eGylle Danish manure registration system

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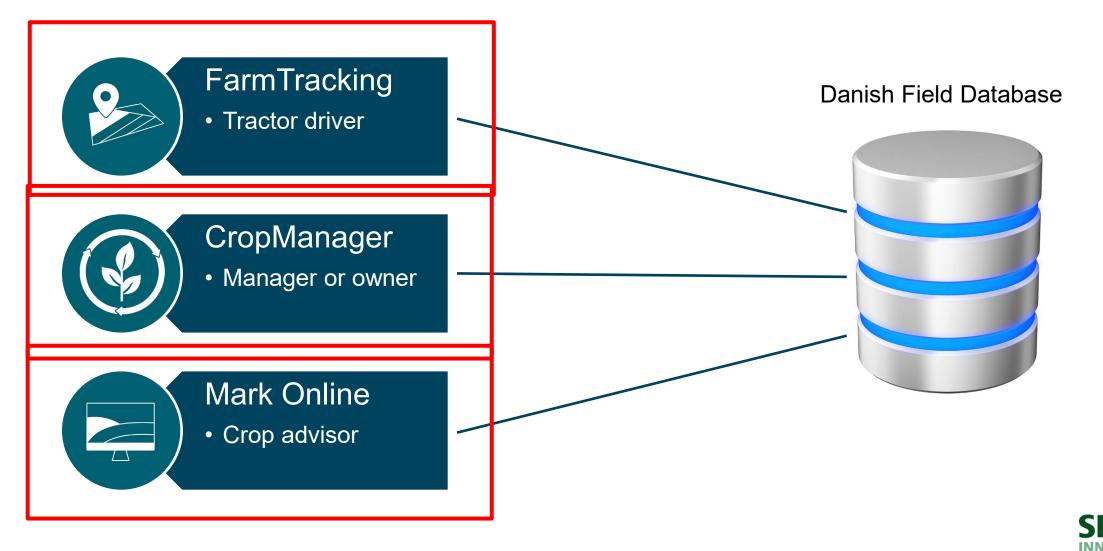


Promilleafgiftsfonden for landbrug



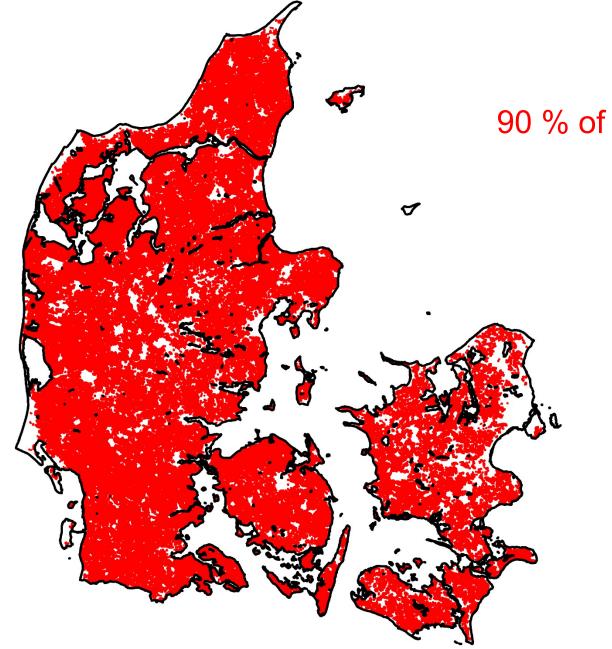


Three decision support tools – one database



eGylle improves the data in the database and improves the fertilizer plan

Coverage of fields in Danish Field Database



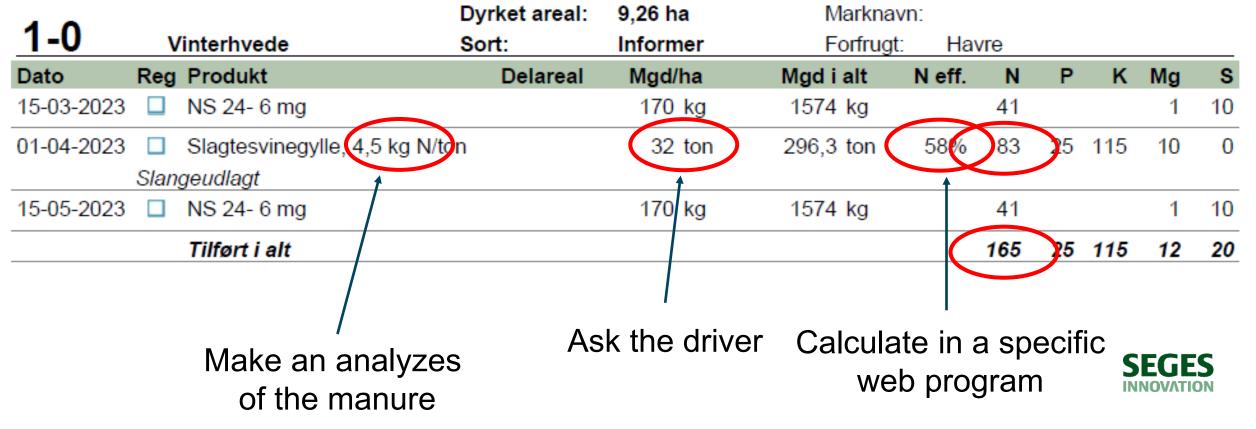
90 % of the total farm area!





What is the challenge?

- The fertilizer plan must be precise
 - Farmers and advisers are using a lot of time optimizing it!
- However, one piece of information is unprecise:
 - The utilized amount of nitrogen in applied manure



Fertilizing by standard figures

- Some fields get too much nitrogen
 - Lodging
 - Difficult harvest
 - Increased nitrate leaching
- Some fields get too little nitrogen
 - Yield losses
 - Reduced protein level



Quite simple! Improved planning makes money!

Tank	Slurry	N-conc.,
no.	amount,	kg NH ₄ -N per
	ton	ton
1	1.100	2,52
2	2.500	2,72
3	4.000	2,95
4	2.500	2,84
5	900	2,00
6	1.500	3,77
7	2.500	2,81
8	3.000	4,01

Gain by using slurry analyzes:

- Increased yield: 0.06 tonnes per ha = 12€
- Lower nitrate leaching: about 1 kg N per ha
- Less lodging and easier harvest

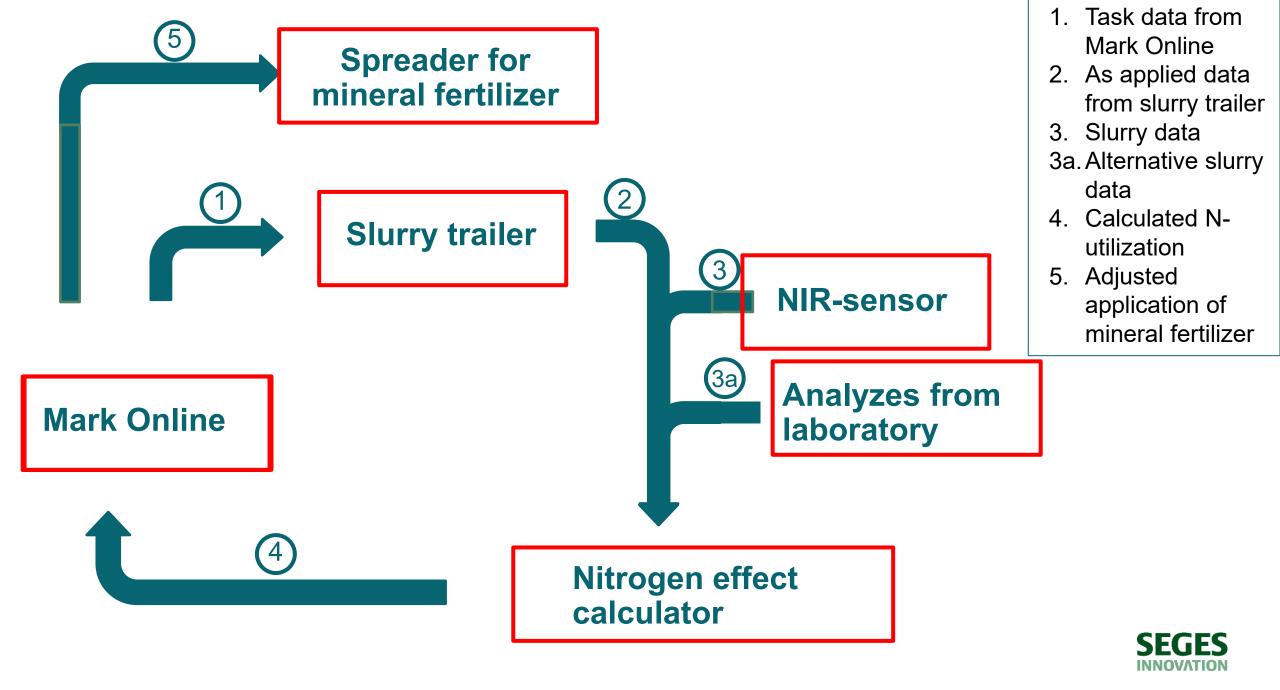


Precise data is good, but it...

- It takes time
- It costs money
- Data disappears on the way
- Data must be registered manually
- Results are maybe too late for future actions
- Too few farmers are doing it

That's is why it needs to be done automatically!





eGylle delivers precise information about utilized nitrogen in manure

- Precise amount of applied slurry
- Precise slurry composition
 - Automatic transfer of data from laboratory
 - NIR or NMR-sensor on slurry trailer
- Calculated N-utilization based on
 - Amount of slurry per hectare
 - Slurry composition
 - Weather data
 - Danish Meteorological Institute
 - Local weather station



What is the value for the farmer?

- Most important tool in precision farming
 - More precise application <u>between</u> fields
 - Higher value than precision farming within the field!
- Important tool for making "dynamic fertilizer planning" easy
- Satisfying, that the fertilizer plan actually reflects reality
 - Makes the fertilizer plan an active tool
 - Not just a piece of paper in the drawer



Challenges for implementation

- Data standardization between manufactures
 - ISO-XML and AgriRouter have made things easier
- Data collection and transmission from slurry trailers
 - Flowmeters doesn't mean, that data is collected and stored
- NIR- and NMR-sensors are not reliable yet
- Dynamic fertilizer planning is a new way of thinking for farmers and advisers



Thanks for your attention...

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