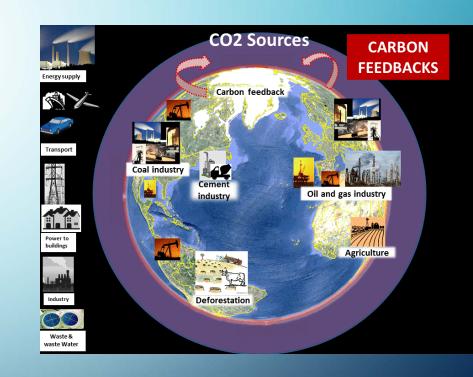
CARBON FOOTPRINT OF FERTILIZER TECHNOLOGIES



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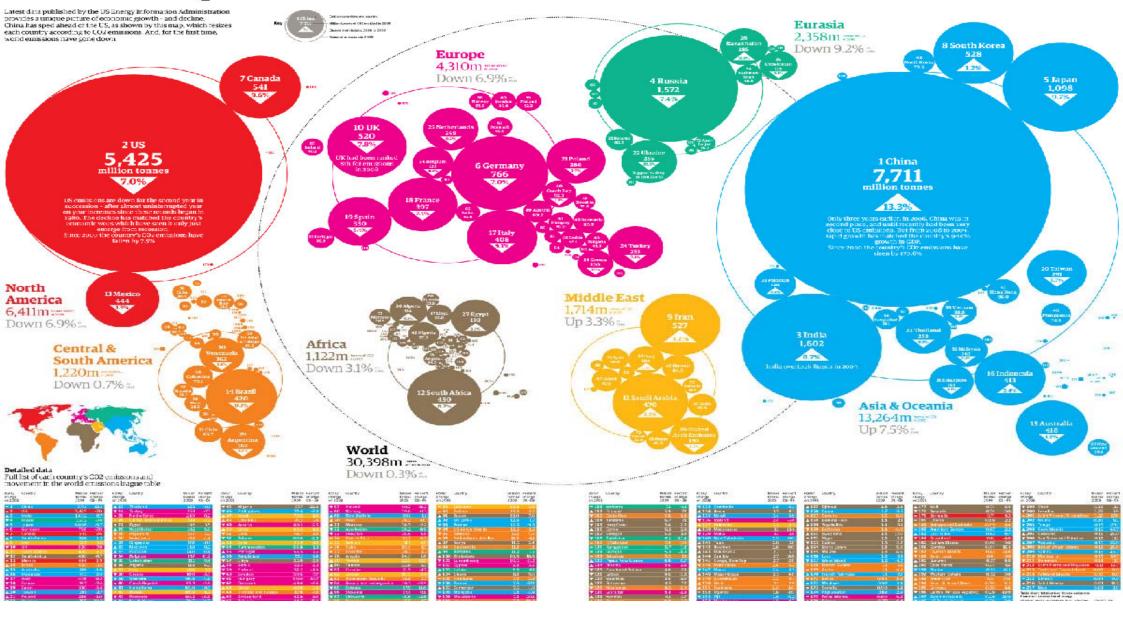
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- Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emission
- Impact on the environment EU ETS the system of charges
- LCA Methodology
- Carbon footprint, environmental footprint
- New recommendations from the European Commission
 - take into account the history of raw materials, not only the technology itself, but also the use of the product to the exclusion of use concept: from cradle to grave
- It is necessary to develop a single European LCA methodology

GHGs relative contribution to global warming **National Science Museum** METHANE CFCs **NITROUS** CARBON OXIDE DIOXIDE 56% CO₂ SF₆ CH₄ N₂0 HFCs PCFs SCOPE 1 SCOPE 2 SCOPE 3 INDIRECT **EMPLOYEE AIR TRAVEL** PURCHASED ELECTRICITY RAW MATERIALS PROCESSING WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANY OWNED VEHICLES CONTRACTOR OWNED VEHICLES MATERIALS PRODUCTION **GAS FOR MANUFACTURING**

An atlas of pollution: the world in carbon dioxide emissions



Data summary

Carbon Dioxide emissions by country

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	Table id	Rank, 2009	Country or region	2008, mil tonnes	2009, TOTAL, mil tonnes	2009, per capita, tonnes	% change, 2008 to 2009
	225		World	30,493.23	30,398.42	4.49	-0.3
	179		Asia & Oceania	12,338.41	13,264.09	3.53	7.5
	188	1	China	6,803.92	7,710.50	5.83	13.3
	1		North America	6,885.07	6,410.54	14.19	-6.9
	7	2	United States	5,833.13	5,424.53	17.67	-7
	54		Europe	4,628.98	4,310.30	7.14	-6.9
	91		Eurasia	2,595.86	2,358.03	8.32	-9.2
	107		Middle East	1,658.55	1,714.09	8.22	3.3
	194	3	India	1,473.73	1,602.12	1.38	8.7
	102	4	Russia	1,698.38	1,572.07	11.23	-7.4
	8		Central & South America	1,228.65	1,219.78	2.57	0.7
	122		Africa	1,157.71	1,121.59	1.13	-3.1
	196	5	Japan	1,215.48	1,097.96	8.64	-9.7
•	67	6	Germany	823.07	765.56	9.30	-7
	3	7	Canada	598.46	540.97	16.15	-9.6
	199	8	Korea, South	521.77	528.13	10.89	1.2
	109	9	Iran	510.61	527.18	6.94	3.2
	90	10	United Kingdom	563.88	519.94	8.35	-7.8
	118	11	Saudi Arabia	455.62	470.00	18.56	3.2
	169	12	South Africa	482.88	450.44	9.18	-6.7
	5	13	Mexico	452.05	443.61	3.99	-1.9
	17	14	Brazil	421.60	420.16	2.11	-0.3
	182	15	Australia	425.34	417.68	19.64	-1.8
	195	16	Indonesia	403.74	413.29	1.72	2.4
	73	17	Italy	449.75	407.87	7.01	-9.3
	66	18	France	428.54	396.65	6.30	-7.4
	86	19	Spain	360.13	329.86	7.13	-8.4
	217	20	Taiwan	301.94	290.88	12.66	-3.7
	80	21	Poland	294.78	285.79	7.43	-3
•	105	22	Ukraine	355.48	255.07	5.58	-28.2
	218	23	Thailand	253.55	253.38	3.80	-0.1
	89	24	Turkey	272.90	253.06	3.29	-7.3
	78	25	Netherlands	249.50	248.91	14.89	-0.2
	120	26	United Arab Emirates	195.85	193.43	40.31	-1.2
	138	27	Egypt	185.85	192.38	2.44	3.5

EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM: EMISSION PERMISSION AS A NEW ECONOMIC AND LEGAL TOOL

Emissions trading is the market



- 1. Very diversified:
 - 1. Large power installations and oil refineries
 - 2. Very small ceramic kilns
 - 3. International capital groups
 - 4. Small family businesses
- 2. Very shaky and unbalanced:
 - 1. Significant impact of EC administrative decisions and EU governments on market size.
 - 2. The prices vary from €9 to almost €30 to fall to €18-22.
- 3. Decisive about the competitiveness of the economy or industry
- 4. Requires transparency and credibility

FEARS OF GLOBAL WARMING AND HALT CLIMATE CHANGE HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES IN GLOBAL POLITICS

- In 1992, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was signed - briefly the Climate Convention.
- In 1997, industrialized countries and transition economies agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of the GHG - the Kyoto Protocol was signed.

KYOTO PROTOCOL (KP) AND EU ETS

- The Kyoto Protocol has been in force since February 16, 2005, as a legal act of international law - published in DU No. 203 of 2005 item. 1684
- KP introduced three flexible mechanisms:
 - International Emission Trading ET,
 - Joint implementations JI, and
 - Clean Development Mechanism CDM
- Since 1999, the European Community has been considering the introduction of a trading system for emissions at the enterprise level.
- In March 2003, Emission Trading Directive 2003/87 was adopted

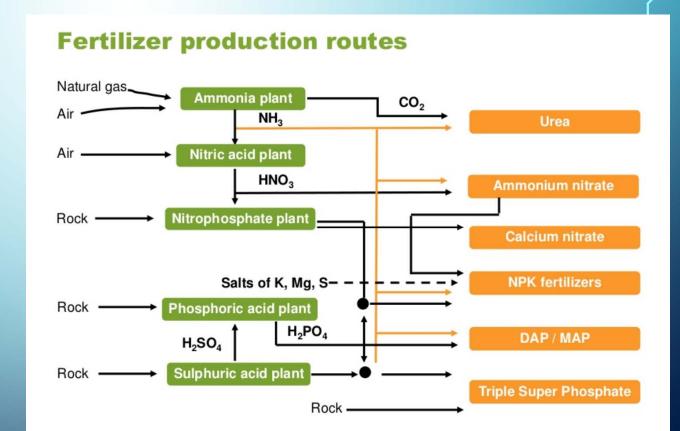
Greenhouse gases GWP - Global Warming Potential CO2e - CO2 equivalent

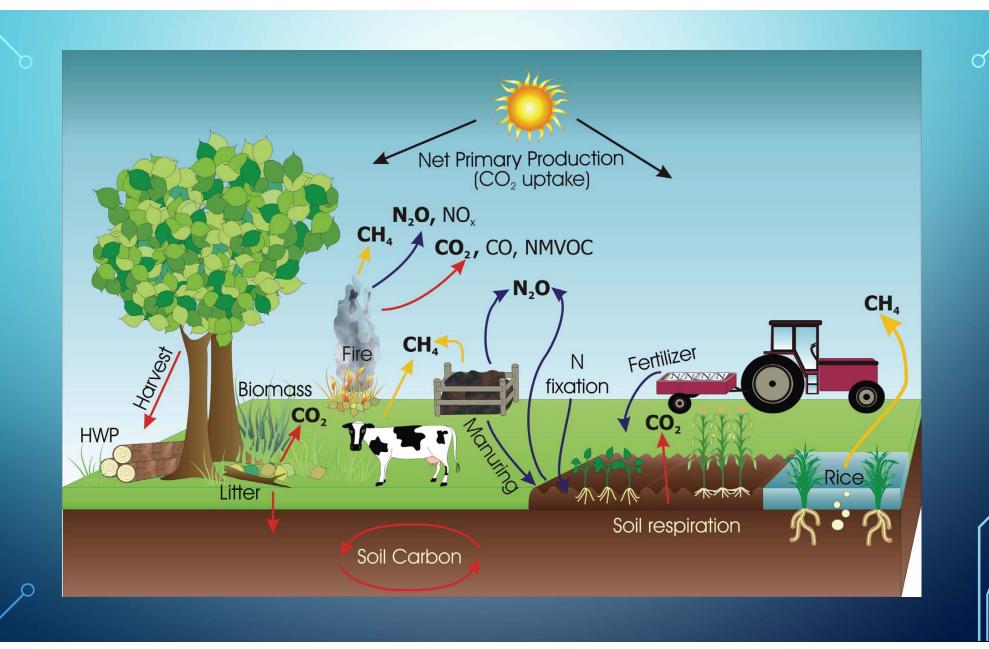
GAS	GWP / CO ₂ e
CO ₂	1
CH₄	21
N ₂ O	296
HFC	150 – 11 700
PFC	6 500 – 9 200
SF ₆	23 900

FERTILIZER TECHNOLOGIES...

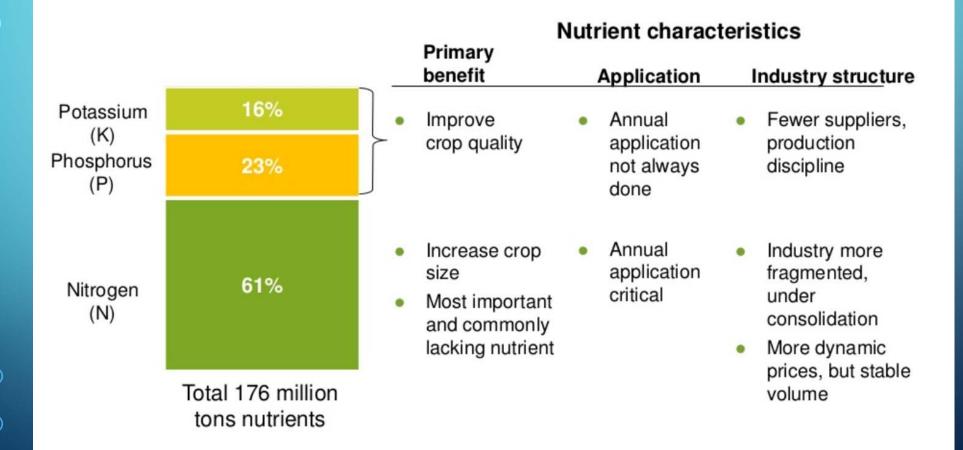


Should the fertilizer industry pay a fee for CO₂ emissions?





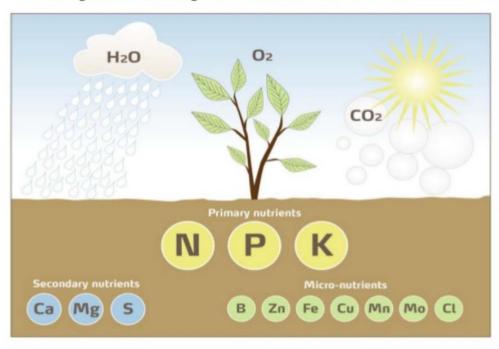
Nitrogen – the most important nutrient



What is fertilizer?

Photosynthesis: CO₂=> C_{Biomass}+O₂

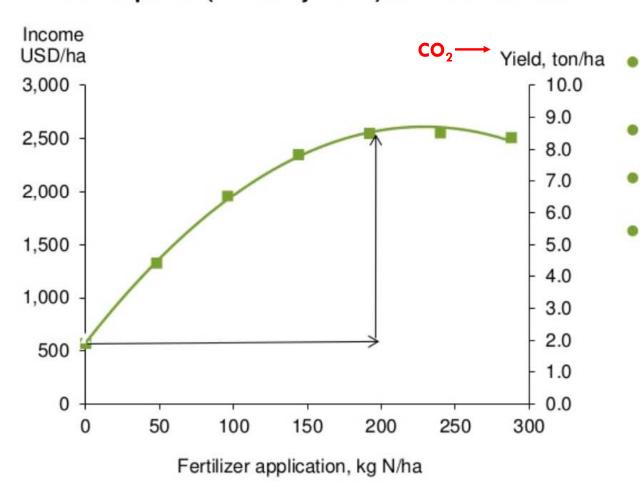
Primary, secondary and micro-nutrients



Nitrogen is the main driver of yield

Profitability of investment in mineral fertilizers

Yield response (monetary value) to N fertilizer rate



- The investment in nitrogen fertilizer is highly profitable for growers
- Fertilizer investment: 248 USD/ha
- Net return: 1,711 USD/ha
- Net return > 7 x investment

In biomass: 40-50 % C
Photosynthesis: $CO_2 => C_{Biomass} + O_2$ $CO_{2 \text{ assimilation}} \sim Crop$





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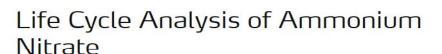
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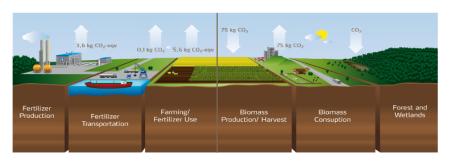
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Fertilizer Safety

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The images illustrate the life cycle of ammonium nitrate (AN), the most common source of nitrogen in European agriculture.

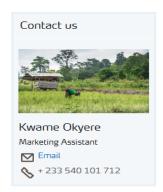


It can be found in fertilizer products such as YaraBela, YaraMila, UNIKA KALI and others. It explains the carbon footprint from production, transportation and application, to growing of crops, their consumption as food, feed or bio-energy, and the protection of natural CO₂ sinks such as forests and wetlands.

To make different GHGs comparable, they are converted into CO₂ equivalents (CO₂-eqv).

 $1 \text{ kg N}_2\text{O} = 296 \text{ kg CO}_2 \text{ eqv}$

Which means it has a 296 times stronger effect on the climate than CO₂. All data are expressed per kg of nitrogen applied.

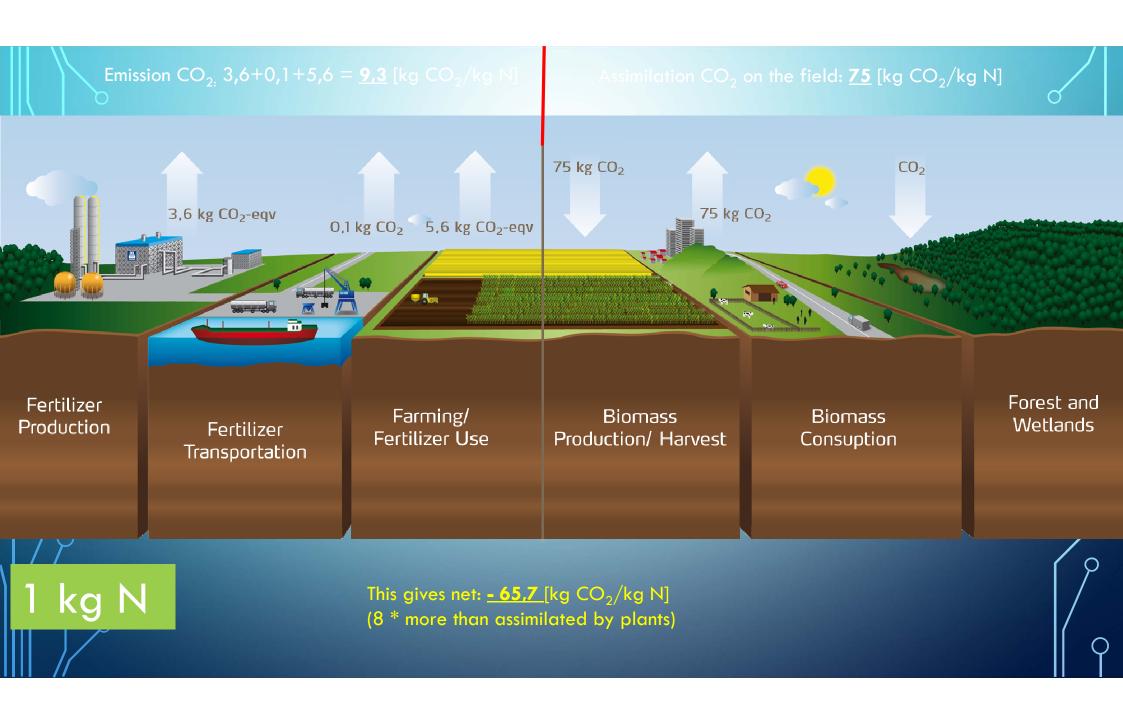




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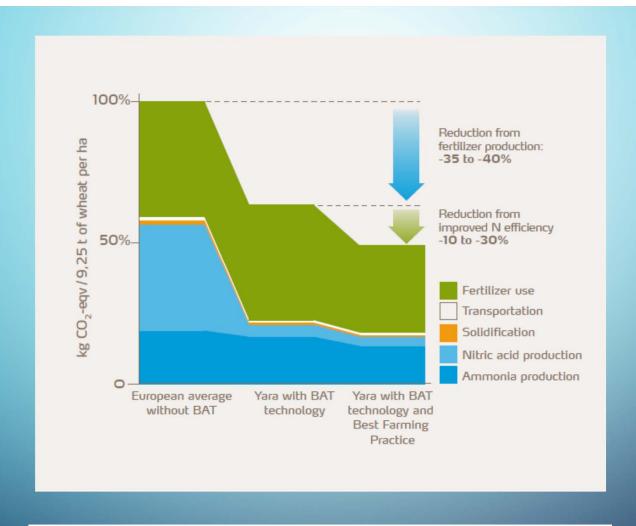


Figure 6: Yara has reduced the carbon footprint of nitrate fertilizer production by 35 - 40%. Enhancing N efficiency in fertilizer use can contribute by another 10-30%

(A) FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

When operating with 'Best Available Technique' (BAT) ammonia and nitric acid plants, the total carbon footprint of AN is 3.6 kg CO_2 -eqv per kg N.

Ammonia production

Binding nitrogen from the air requires energy. Natural gas is the most efficient energy source. Yara plants are among the best performers in terms of energy efficiency worldwide.

- European average energy consumption: 35.2 GJ per ton ammonia
- EU BAT energy consumption: 31.8 GJ per ton ammonia (= 2.2 kg CO₂ per kg N in AN)

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid is used for making AN-based fertilizers. Its production releases N₂O. Catalytic cleansing developed by Yara reduces N₂O emissions below BAT level.

- N₂O emission without cleansing: 7.5 kg N₂O per ton nitric acid
- EU BAT emission with cleansing: 1.85 kg N₂O per ton nitric acid (= 1.3 kg CO₂-eqv per kg N in AN)

Solidification

AN solutions made from ammonia and nitric acid are granulated or prilled to form high-quality solid fertilizer. Solidification needs energy.

 European average energy consumption: 0.5 GJ per ton of product (= 0.1 kg CO₂ per kg N in AN)

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

- Improve the energy efficiency of ammonia production and other production systems
- Install and further optimize catalytic cleansing of N₂O

(B) TRANSPORTATION

Ammonium nitrate is transported by ship, barge, road or rail.

European average: O.1 kg CO₂ per kg N

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

 Optimize logistics chain from production sites to farmers

© FERTILIZER USE

Nitrogen, whether from organic or inorganic sources, is subject to natural microbial conversion in the soil. During this process N_2O can be lost to the air. In addition, CO_2 is also released by liming and farming machinery.

 Average footprint for AN: 5.6 kg CO₂-eqv per kg N

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

- Assure balanced nutrition
- Tailor N-application according to actual crop needs
- Use placement fertilization when appropriate
- Just-in-time application to ensure rapid uptake
- Use of precision farming tools (N-Sensor, N-Tester, online applications)
- Maintain good soil structure (draining, avoid packing)
- Select appropriate fertilizer (AN or CAN based rather than ammonium or urea)
- Efficient manure management

D BIOMASS PRODUCTION

Plants capture large amounts of CO₂ during growth. Optimum fertilization can increase biomass production, and thus CO₂ uptake, by a factor of 4-5 compared to fields that remain long-term unfertilized. For example, at a yield of 8 t / ha achieved with 170 kg N / ha, the grain fixes 12 800 kg / ha of CO₂. This corresponds to 75 kg of CO₂ fixed per kg of N applied.

Example footprint: -75 kg CO₂-eqv per kg N

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

- Ensure optimal fertilization to increase biomass production and CO₂ uptake per ha.
- Avoid land-use change at one place to compensate for reduced efficiency at another place
- Preserve and improve soil carbon stocks by increased inputs of organic material to the soil (e.g. residues) and conservation tillage techniques
- Catch and cover vegetation in between actual crops in order to reduce N leaching losses and to produce additional CO₂-fixing biomass
- · Restore degraded agricultural land

E BIOMASS CONSUMPTION

Most of the biomass produced is consumed as food or feed. CO₂ fixation is therefore only short term and cannot be considered a saving on a global scale. The balance is different for bio-energy since it avoids the burning of fossil fuels. For example, using biomass instead of mineral oil for heating purposes reduces the CO₂ emission by as much as 70-80%.

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

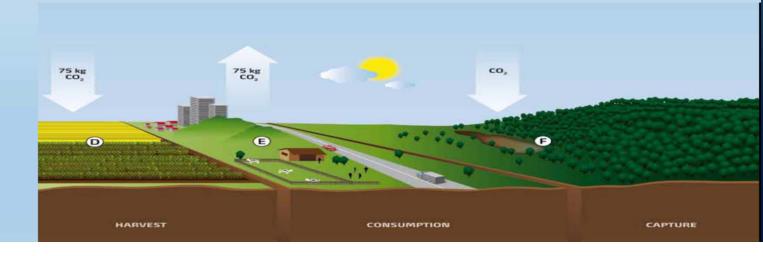
- Optimize efficiency of bio-energy production
- Increase productivity in food and feed production, allowing more acreage for bioenergy production

F FOREST AND WETLANDS

Forests and wetlands store 2-8 times more CO₂ than croplands. Land use change, mainly due to burning of tropical forests, is a large source of CO₂ emissions, accounting for 20% of manmade CO₂ emissions. Preserving tropical and boreal forests is the most important contribution to mitigate climate change.

MITIGATION POTENTIAL:

- Protect tropical forests and wetlands
- Reforestation, restoration of wetlands
- Forest fertilization to increase long-term carbon capture
- Avoid further land-use change by increasing productivity on existing agricultural land





ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

IN EUROPEAN NITROGEN FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND USE







At a yield of 18.5 t/ha (grain plus non-grain biomass including straw at economic optimum N rate) this amounts to 29.6 t $\rm CO_2$ fixation per hectare (i.e. almost 12 times the $\rm CO_2$ emissions).

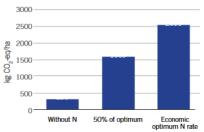
If this biomass is used as biofuel (e.g. for direct incineration) and thereby prevents fossil fuels from being burned, a substantial net saving of CO₂ emissions is the result. However, by far most of the grain is still consumed as food or feed and in this case the CO₂ fixation is only short to medium-term and is usually not considered as a credit.

Assuming that most farmers in the developed countries operate at an intensity represented by the 'economic optimum N rate', which is equivalent to recommended 'good agricultural practice', and considering the current and future demand for cereals as indicated in Figure 2, any reduction in the production intensity in one area has to be compensated by additional production at another. In many cases this results in changes in land use from natural areas into agricultural land (FAO, (2006b) and Fig. 2).

Figure 8 shows the additional CO₂ emissions that would occur due to conversion of temperate forest into cropland in order to compensate for the lower yields in the 'without N' and '50% of optimum' treatments



GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OF WHEAT PRODUCTION (INCLUDING PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT OF FARMING INPUTS) AT DIFFERENT N FERTILIZATION INTENSITIES

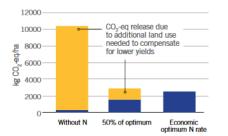


(based on data in Bellarby et al., 2008). The additional CO₂-eq emissions due to land use change has been spread over a time period of 100 years (i.e. 2.6 t CO₂/ha/yr).

Without any nitrogen input, the grain yield is so low (2.07 t/ha) that the land required to compensate this yield loss would lead to four times higher CO₂ emissions than those of the intensive system.



GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OF WHEAT PRODUCTION (INCLUDING PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT OF FARMING INPUTS AND LAND USE CHANGE) AT DIFFERENT N FERTILIZATION INTENSITIES



CO₂ has numerous industrial applications











Food additive:

High-quality CO₂ for beverage carbonisation

Food care:

CO₂ for greenhouses, chilling and freezing, processing and transport

Animal care:

Controlled atmosphere for livestock stunning

Manufacturing:

Welding and cutting gases

Blasting:

Multipurpose cleaning

Industries Served:

- Breweries
- Dairies
- Bakeries
- Meat and Poultry processing
- Fish Farming and processing
- Greenhouses
- Airline catering
- Refrigerated transport

IF CARBON DIOXIDE IS SO BAD FOR THE PLANET, WHY DO GREENHOUSE GROWER BUY CO₂ GENERATORS TO DOUBLE PLANT GROWTH?

CO₂ is a plant NUTRIENT.

 CO_2 actually increases plant yields, accelerates "re-greening" and improves reforestation. Today's atmosphere contains 400 ppm CO_2 , CO_2 generators can help raise that level to 1500 ppm inside greenhouses, thereby accelerating plant growth and food production.

CO. GENERATORS & WATER STORAGE TANKS



Improve plant quality, while increasing production with Johnson Gas CO₂ Generators. These generators automatically provide the carbon dioxide needed to meet maximum growing potential for only pennies per day.

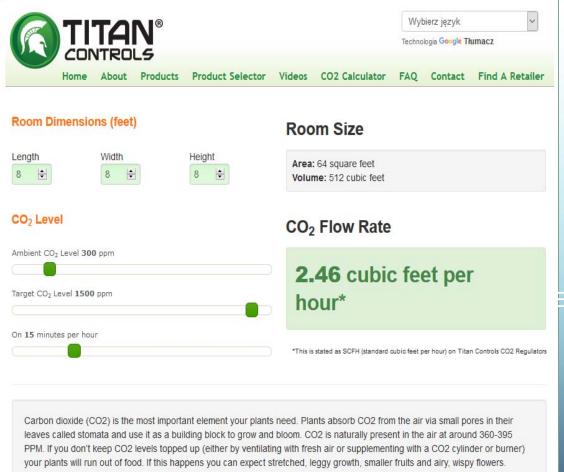
- Easy to install in any greenhouse, without expensive duct work.
- CO₂ is diffused evenly throughout greenhouse. No supplemental fans required.
- · Small size for easy movement.
- Constructed from high-quality steel for corrosion resistance and long life.
- Controls subject to rigorous testing during production to ensure safe and proper operation.
- Automatic gas shut-off in case of pilot failure.
- Based on one air exchange per hour, 1,500 ppm can be obtained per unit in a 4,800 sq. ft. greenhouse or an equivalent 50,000 cu. ft. volume.
- Transformer is required for operation. Can operate up to three units with one transformer. 115 V/24 V, 40 VA.
- · I year manufacturer's warranty.



CO2 GENERATORS

CO2 GENI	ITEM	FUEL TYPE	\$729.00	
STK# 111081	CO ₂ Generator	Propane		
111081	CO2 Generator	Natural Gas	729.00	
1111114	24 V Transformer	-	49.95	

Commercial greenhouse growing hydroponic tomatoes with CO₂ enriched air.





Exhale bag CO₂ system



CO₂ generators "improve plant quality" and "increase production."

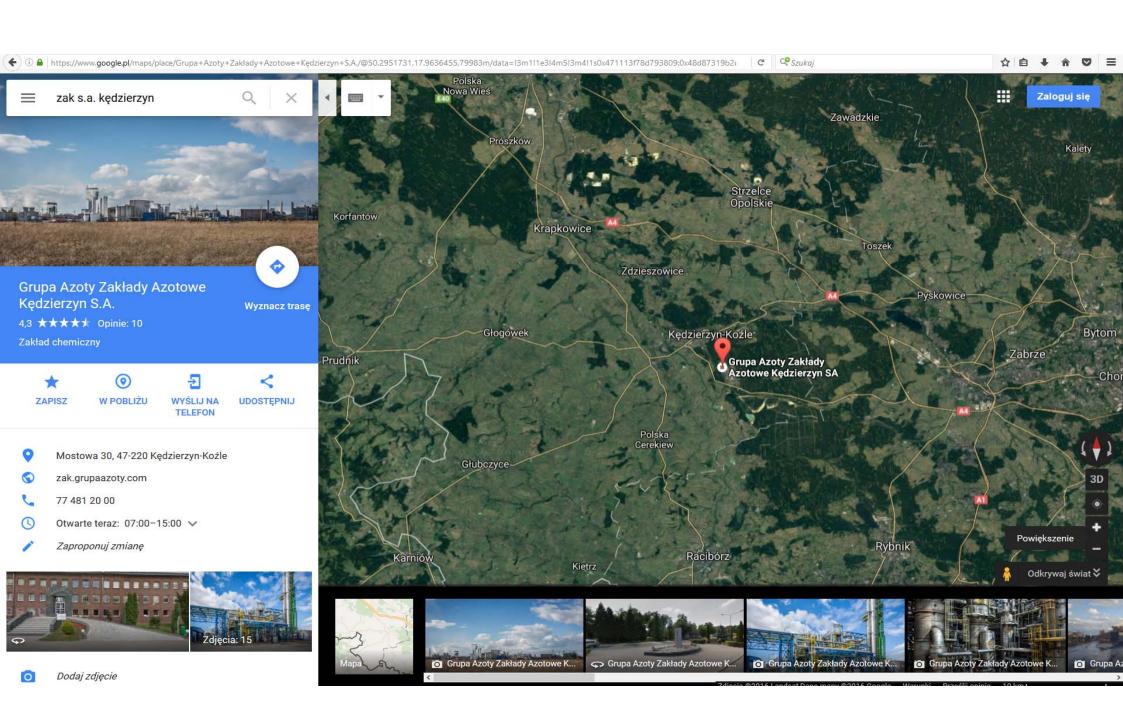
• "The benefits of carbon dioxide supplementation on plant growth and production within the greenhouse environment have been well understood for many years," says the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

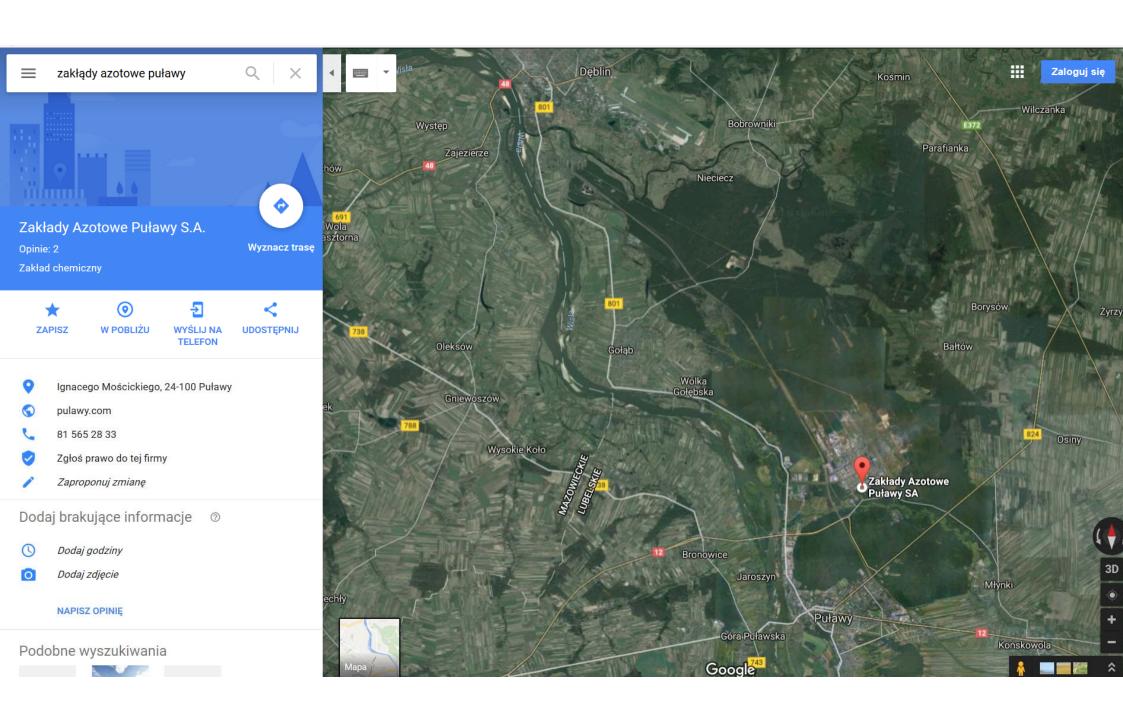
• "CO₂ increases productivity through improved plant growth and vigour. Some ways in which productivity is increased by CO₂ include earlier flowering, higher fruit yields, reduced bud abortion in roses, improved stem strength and flower size. Growers should regard CO₂ as a nutrient... increasing the CO₂ level to 1,000 ppm will increase the photosynthesis by about 50% over ambient CO₂ levels."

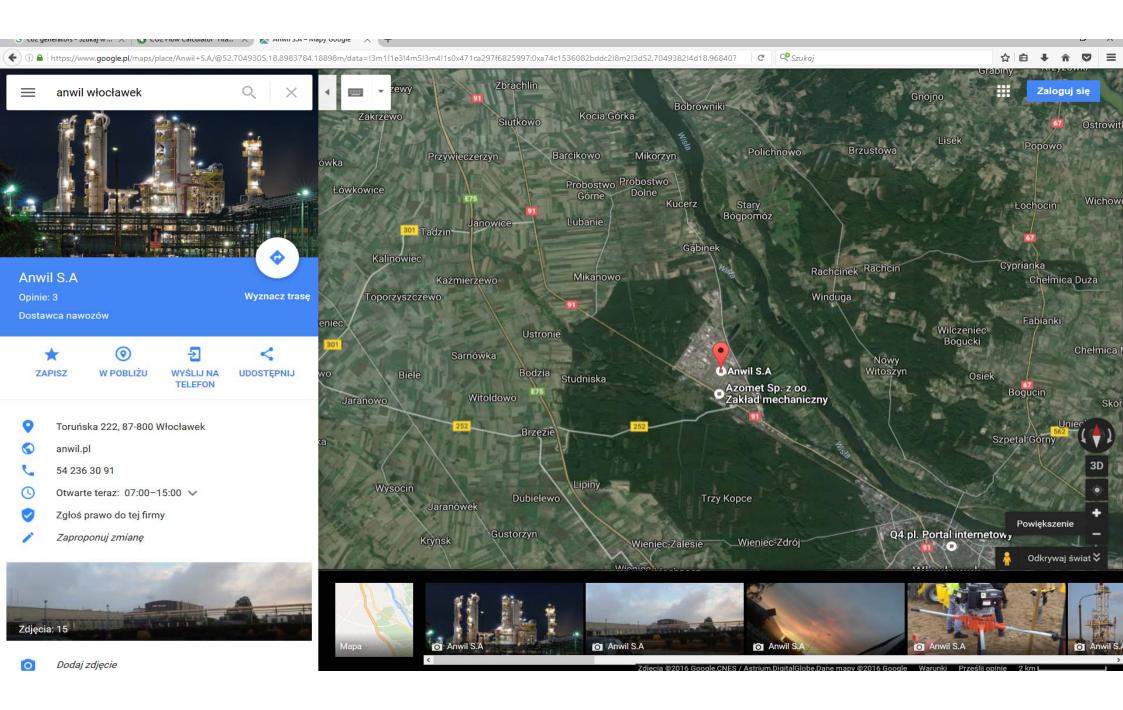


GREENHOUSE - TOMATO

- Crop yield: (2 x 100 t/ha)/year
- Biomass (50 % crop): (100 t/ha)/year
- 8 t wheat grain 13 t CO₂
- 300 t/ha assimilation: 490 t CO₂/ha year
- Charge for emission allowances 8-14 €/t
- 16 500 29 000 zł/ha year + crop
- Charge/year: 2.5 mln Euro -> 440 ha (without crop)







ANALYSIS OF LCA FOR FERTILIZER INDUSTRY INCLUDING PLANT VEGETATION





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