

## An assessment of the impacts of reducing air pollution from livestock farming in Hungary

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## Outline

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### Background and research objective

#### **Review of the National Emission Ceilings (NEC) Directive**<sup>\*</sup>

- rew national emission reduction commitments for 2020 and 2030
  - ☞ proposal based on the calculations by IIASA (⇒ CAPRI)
- considerable challenge to maintain the profitability and competitiveness of food production while enhancing the protection of the environment
- compliance requires investing at the farm level in new technologies and implementing new farming practices
- **F** influence on structural developments

#### **Research objective**

to project the development of livestock numbers and to assess the impacts of the reduction of air pollutant emissions by applying certain farming techniques in Hungary

\* COM(2013) 920 final

SO<sub>2</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>4</sub> PM2.5 NO<sub>x</sub> NMVOC

### Focus points and assumptions

#### **Agent-based simulation model**\*

- FADN data from individual farms
- agents maximize revenues

#### **Focus points**

- ൙ air pollutant: ammonia
  - 90-95% of agricultural origin
- action: covering manure stores
- P livestock sectors: dairy cows & slaughter pigs

#### Assumptions regarding the action

- baseline: CLE
- Scenario: no covered manure storage except for livestock farms with biogas production facilities
  - costs of covering calculated according to official construction standards and regulation (59/2008/FVM) on the size requirement of manure stores
- action and relevant additional costs taken into account from 2015 on



<sup>\*</sup> Potori, N., Kovács, M., Vásáry, V. (2013) The Common Agricultural Policy 2014-2020: an impact assessment of the new system of direct payments in Hungary, *Studies in Agricultural Economics*, no. 115, pp. 118-123.

## Livestock density in the EU versus the NH<sub>3</sub> reduction ceilings proposed by the European Commission in 2013



Source: Eurostat and COM(2013) 920 final

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## CAPRI: projected development of the number of dairy cows<sup>\*</sup> in Hungary until 2030



Source: IIASA and Hungarian Central Statistical Office (2015 = 1 December, 2014) \* Including dual purpose breeds

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## CAPRI: projected development of the number of pigs in Hungary until 2030



Source: IIASA and Hungarian Central Statistical Office (2015 = 1 December, 2014)

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## AKI projection methodology

**Time frame** 

- 2015-2030
- ☞ base year = 2013 FADN data

#### **Exogenous variables**

- Central Statistical Office data
- **Gereich Construction and Series and Series**
- Prospects for agricultural markets & income in the EU 2014-2024 by the EU Commission

#### **Policy assumptions**

- **CAP direct payments 2015-2020**
- ational direct payments 2015-2020
- status quo after 2020

#### Method of projections

- dynamic cycle: 2015-2024
- Inear projections: 2024-2030

#### **Projection process**



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## AKI: projected development of the number of dairy cows<sup>\*</sup> in Hungary until 2030 versus CAPRI

**Main drivers** 

400 *coupled support & national aid* 

raw milk demand in RO, IT & CR



Source: IIASA, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (2015 = 1 December, 2014) and AKI calculations \* Including dual purpose breeds

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## AKI: projected development of the number of pigs in Hungary until 2030 versus CAPRI



Source: IIASA, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (2015 = 1 December, 2014) and AKI calculations

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## Modelling results<sup>\*</sup>: changes in livestock numbers versus 2015





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# Modelling results<sup>\*</sup>: slowdown of growth in the number of pigs for slaughter by herd size in the 2020 scenario



Source: AKI calculations \* Preliminary

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### **Conclusions and discussion**

**CAPRI versus AKI baseline projections: contradicting results** 

- **proposed emission reduction ceilings may need to be reassessed**
- development of livestock numbers are indirectly 'locked in' these, thus legislation may have a distorting effect on the EU market
- flexibility measures may need to be considered to help livestock sectors adjust to internal and international market developments

#### AKI baseline versus AKI scenario: slowdown of growth

as demonstrated in the case of pig farming, different herd size categories could be impacted differently which may affect the development of the production structure

#### Not considered

- monitoring of compliance with ever stricter environmental standards puts additional administrative burden on farmers, thereby rendering production even more difficult
- decline in CAP support after 2020 may trigger further decrease in livestock numbers

## CAPRI: projected development of the number of pigs in Poland until 2030



Source: IIASA and Polish Central Statistical Office (2015 = 1 December, 2014)

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