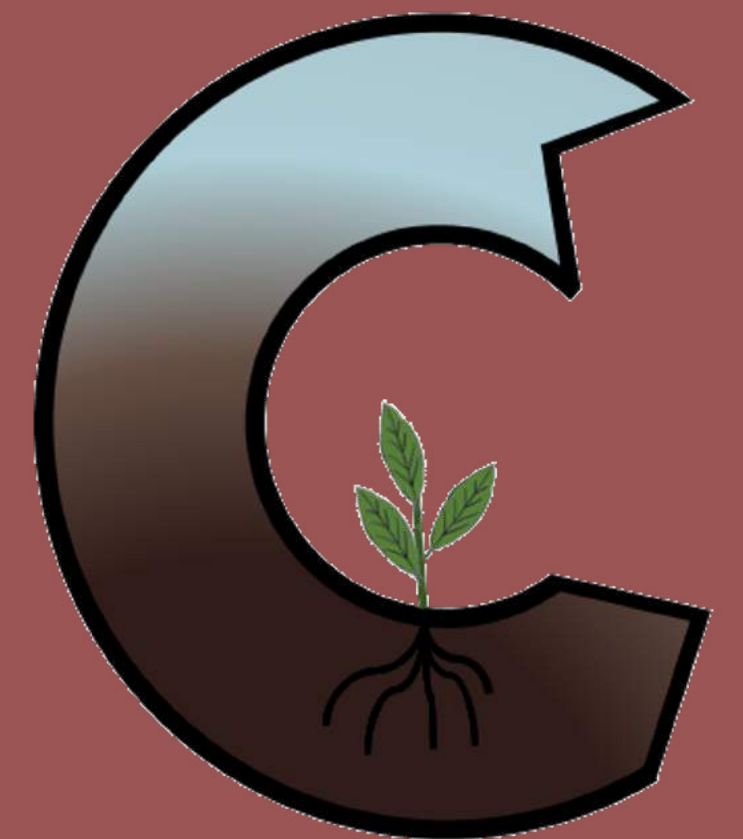


# Soil C tool

## Carbon Farming Conference



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# Soil C tool

Tool for:

- arable farmers, land-bound livestock farmers (e.g., dairy farmers)
- agricultural advisors/accountants, (agricultural) education

Tool to assess:

- carbon in- and outputs
- carbon balance on parcel and farm level
- CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration on parcel and farm level
- change in soil carbon content over time
- the effect of carbon measures



# Why a Practical Soil C tool?

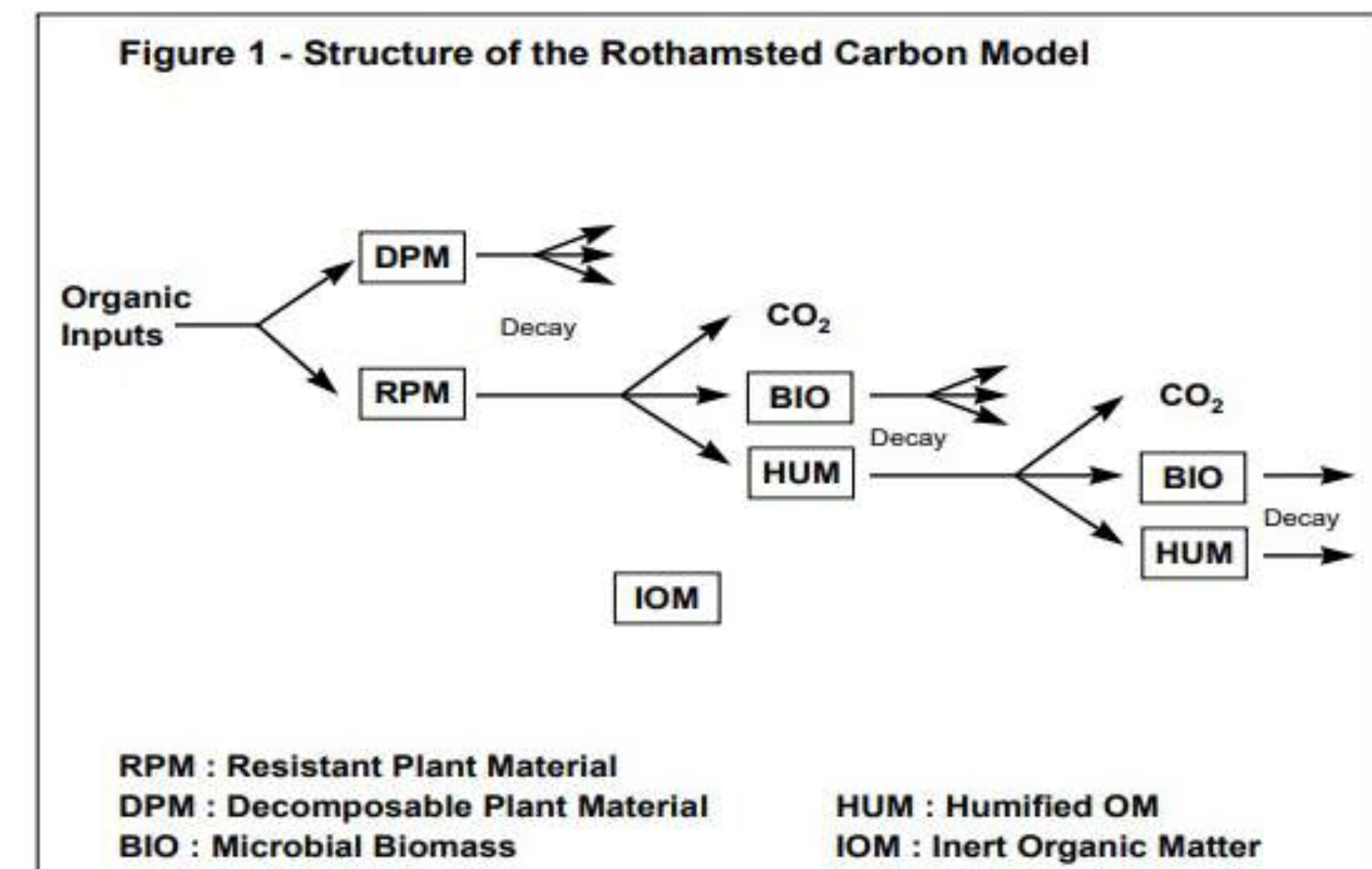
- Farmers indicated the need for a tool to assess the impact of C measures.
- Stimulate the implementation of C measures:
  - Farmer will not invest in C measures if it is unknown what the effect is
  - Effect and decision C measures are situation/farm specific
- Changes in C stock are difficult to measure in the field
- Help reaching the climate goal: 0.5 Mton CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per year extra carbon sequestration in Dutch mineral agricultural soils from 2030 onwards



# Model core: RothC model

- Dynamic model for the turnover of OC in the topsoil
- Globally and scientifically acknowledged
- Validated on long-term experiments
- Mineral soils only
- Turnover of OC depends on T, prec., evaporation, clay content and soil cover
- Input data: soil data, climate data, yields, organic fertilisers, crop management

RothC is also used for the national monitoring



*Coleman and Jenkinson, 2014*

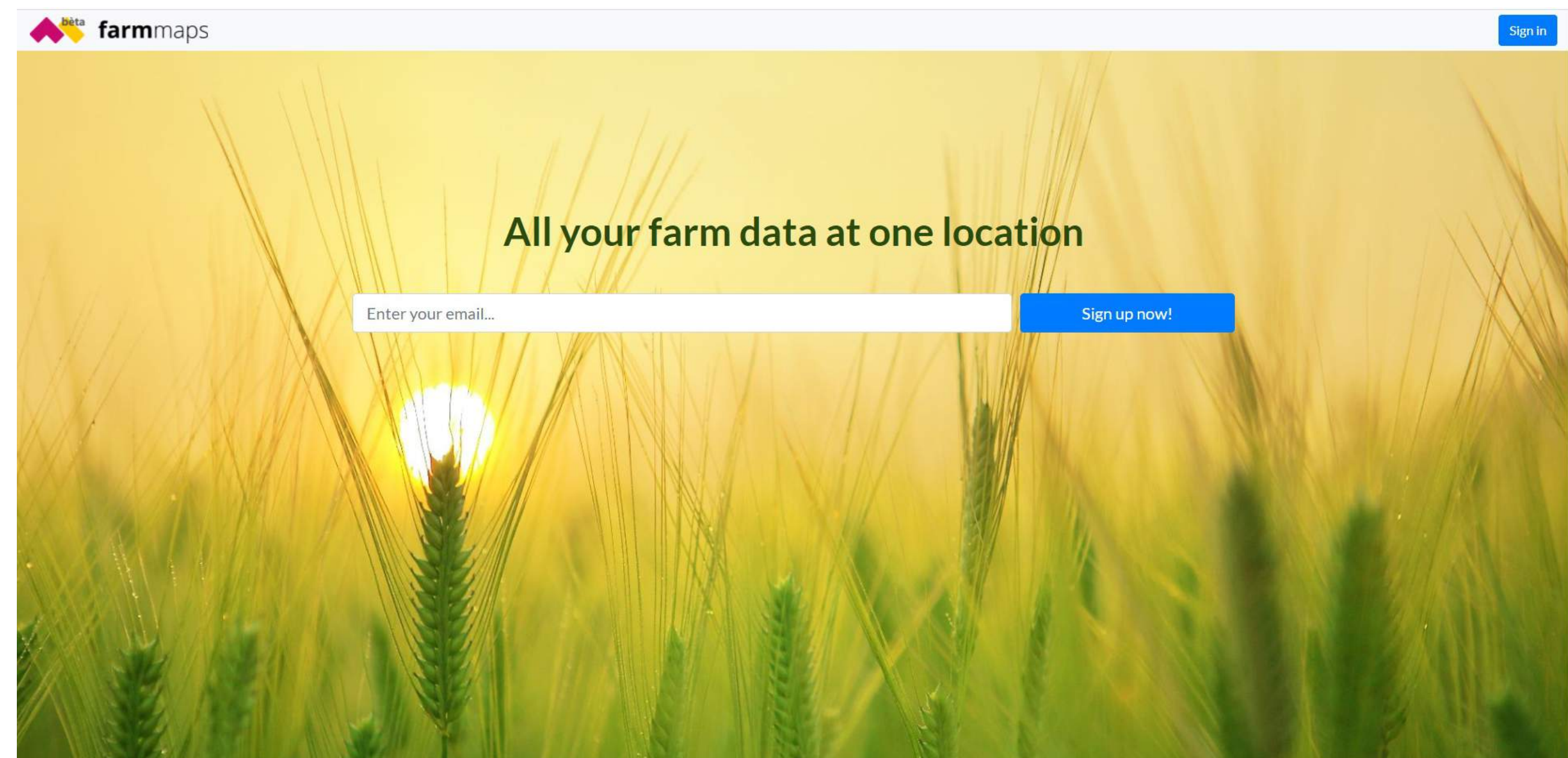


# Interface: application in FarmMaps

## Platform FarmMaps

- Other application besides Soil C tool.
- Available input data (e.g., crop history, crop yield) are automatically linked.
- Data privacy guaranteed (data can only be shared after permission)
- Launched at FarmMaps: end of 2021 or early 2022

<https://farmmaps.eu/en/>





# Interface

1. Create your farm
2. Go to the tool and fill in the required information

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Cropfield 1

Input

Default scenario

scenario 2

Result

Organic manures

Common manure

Area

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Soil

Klei

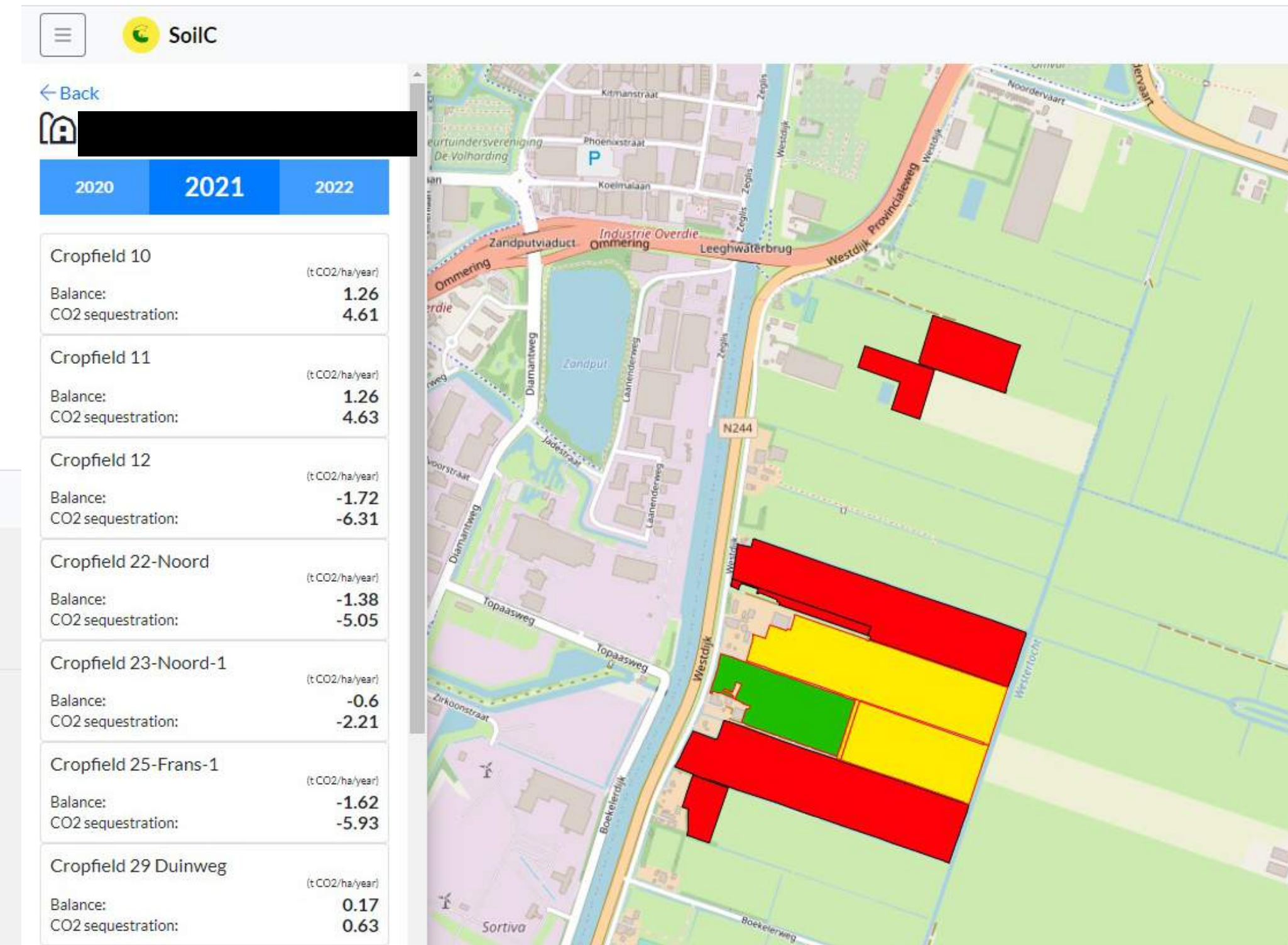
Clay content (%)

30

Organic matter (%)

2.28% - measured in 2018

Year	Crop	Yield (kg/ha)	Green manure	Green manure quality	Organic manure (ton vers/ha)	Straw withdraw	Rotation
2011	Consumptieaardappel	56700	Enter search text	Enter search te	Drijfmest staldieren (30);Compost (10);		
2012	Wintertarwe	9600	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2013	Suikerbiet	91700	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2014	Peulvrucht	2650	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2015	Consumptieaardappel	45800	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2016	Wintertarwe	8700	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2017	Bollen	25000	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
2018	Ui	47800	Enter search text	Enter search te	Click on button to add or edit organic manure		
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Organic matter    Measured year

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2018



2,34

2011



Save



Year

Crop

Yield (kg/ha)

Green manure

Green manure  
quality

Organic manure (ton vers/ha)

Straw  
withdraw

Rotation

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



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2014	Corn cob mix	2650	Engels Raaigras	>4 maanden	<input type="button" value="Click on button to add or edit organic manure"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2015	Grasland	45800	Facelia	<input type="text" value="Enter search text"/>	<input type="button" value="Click on button to add or edit organic manure"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016	Grasland (natuurlijk)	8700	GeleMosterd	<input type="text" value="Enter search text"/>	<input type="button" value="Click on button to add or edit organic manure"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2017	Grasland (permanent)	25000	Grasland	<input type="text" value="Enter search text"/>	<input type="button" value="Click on button to add or edit organic manure"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2021	Consumptieaardappel	91610	<input type="text" value="Enter search text"/>	<input type="text" value="Enter search text"/>	<input type="button" value="Click on button to add or edit organic manure"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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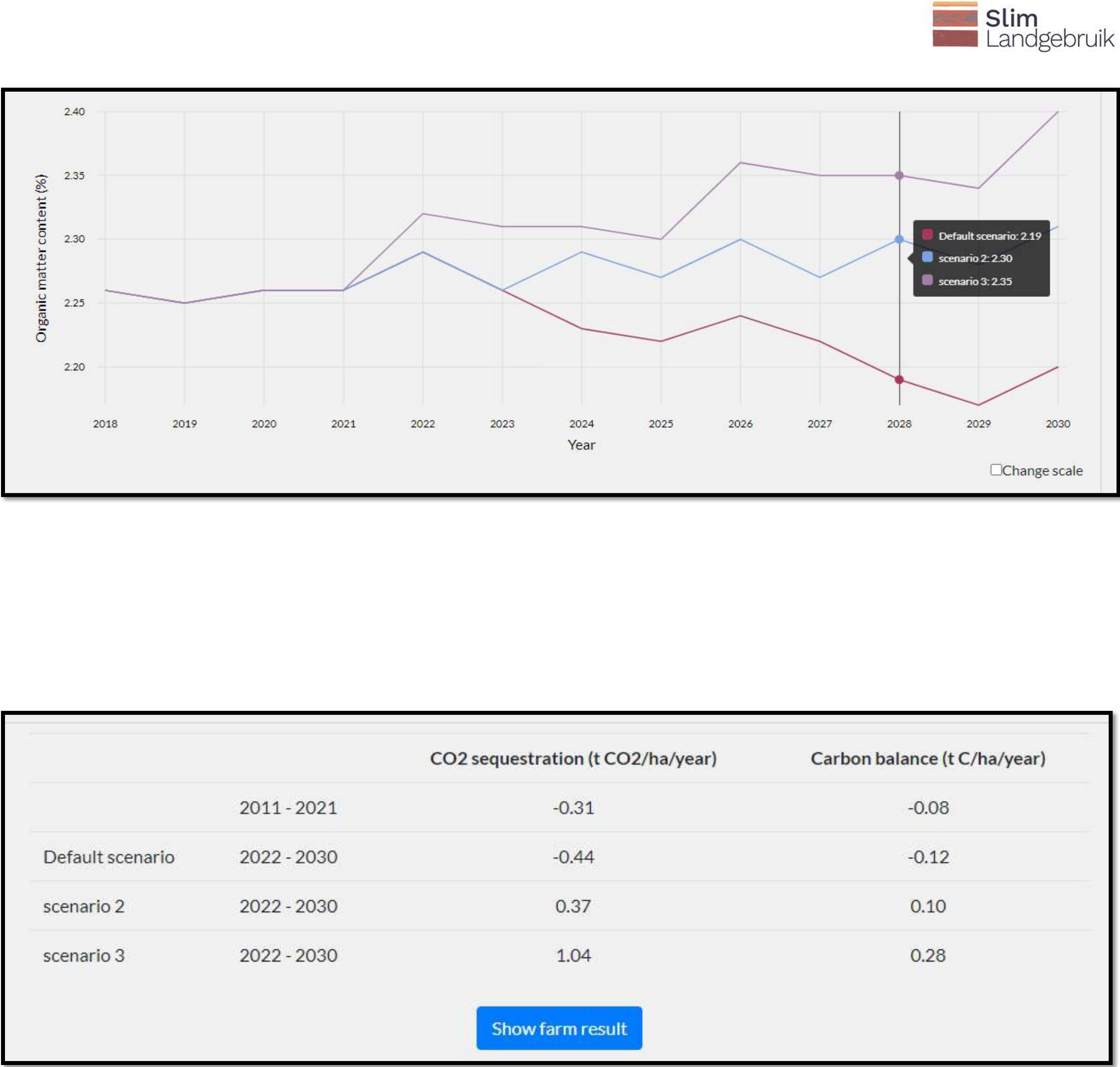
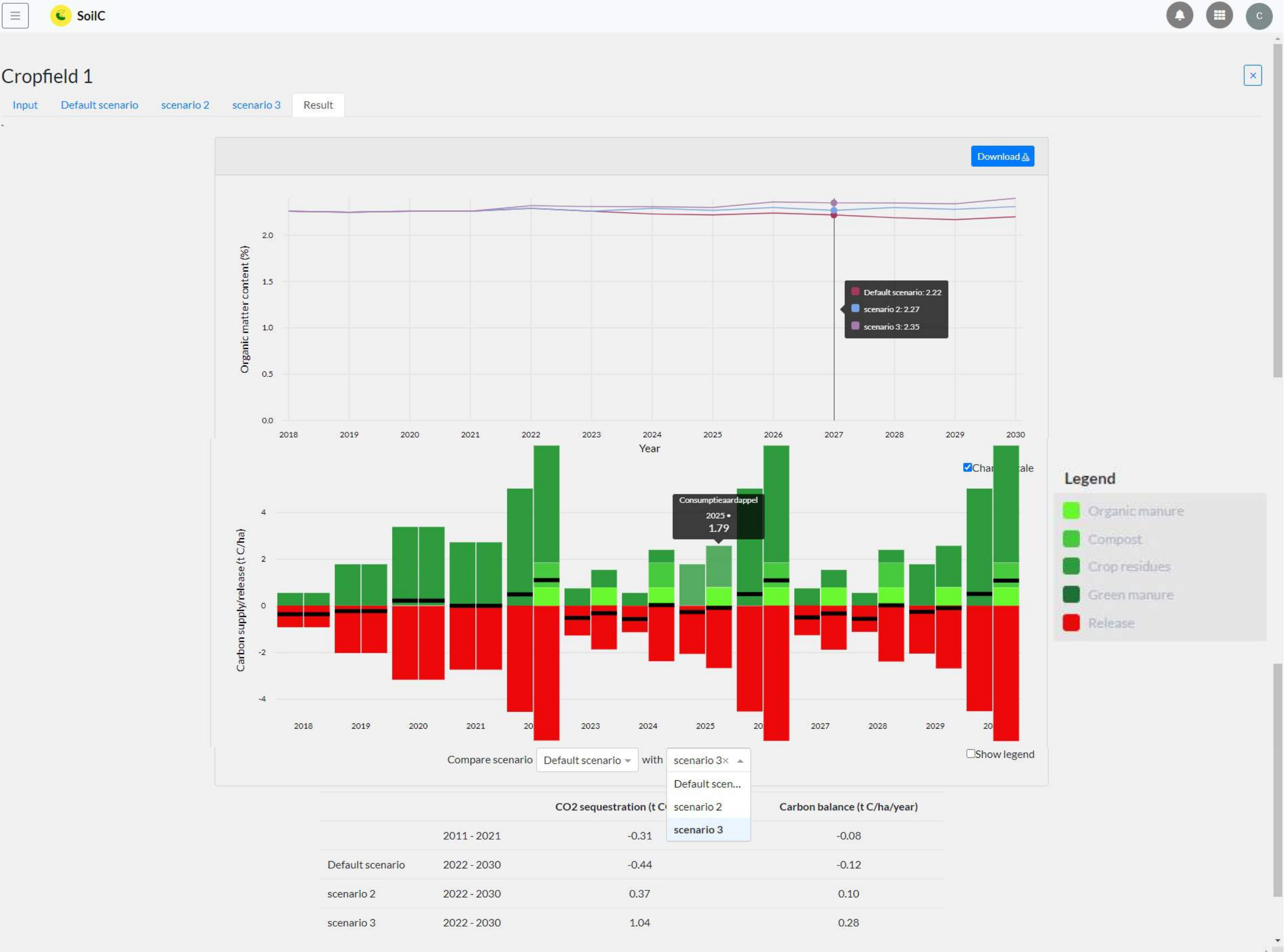
History

Crop rotation

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Copy rotation until year 2030







# C measures

- Extra solid manure (manure for export is processed)
- Reduce crop rotation intensity
- Catchcrop/green manure
- Extra compost
- Leave straw in the field
- Improve crop yield
- Optimize land use (60% permanent grassland, 20% temporary grassland, 20% for maize)
- More permanent grassland (40% temporary grassland and maize will turn into permanent grassland)
- Maize as strips in the grassland
- Field edges
- Bird fields

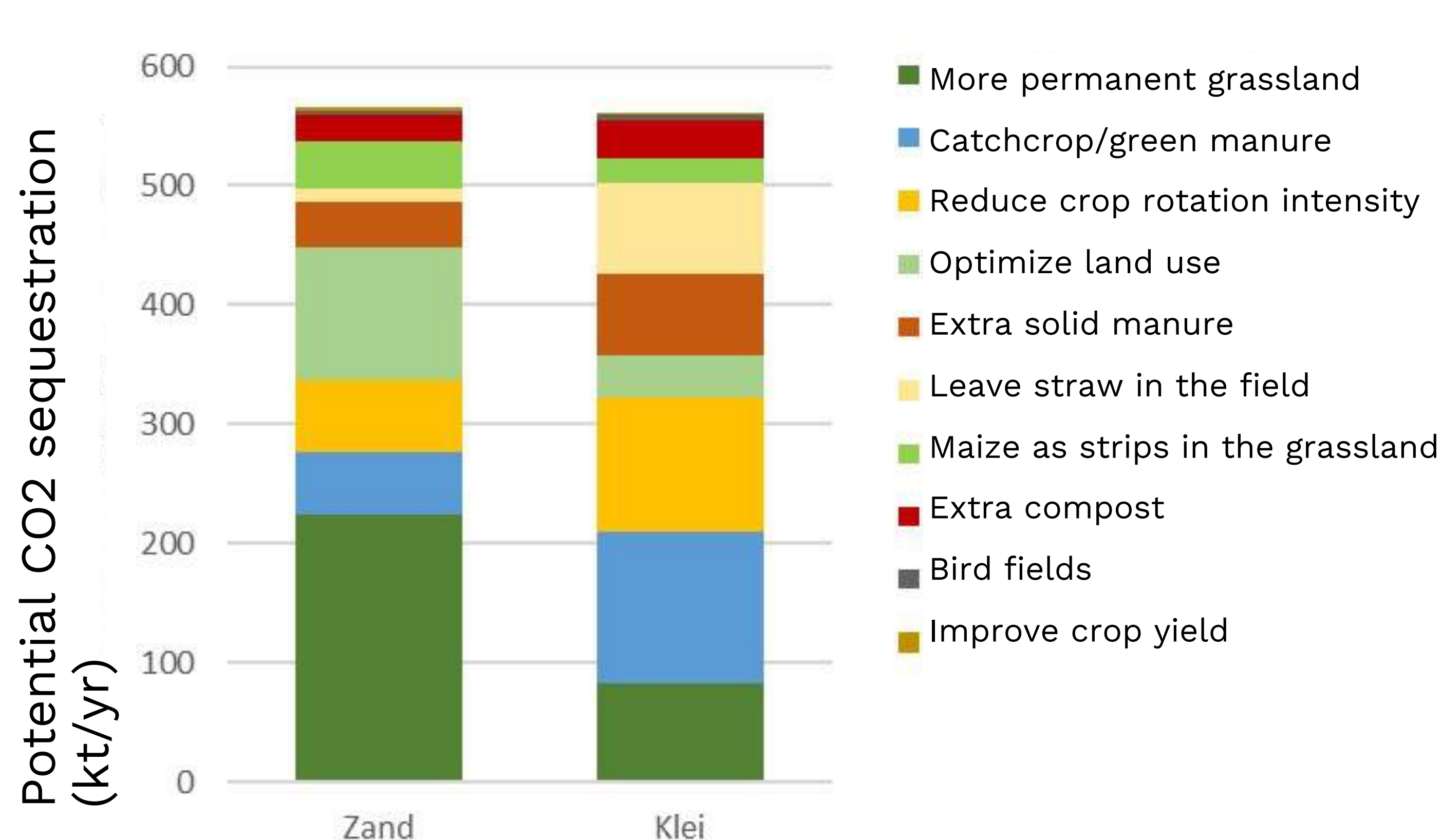
Not included:

- No/reduced ploughing of arable fields
- Agroforestry
- Species rich grassland/deep rooting grasses



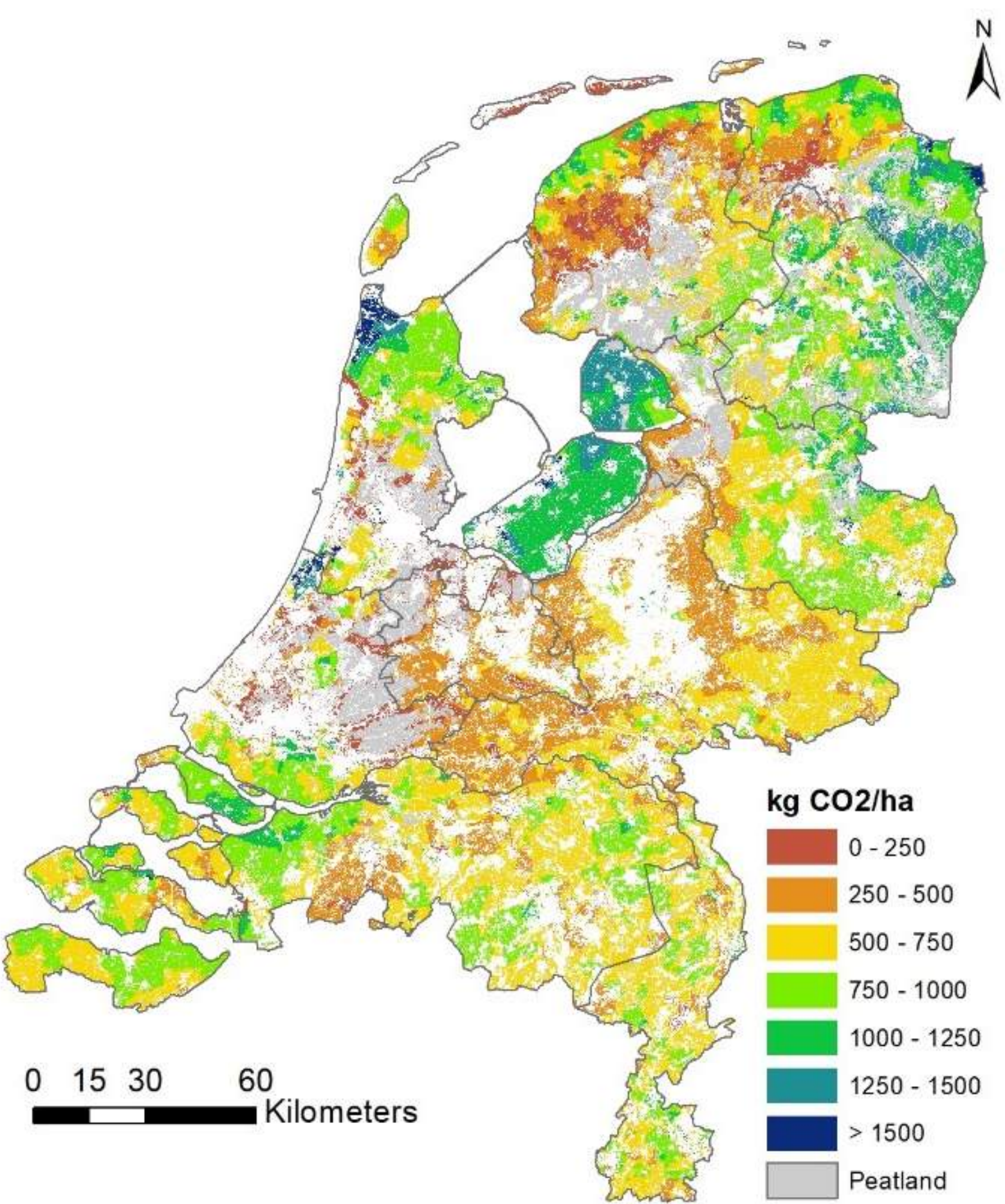


# National potential CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration



Lesschen et al., in press

Combining all measures: 0,9 Mton CO<sub>2</sub>/yesar



Lesschen et al., in press



# Discussion

- In the Netherlands, different C tools available
- Model core differs among these tools → consistency required

Tool	Model core	C balance	CO2 sequestration	Trend in C-content over time	Effect carbon measures	Source	Remarks
Soil C tool	RothC	yes	yes	yes	yes	Slim Landgebruik	Trend lange-termijn
NDICEA	NDICEA	yes	yes (after adaptation)	yes	Yes (some)	LBI	Trend korte-termijn (+-12 yesar)
OS-balans	Application EOM	yes	no	no	no	NMI-Agro	
C-monitor	Application EOM	yes	no	no	no	DLV-Advies	Basal estimations
Eurofins	Application EOM	yes	no	no	no	Eurofins	Does not considere initial OM-content
C-module in Cool Farm Tool	IPCC 2006 guidelines	no	yes	no	yes (some)	IPCC	Not representative for NL
C-module in Kringloopwijzer	Application EOM	no	no	no	no	Van Dijk et al., 2020	Only EOM application to soil is estimated
Bodemconditiescore	No (qualitative assessment)	no	no	no	no	SoilPedia, LBI, WUR, AEQUATOR, BoerenVerstand	Focus on soil quality
Open BodemIndex	No (qualitative assessment)	no	no	no	no	WUR, NMI-Agro, FarmHack	Focus on soil quality
Demeter	RothC	yes	yes	yes	yes (after adaptation)	Vlaamse Land Maatschappij	Used in Flanders
C-slim	RothC	yes	no	yes	no	Bodemkundige Dienst van Belgie	Used in Flanders

- Enroll the visibility of the tool by linking it to other tools/platforms (e.g., Cool Farm Tool, Kringloopwijzer)



Thank you!

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