct 2020

Nov 2020

Nov 2019



Jul-Sep 2020



Oct 2020 – on-going









We continue on our path in 2021







Q1 2021

Q2 2021

Q4 2021

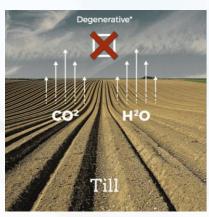
Q1 2021 & beyond

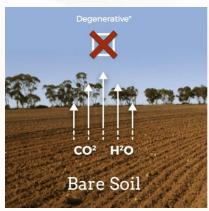


Q3 2021

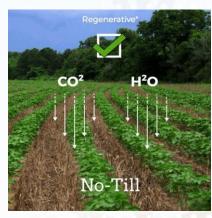


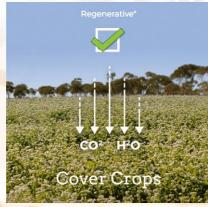
Our actions are informed by a validated theory of change





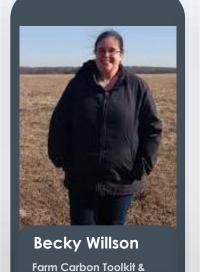






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Farm Carbon Toolkit























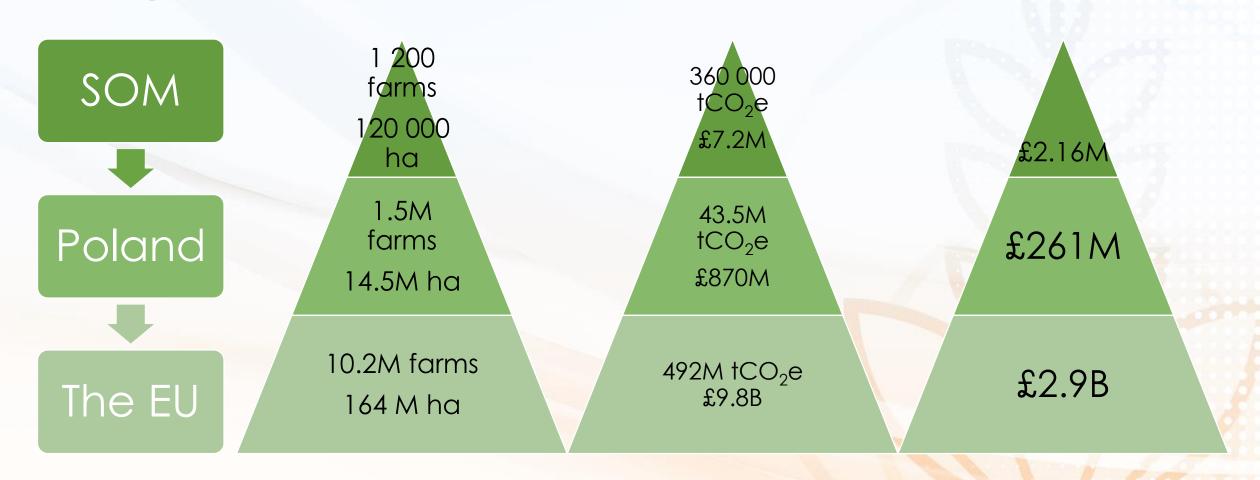




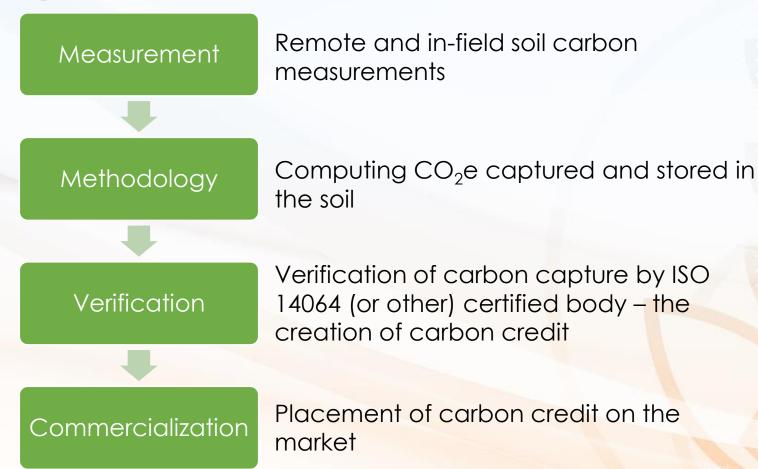




Our mission defines our market: making each European farm emissions negative – in a profitable way



The carbon credit commercialization mechanism has four stages and monetization takes place annually





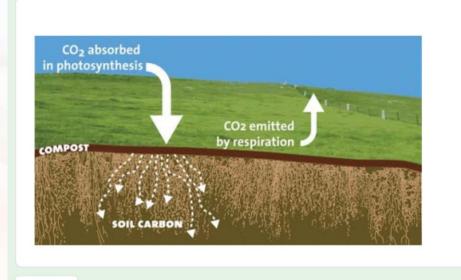
Carbon Farming – research

Survey on carbon farming in Poland: https://bit.ly/2HP0t8e

Rolnictwo węglowe w Polsce i na świecie

Szanowny Rolniku - dziękujemy za Twoje zainteresowanie rolnictwem węglowym!

W tej ankiecie będziemy chcieli zapoznać Cię z przykładami rolnictwa węglowego na świecie, a także zrozumieć jakie praktyki rolnictwa węglowego już prowadzisz, albo chciałbyś prowadzić w Twoim gospodarstwie rolnym.

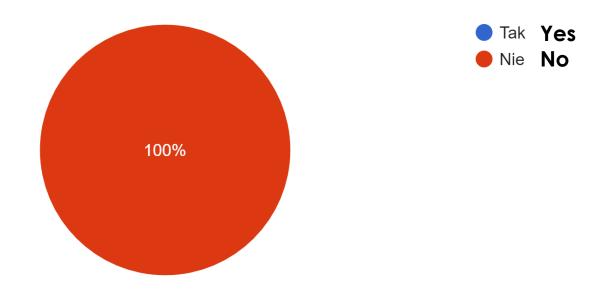


Dalej

Strona 1 z 22

Survey results [1]: Are you aware of the Cool Farm Tool?

Czy byłaś/byłeś świadomy istnienia the Cool Farm Tool? 30 responses

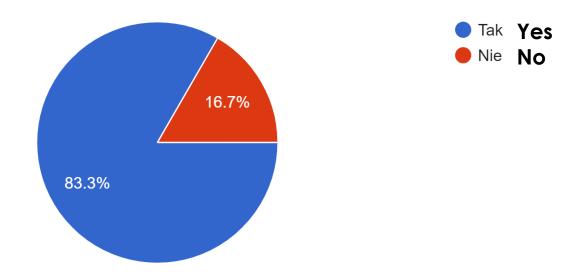


Survey results [2]: Do you agree that the economy, including agriculture, has to decarbonize?



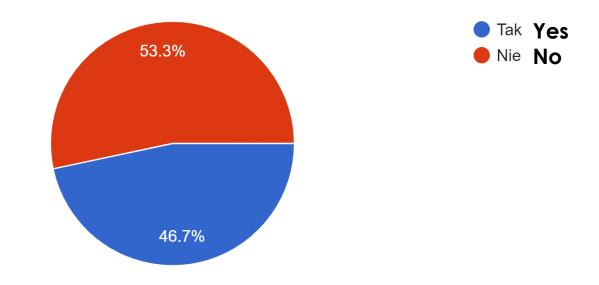
Survey results [3]: Do you think emissions regulations in the EU are coming?

Czy Ty również myślisz, iż regulacje emisyjności rolnictwa nadchodzą? 30 responses



Survey results [4]: Is your farm ready for those regulations if they were to be implemented today?

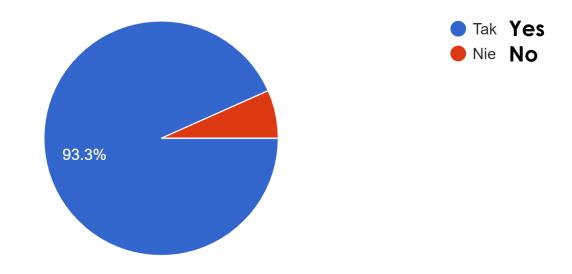
Czy Twoje gospodarstwo rolne jest gotowe na te regulacje jeżeli weszłyby one w życie dzisiaj? 30 responses



Survey results [5]: Are you interested in developing carbon farming on your farm?

Czy jesteś zainteresowany rozwojem praktyk rolnictwa węglowego w Twoim gospodarstwie rolnym?

30 responses





Ciasnocha Family Farms

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Farming in the Vistula Delta since the 1970s



Conventional cereals production

•Till 2004 (Poland enters the EU)



Regenerative Agriculture 1.0

- •2004-2008
- •Spring crops with cover crops
- Min-tillage



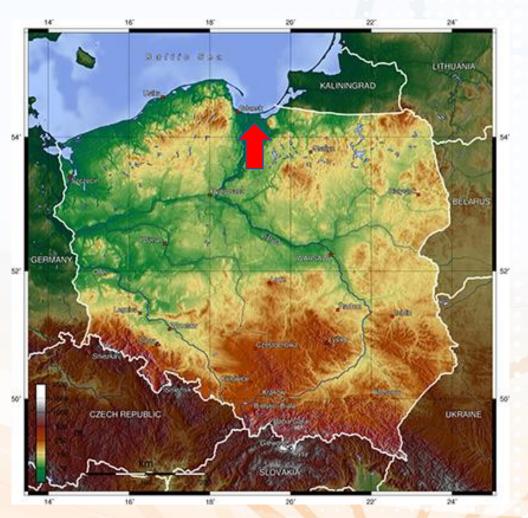
Regenerative Agriculture 2.0

- •2008-now
- Permanent grassland



Regenerative Agriculture 3.0

- Livestock integration?
- •Pollinator strips?
- Agro-forestry?







Ciasnocha Family Farms (2): cutting



Ciasnocha Family Farms (3): tedding



Ciasnocha Family Farms (4): windrowing



Ciasnocha Family Farms (5): balling



Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): logistics



Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): storage (1)

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Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): storage (2)





As our family farm shows: farming cannot be green when farmers are in the red

Ciasnocha Family Farms' climate mitigation perspective:

- From net emitter of GHG in 2004 to the net capturer of CO₂ since 2008 onwards.
- 6.5 tCO₂e/ha/year (Cool Farm Tool)
- 6.5 $tCO_2e/ha \times 700ha = 4,550 tCO_2e/year$

Ciasnocha Family Farms' financial perspective:

- 6.5 tCO₂e/ha/year (Cool Farm Tool) x £20/CO₂e = £130/ha
- £130/ha x 700ha = £91,000
- £130/ha = 40% of the current farm profit

The amount of CO_2 captured and stored on our farm/year is equal to CO_2 emissions from producing 2,400 tons of steel



Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [1]

Total emissions

-4.61M
kg CO2e

Performance
Costs Data

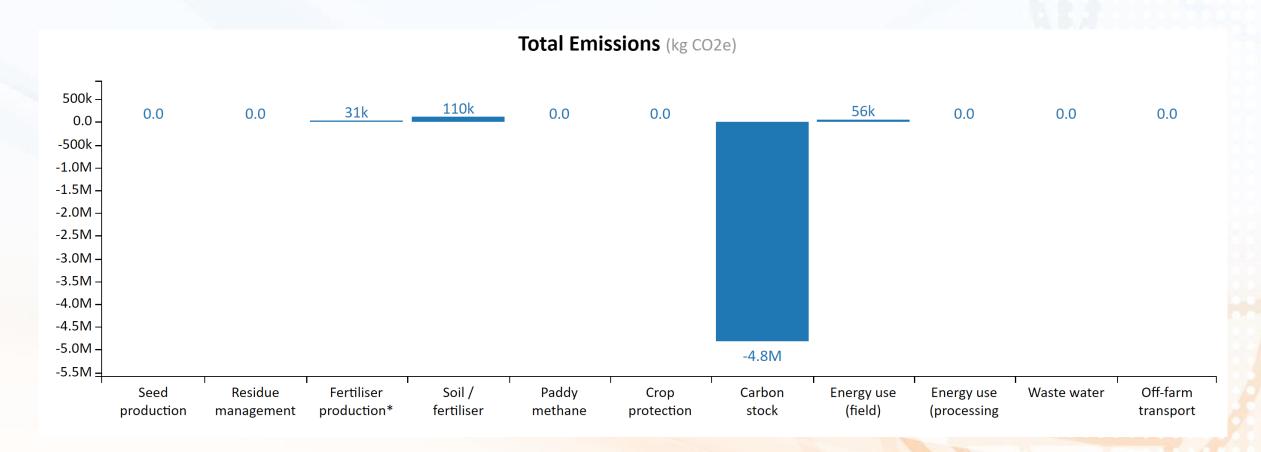
Emissions per hectare

-6.59k
kg CO2e

Emissions per tonne

-922.42
kg CO2e

Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [2]



Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [3]

Detailed data (all values in kg)

Hide data

Sources	CO ₂	N ₂ O	CH ₄	Total CO ₂ eq	Per ha	Per tonne
Seed production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residue management	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fertiliser production*	30.73 <u>k</u>	0	0	30.73 <u>k</u>	43.90	6.15
Soil / fertiliser	25.67 <u>k</u>	293.02	0	112.99k	161.41	22.60
Paddy methane	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crop protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon stock changes	-4.81 <mark>M</mark>	0	0	-4.81 <u>M</u>	-6.87 <u>k</u>	-962.42
Energy use (field)	56.28 <u>k</u>	0	0	56.28 <u>k</u>	80.40	11.26
Energy use (processing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waste water	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off-farm transport	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{*} Calculated with validated default values for fertiliser production.



Regenerative Agriculture

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Massive soil loss

- 50% of the world's top agricultural soil lost in the last 150 years.
- According to the FAO, we have only 60 harvests left before all top soil is gone.

Contribution to climate change

- Agriculture and LULUCF responsible for approximately 30% of the world's GHG emissions.
- Sink's storage potential for underutilized.

Political pressure

- Move away from productionand land ownership-based subsidies towards payments for public goods.
- Reflective of public opinion (young in particular).

Co-benefits of regenerative agriculture

Healthy and nutritions food





Lower healthcare costs

Biodiversity





Climate resilence

From Conventional to Climate Smart Agriculture in a financially sustainable way

Today



The day after tomorrow



Conventional arable production

Emissions of 2.3 tCO₂e/ha



Regenerative

Sequestration potential of 2 tCO₂e/ha



Agro-Forestry

Sequestration potential of 8 tCO₂e/ha

Return economy flight LHR – JFK: 2.1 tCO₂e



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