

Developments in the Netherlands

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Research Dairy farm systems

Trends in housing systems

New housing system (bedded pack barns),
regional feed centre



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Trends in housing systems

- Organization Wageningen UR Livestock Research
- Developments freestall
 - History
 - Better welfare
 - Lower ammonia emission
- Developments roofs
- Milking systems
- Comparison high tech and low cost system



Our office in Lelystad, the Netherlands

Welfare and health
Breeding and nutrition
Crop management
Environment
Farming systems



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In a landscape with windmills and tulips



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Dairy research station, Waiboerhoeve



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Experimental farms of Animal Sciences Group



Dairy Campus

Centre for Innovation,
Education and Research

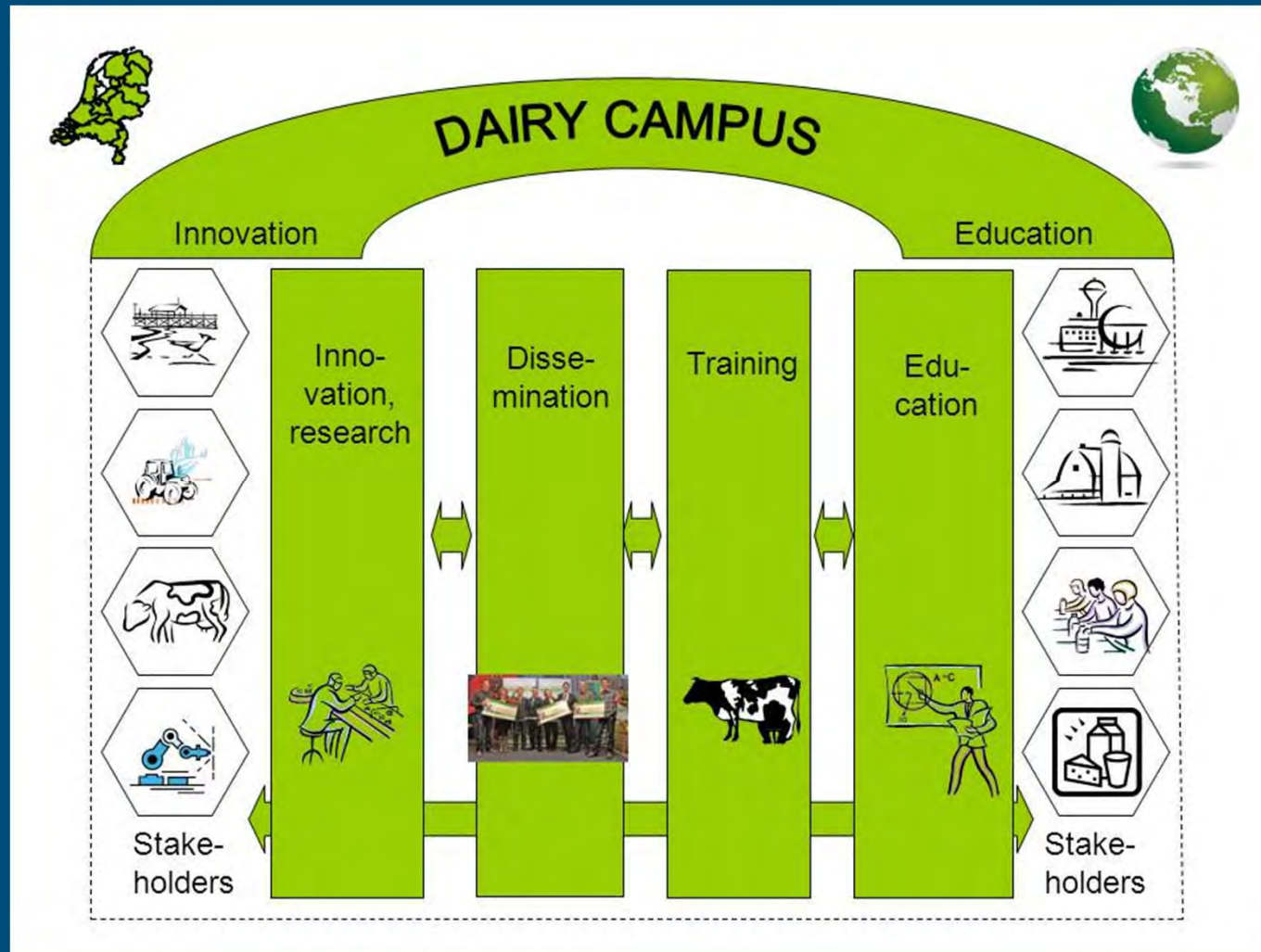


www.dairycampus.com

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CAMPUS

Dairy Campus is financially supported by Province Fryslân and City of Leeuwarden

Dairy Campus as a network organisation



Partners / stakeholders



Main Innovation themes Dairy Campus

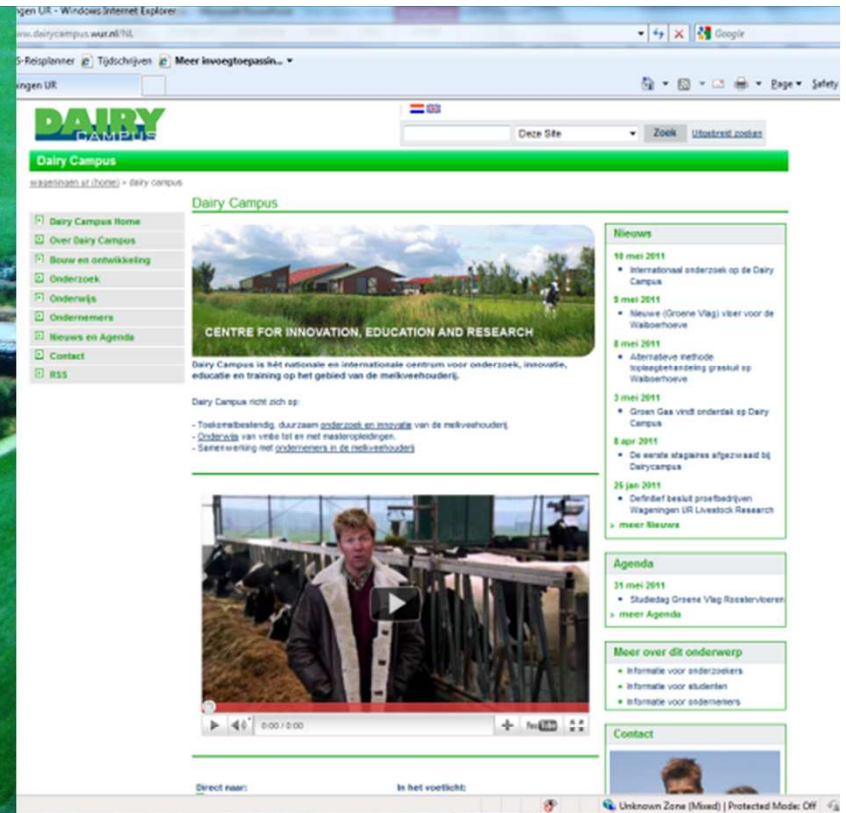
- Sustainable development of the dairy chain
- Dairy housing systems
- Improving dairy chain
- Smart farming technologies

Connection with national programs

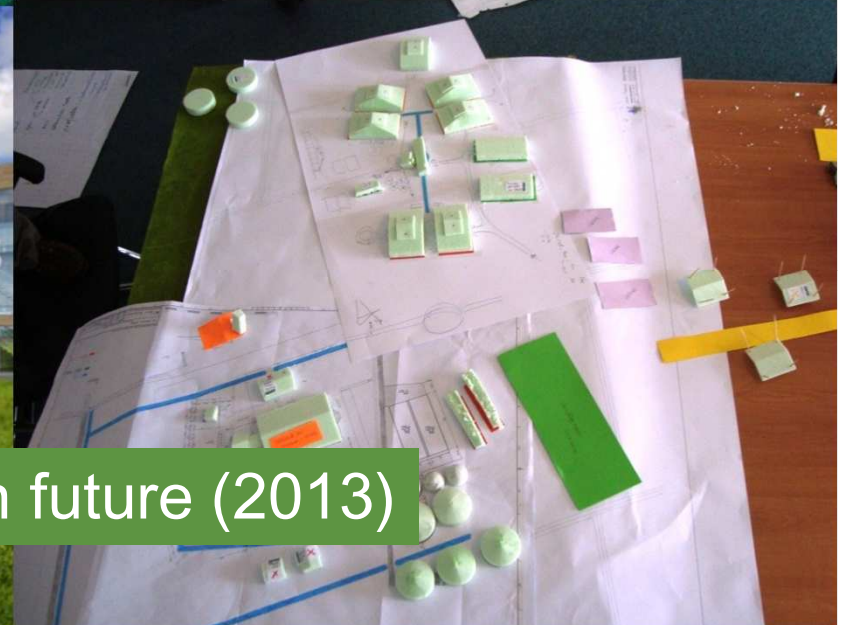
- Government, industry and farmer organizations
- Research accommodation for Wageningen UR



Nij Bosma Zathe 2011




Dairy campus in future (2013)





Dairy in Fryslân





History of housing systems

Farm Michiel and Peter Galama



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Practical research on freestall

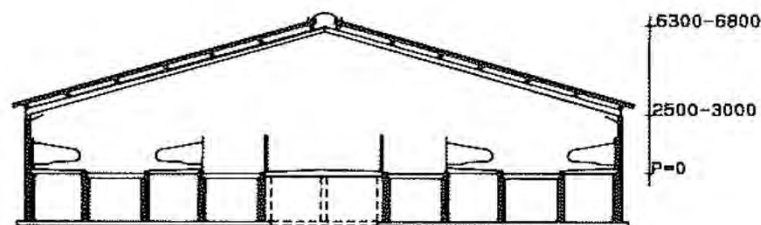
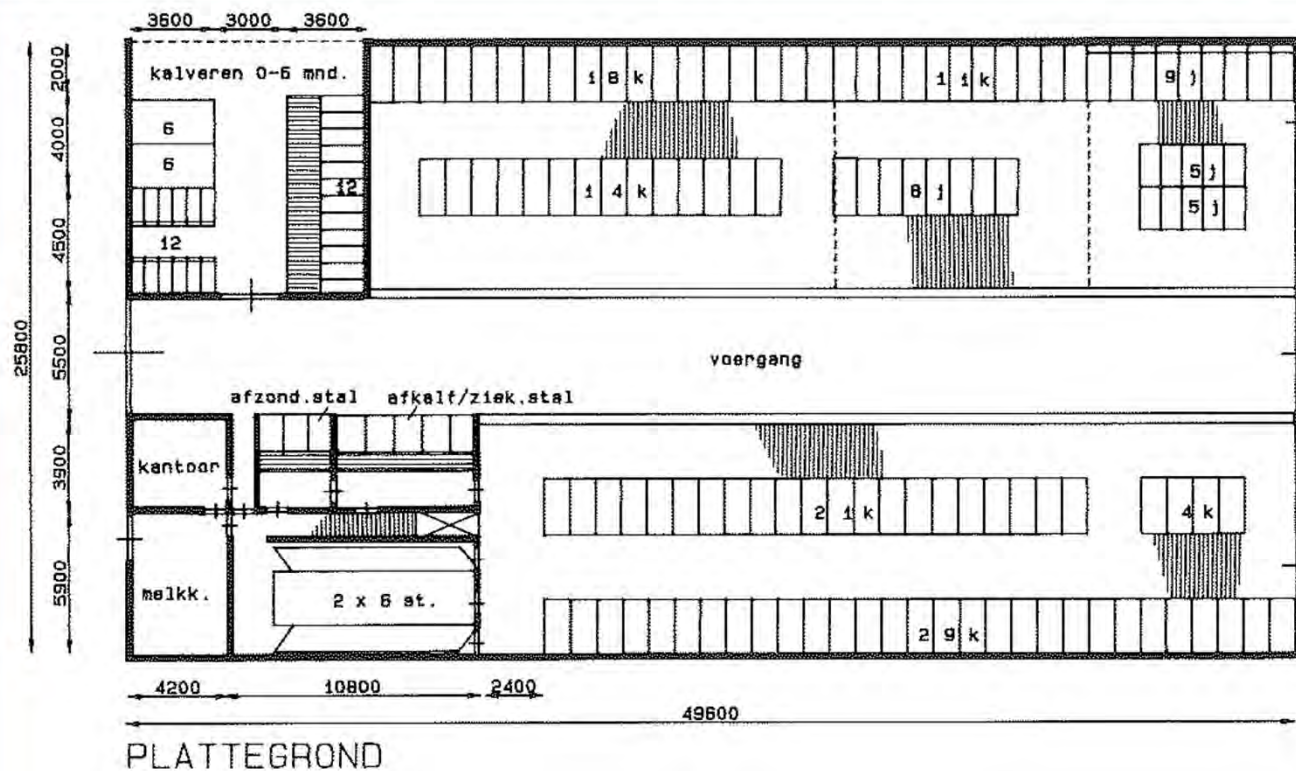


Abele Kuipers



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2+2-rows freestall with central feed alley







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New freestall 2004

More ventilation

Old freestall 1974

Calving on sand

Young cattle



Sand in boxes



Use very fine sand



make big holes in manure silo
and mix before spreading manure



Sand in boxes
and rubber on floor is a good combination



Sand in boxes



Manure and sand in tank

Farm in Polen



Seperating sand from manure



Developments bedding in freestall

- Sand
- Straw
- Dried (digested) manure
- Paper
- mattress



Other developments freestall

- Box
- Emission floor
- Roof



Fiber glass





Boxes in circle



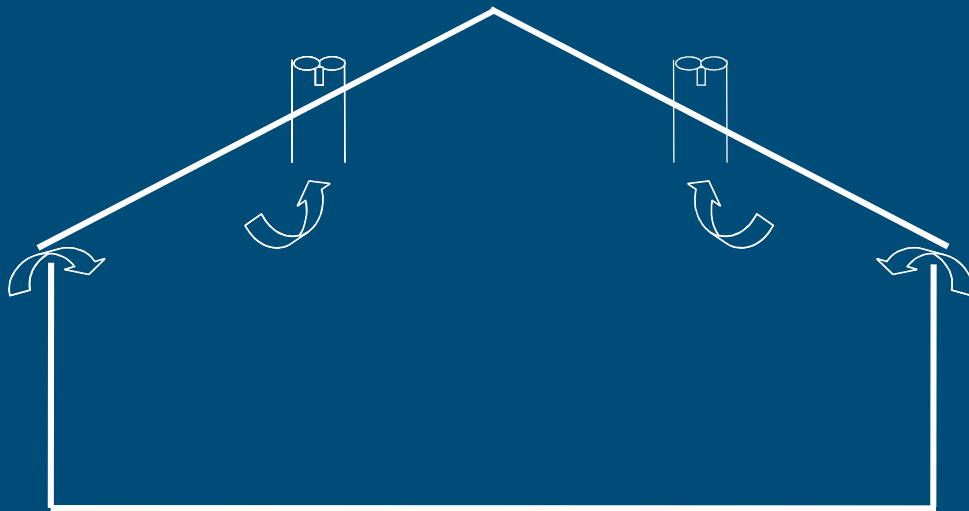
Reduction ammonia emission

- Seperate urine and manure
- Cleaning air

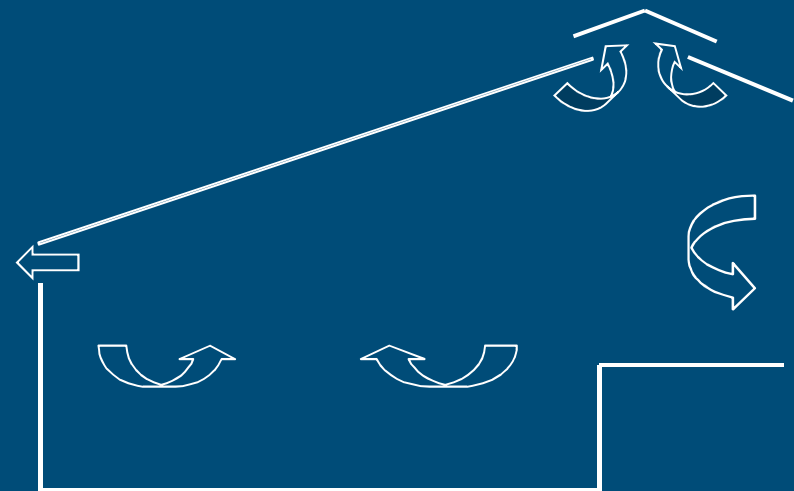


Animal houses

Mechanical ventilation



Natural ventilation



$$\text{Emission} = \text{Ventilation} * \text{Concentration in exhaust}$$



Measuring with box



Mat and valve floor for slatted floor (green flag plus)



Higher cow comfort & mobility

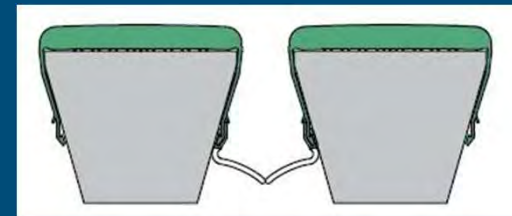
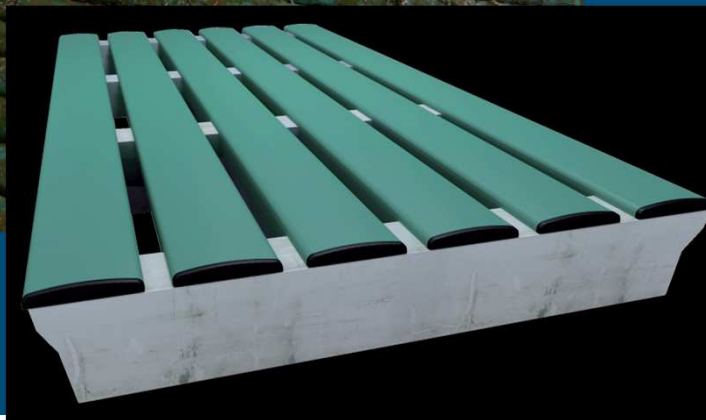
Improved hygiene

Reduced ammonia emissions

Cleaner air in shed

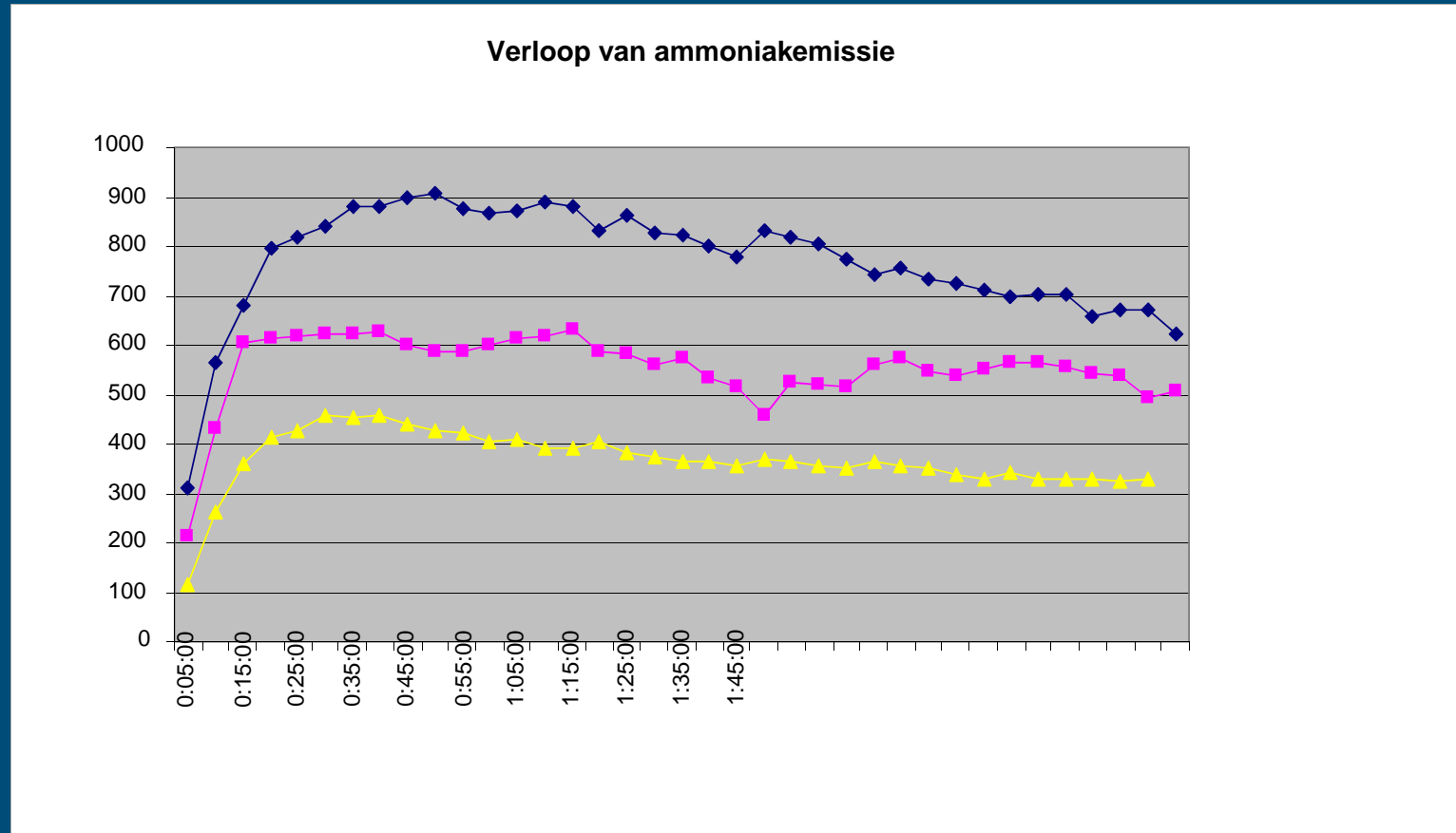
Improved claw health

Simple installation



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Result emission of ammonia



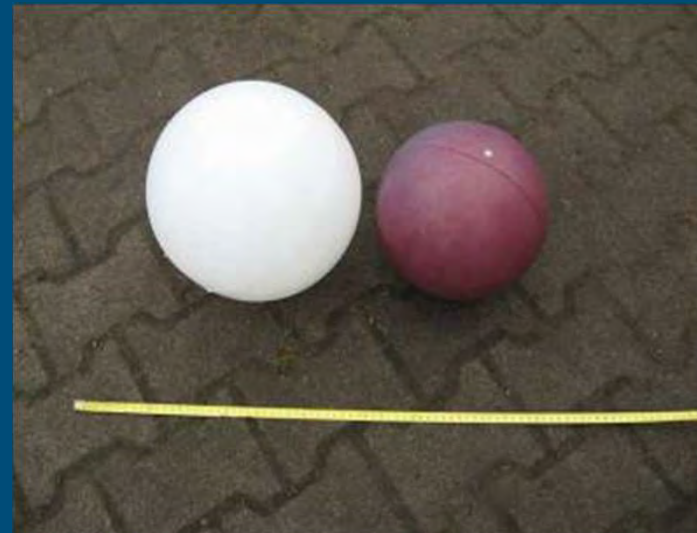
Blue: slatted floor Purple: mat Yellow: mat & valve

Alternative slatted floor “Sleufvloer” (Holcim)

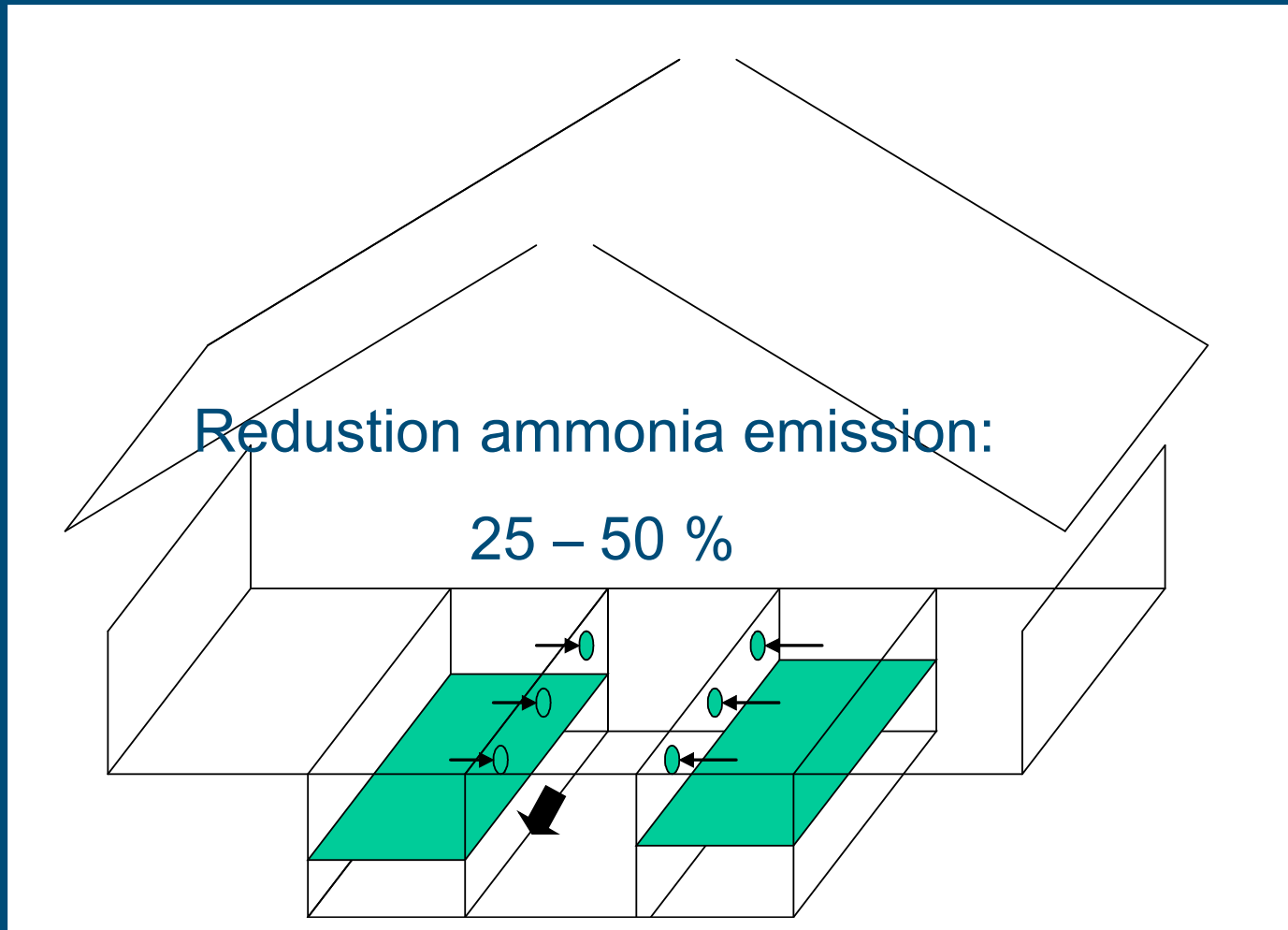


Floating balls

- Balls floating on slurry in pits
- Idea from pig farming
- Reducing of emitting surface

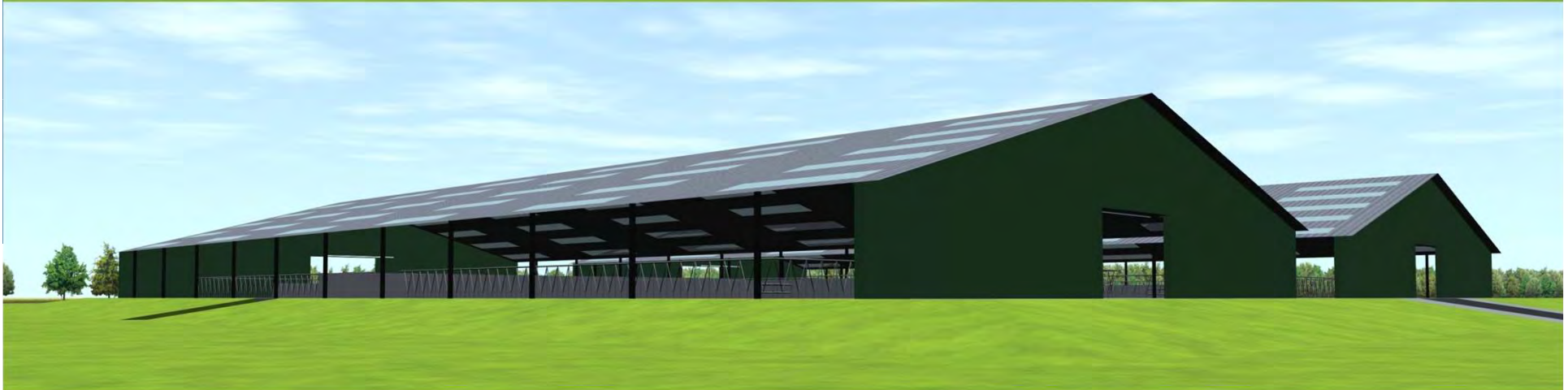
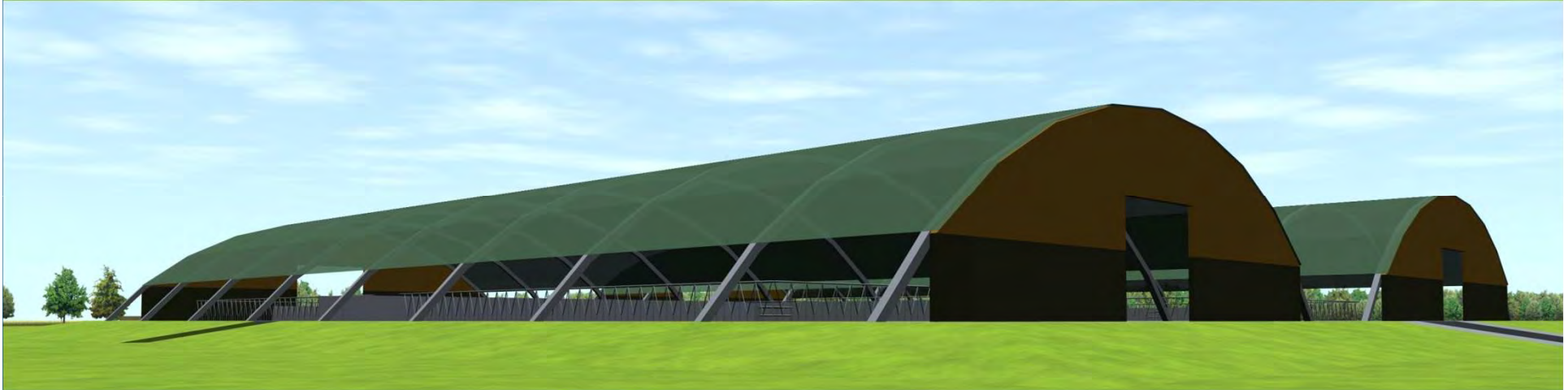
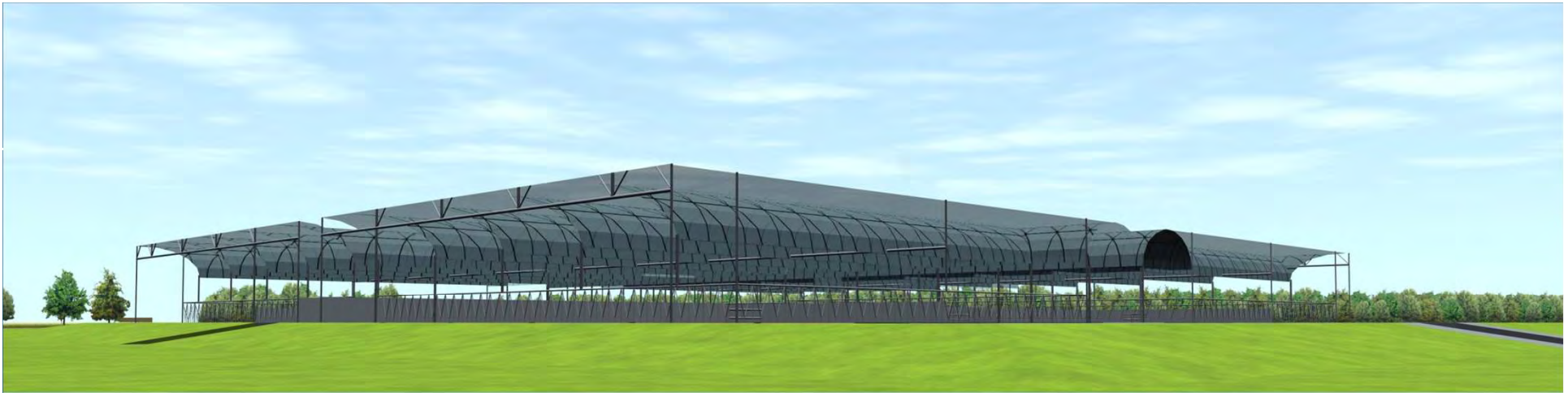


Cleaning the air



Developments roofs





Boogstal



Boogstal







Boogstal

Serre



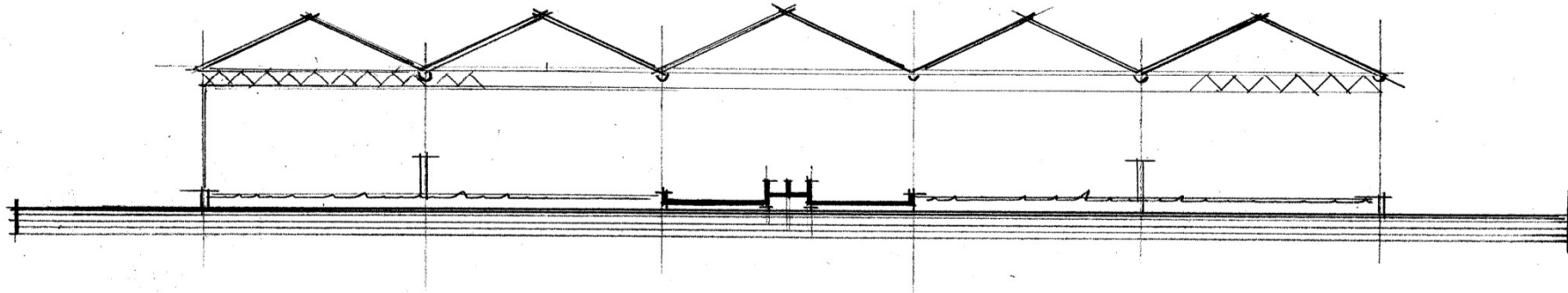
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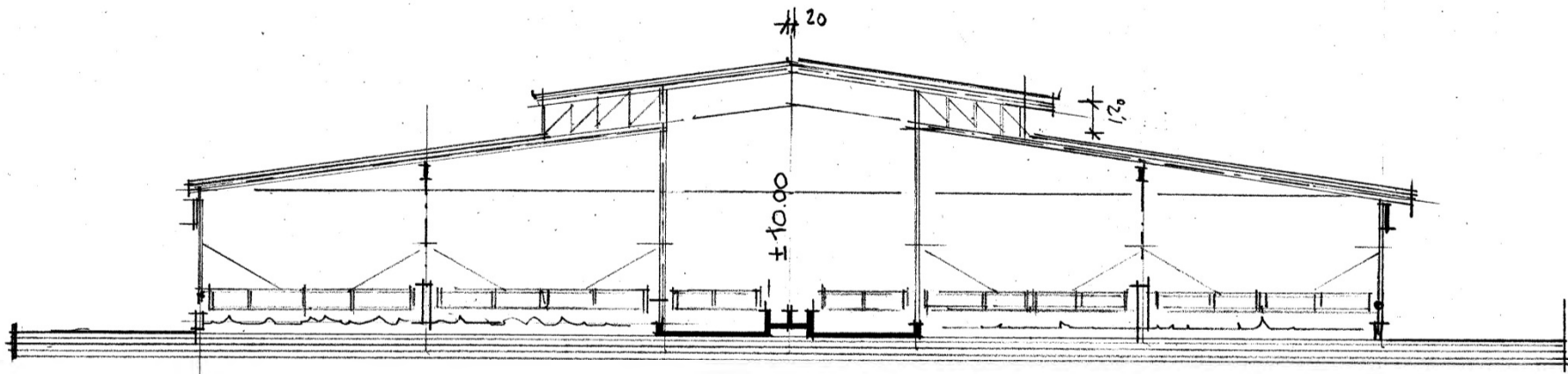


Serre

Low ridge height



Kasdak - doorsnede



Pagoda dak - doorsnede

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Green house for dairy cattle





Decorative wall along green house

Source: DLV, Libau



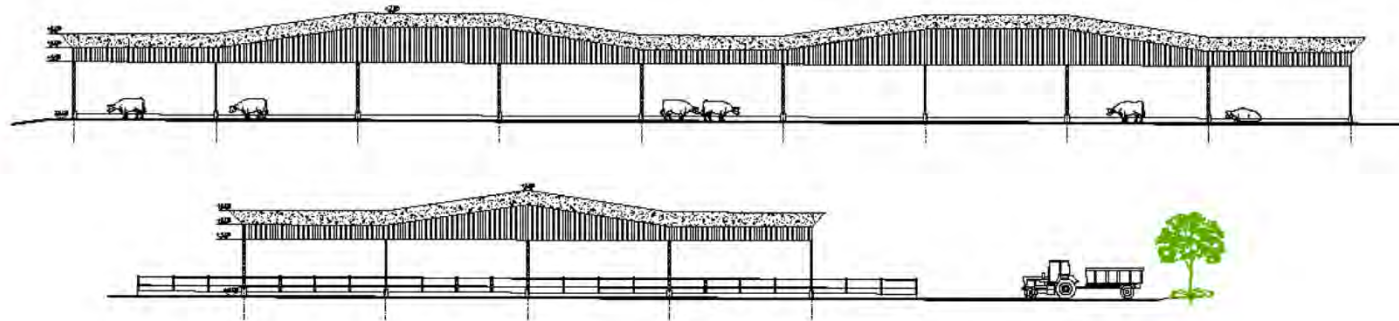
Decorative wall

Source: DLV, Libau



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Other example of decorative wall



Bron: Sprecher



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Inspiration from - Israel

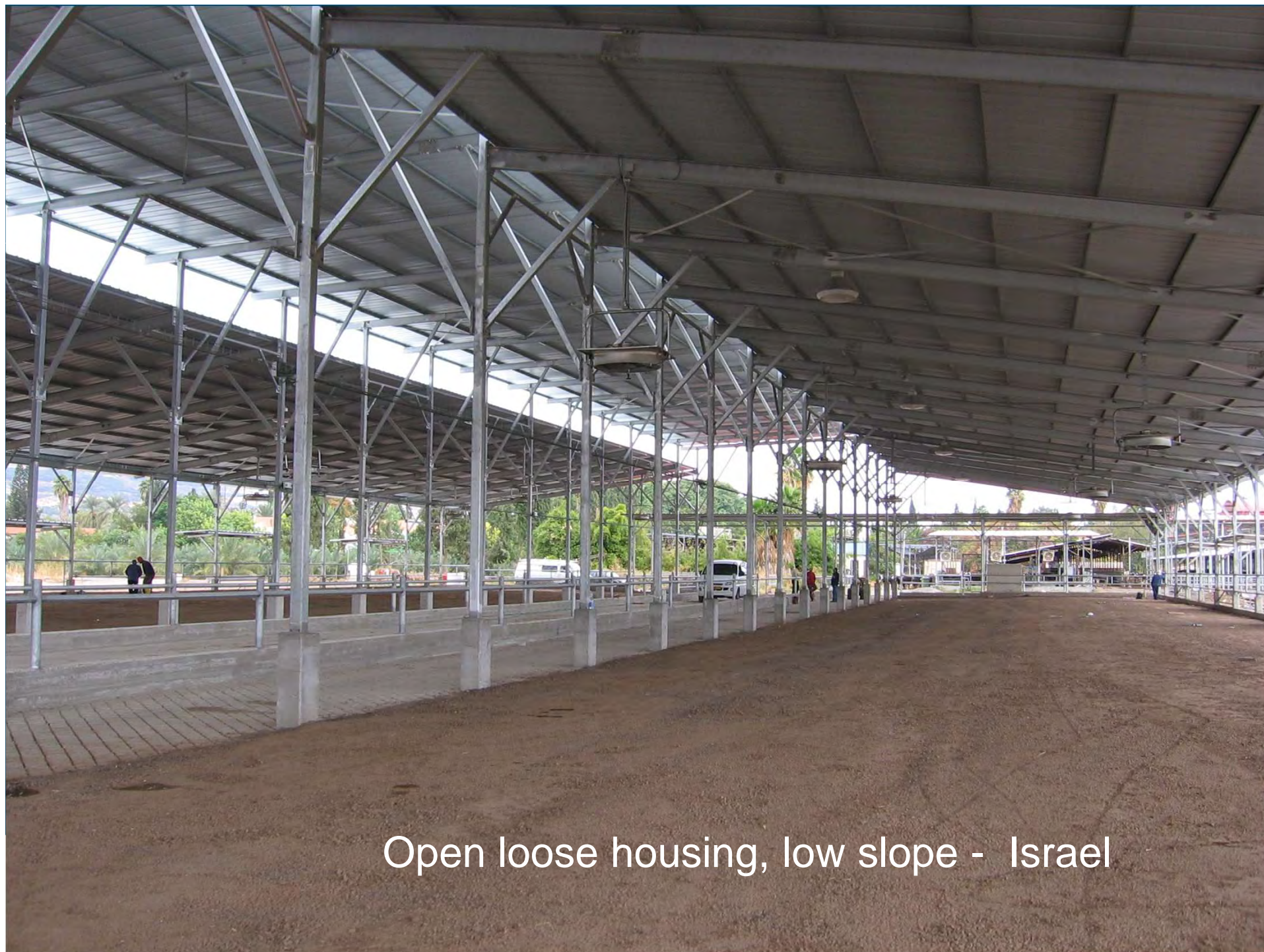


All in shed - with sliding roof. Israel.

Van architect Yehuda Sprecher



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Open loose housing, low slope - Israel

Bron: Sprecher



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Source: Sprecher



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Other material - Foil



Greenhouse cow shed. Canada.



Other foil



Cheap housing – from bicycle



Nij Bosma Zathe



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Cheap – feed alley outside

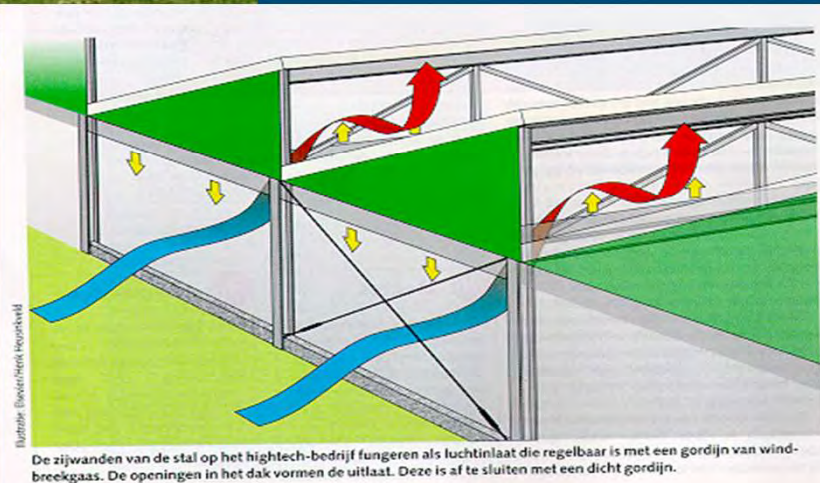


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“Saw roof”



Best ventilation



Milking systems



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Development milking systems (1950-2010)





Waiting area separate
from stable

24 rotary milking parlour



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Waiting area
between boxes

28 rotary in stable



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Costs investment milking systems

Parlour	Investment
2x5 side by side	€ 22.000,-
2x12 side by side	€ 38.000,-
2 x12 rapid acid	€ 55.200,-
20 rotary	€ 96.700,-
28 rotary	€ 122.700,-
Milking robot (1 box)	€ 118.500,-
Milking robot (2 box)	€ 162.000,-



	Labour costs	
	10 € per hour	40 € per hour
60 cows	2x5 side by side	2x16 swingover
		or milking robot
120 cows	2x5 side by side	2x16 swingover
240 cows	2x16 swing over	48 rotary
	or 2x10 side by side	

Comparison high tech and low cost



High tech

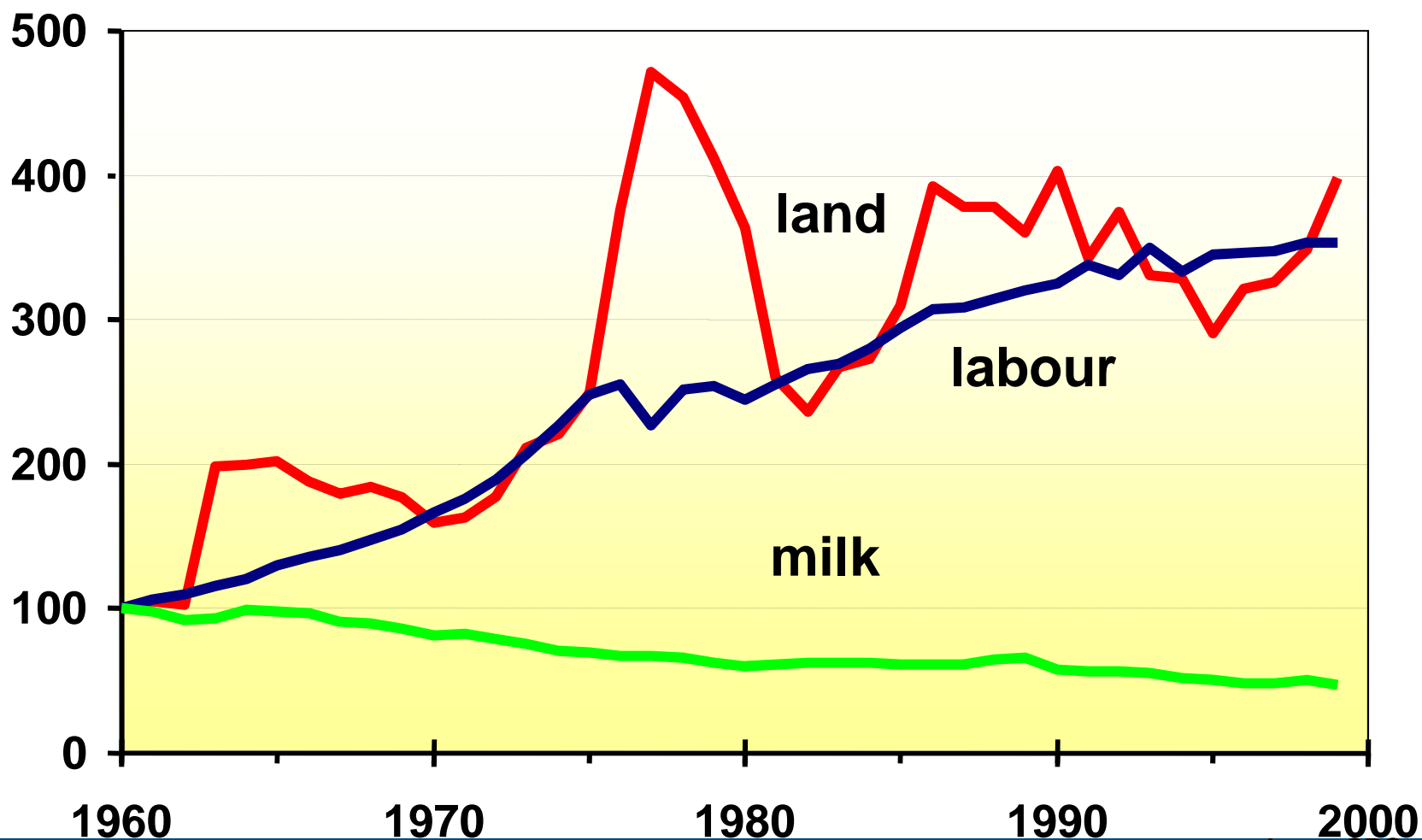


Low cost



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Price development: Price index milk (fat 3,7%)



bron: CBS

Structure Low Cost Farm

- 400.000 kg milk
- ca. 50 cows; 8000 kg milk per cow
- 32 ha: 25,5 ha grass and 6,5 ha maïze
- “green” farm

Strategy Low Cost Farm

- Few young stock (5 per 10 cows)
- Maximum grazing
- Few concentrate per cow
- white clover
- Few machinery - a lot of contract work
- Cheap Buildings



Low cost farm



Rule of thumb 1: m²



**Feeding corridor outside
Stock feeding**

Rule of thumb 1: m²





Rule 1: m²



Few young stock



Rule 2: Materials



Young stock till 1 year



High-Tech farm



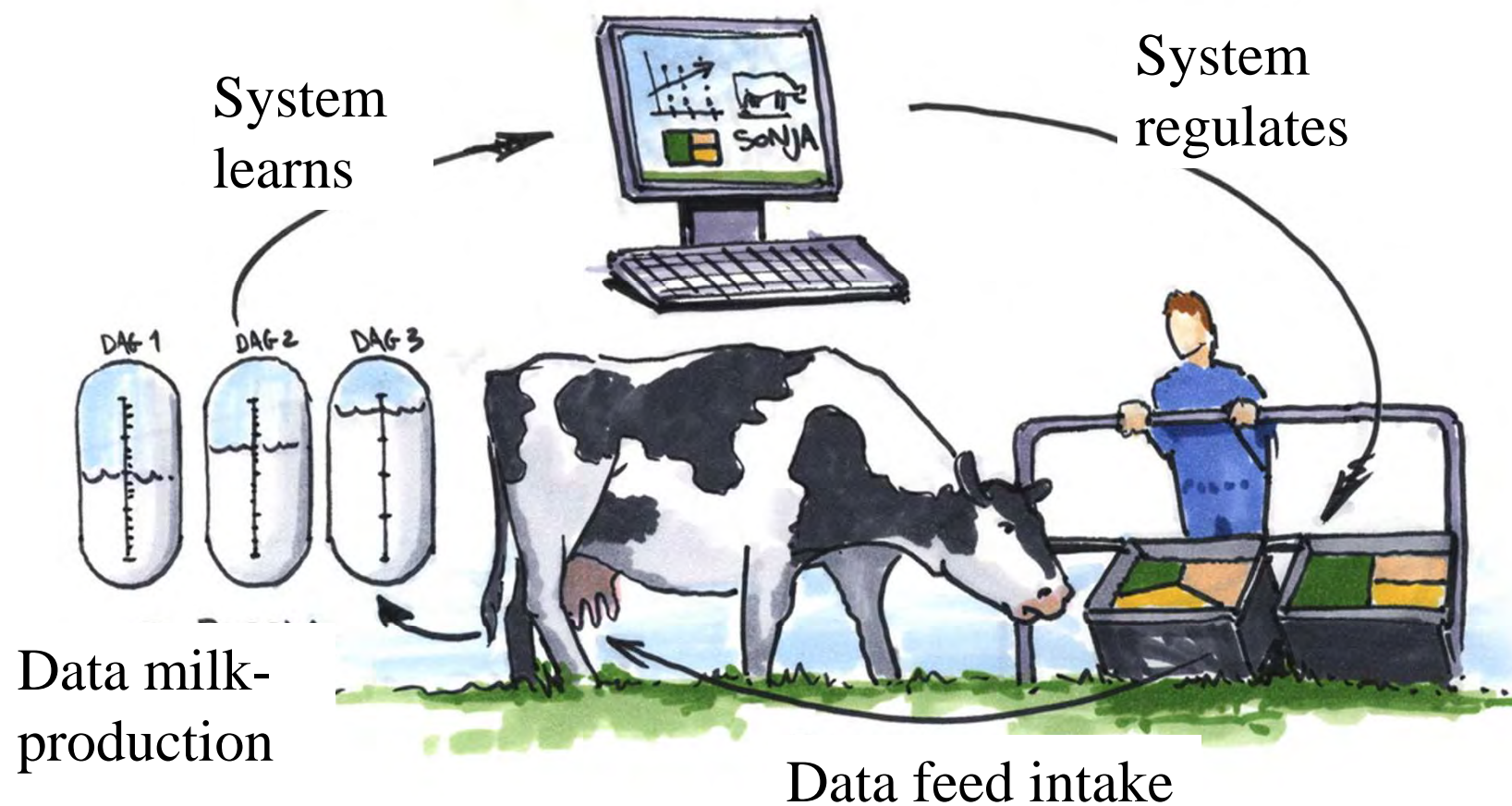
Structure High Tech Farm

- 800.000 kg milk
- ca. 75 cows; 10500 kg milk per cow
- 35 ha: 22 ha grass en 13 ha maïze

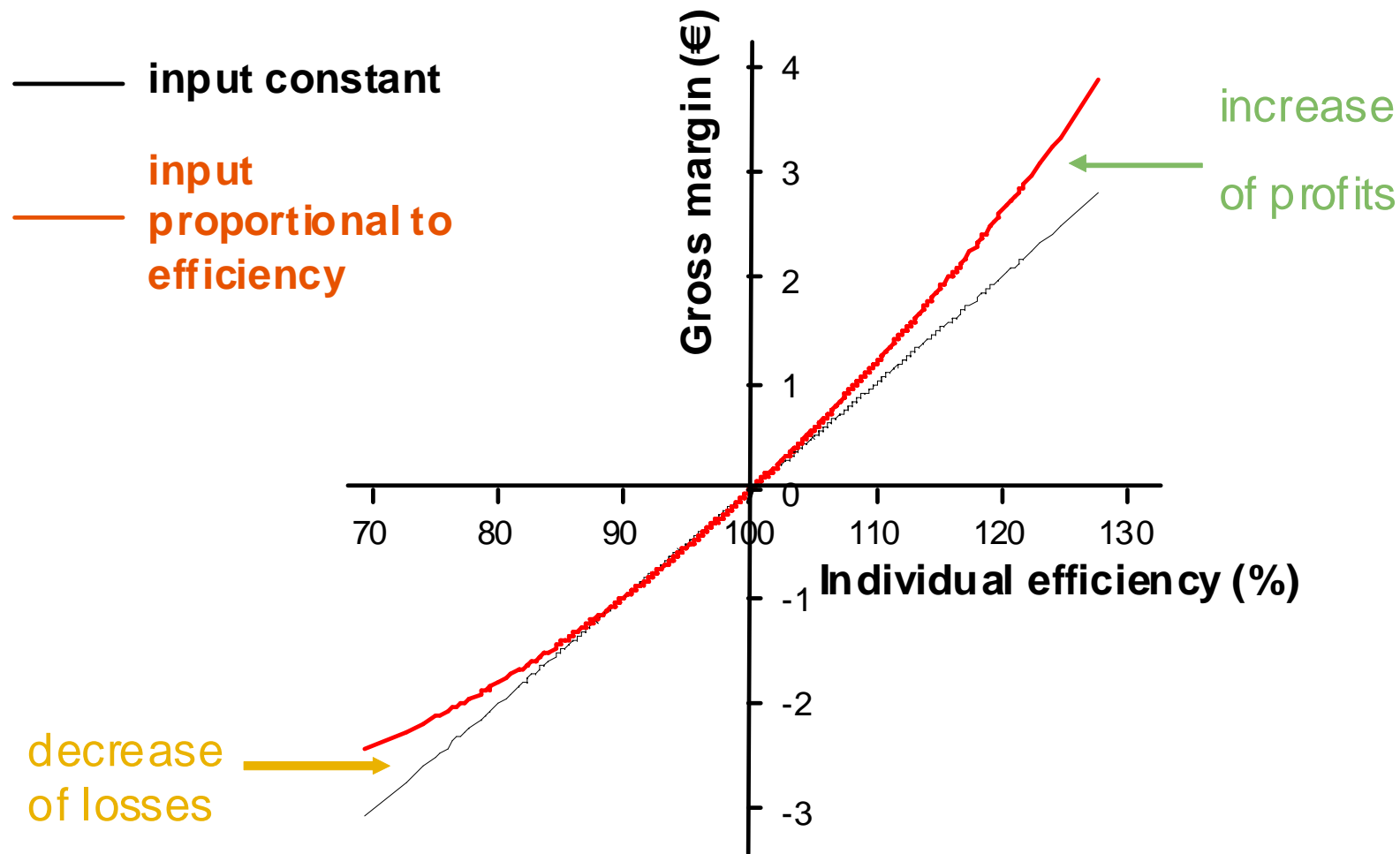
Strategy HTF

- 1 milking robot
- Much milk per cow
- Summerfeeding; zero grazing
- Much milk per ha: few costs for ground
- Feeding robot
- Few machinery - a lot of contract work
- Emphasis on animal health: no cows bought
- Emphasis on cowmanagement

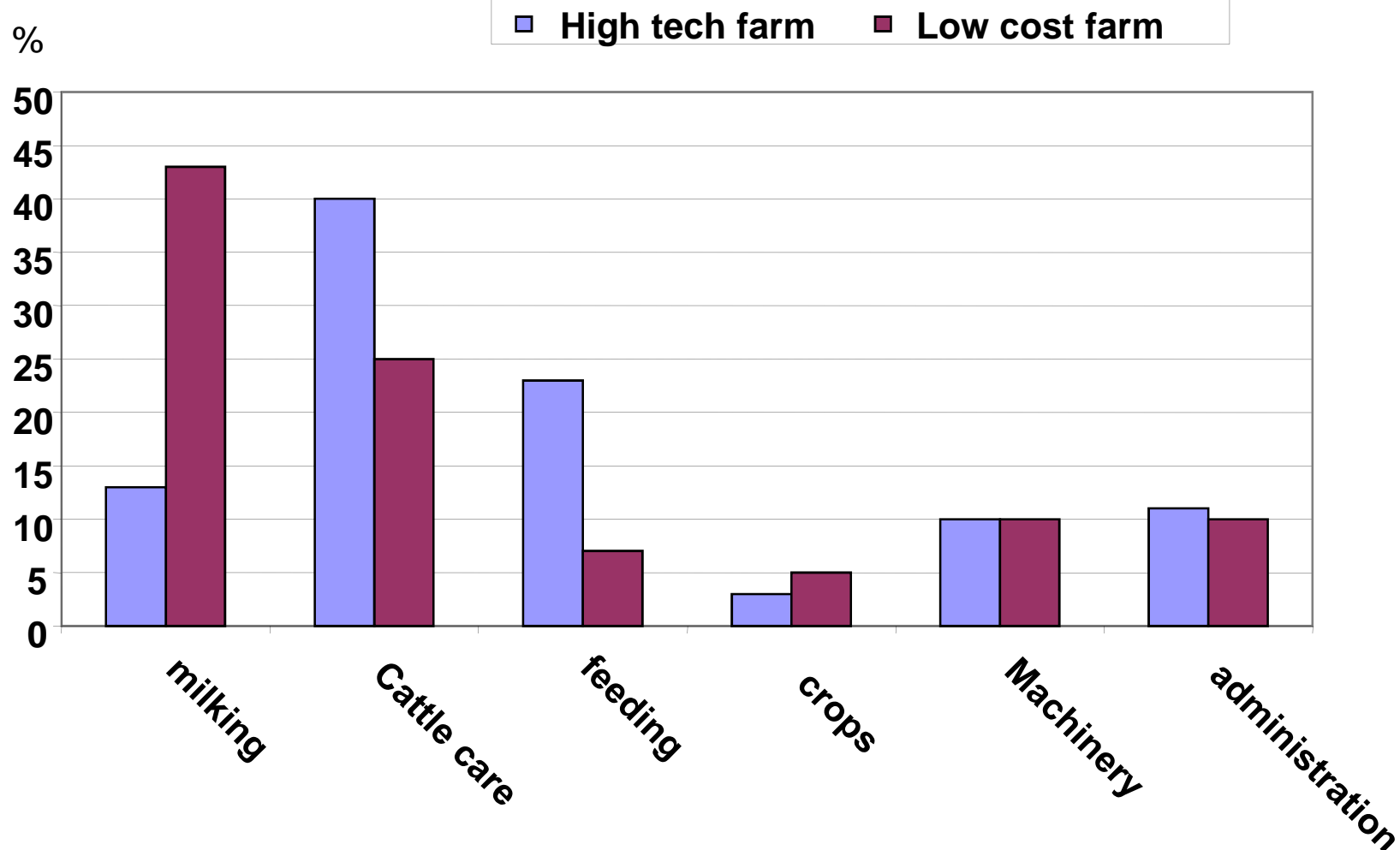
Dynamic feeding system



Variation in efficiency: using it works both ways



Labour: 50 hours per Week!



Cost price 2002

	Practical	LCF	HTF
Costprice milk	41.4	36.5	40.9
Feeding	5.3	3.0	7.2
Cattle and crops	4.1	4.9	5.3
Labour	15.3	11.7	6.9
Contract work	2.1	5.6	5.8
Machinery & installations	5.4	5.7	8.0
Ground and buildings	9.6	7.4	8.2
General costs	2.5	2.2	2.4
Total	44.3	40.5	43.9
Earnings other than milk	2.9	4.0	3.0

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“We are drowning in data
but starving for information” John Naisbett



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Thanks, Paul Galama

