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# Livestock & climate

## Integral approach in the Netherlands

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## About Harry Kager

- **Grown up on a dairy farm (see background picture)**
- **Many years of experience as a policy advisor**
- **Now working together with Wageningen University & Research and many others on reducing emissions in the livestock sector (cows, pigs, goats, calves)**
- **Financed by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality**
- **Not in a OP at the moment; but open for opportunities**





# The integral approach

Dutch Ministry of agriculture has chosen for a major programme of 10 years.

The programme consists of:

- Measuring emissions on farms
- Research on reduction options
- Pilots on farms
- A network of dairy farmers
- Knowledge sharing

Aim is to get new insights and practical solutions for farmers to reduce emissions of ammonia and methane (integral approach needed).

The best solutions are (and have to be) also profitable/sustainable on the long term.





# Research in this programme on reduction of emissions

## Animal (methane)

- Utilize variation between cows (breeding after 2025)
- Effect of nurture at a young age

## Optimizing feed (methane en ammonia)

- Optimizing grassland (management)

## Manure (methane, nitrous oxide, ammonia)

- Techniques to reduce emissions in the stable
- Techniques to reduce emissions in the manure storage
- Techniques to oxidate emissions

## Management farmer (methane en ammonia)

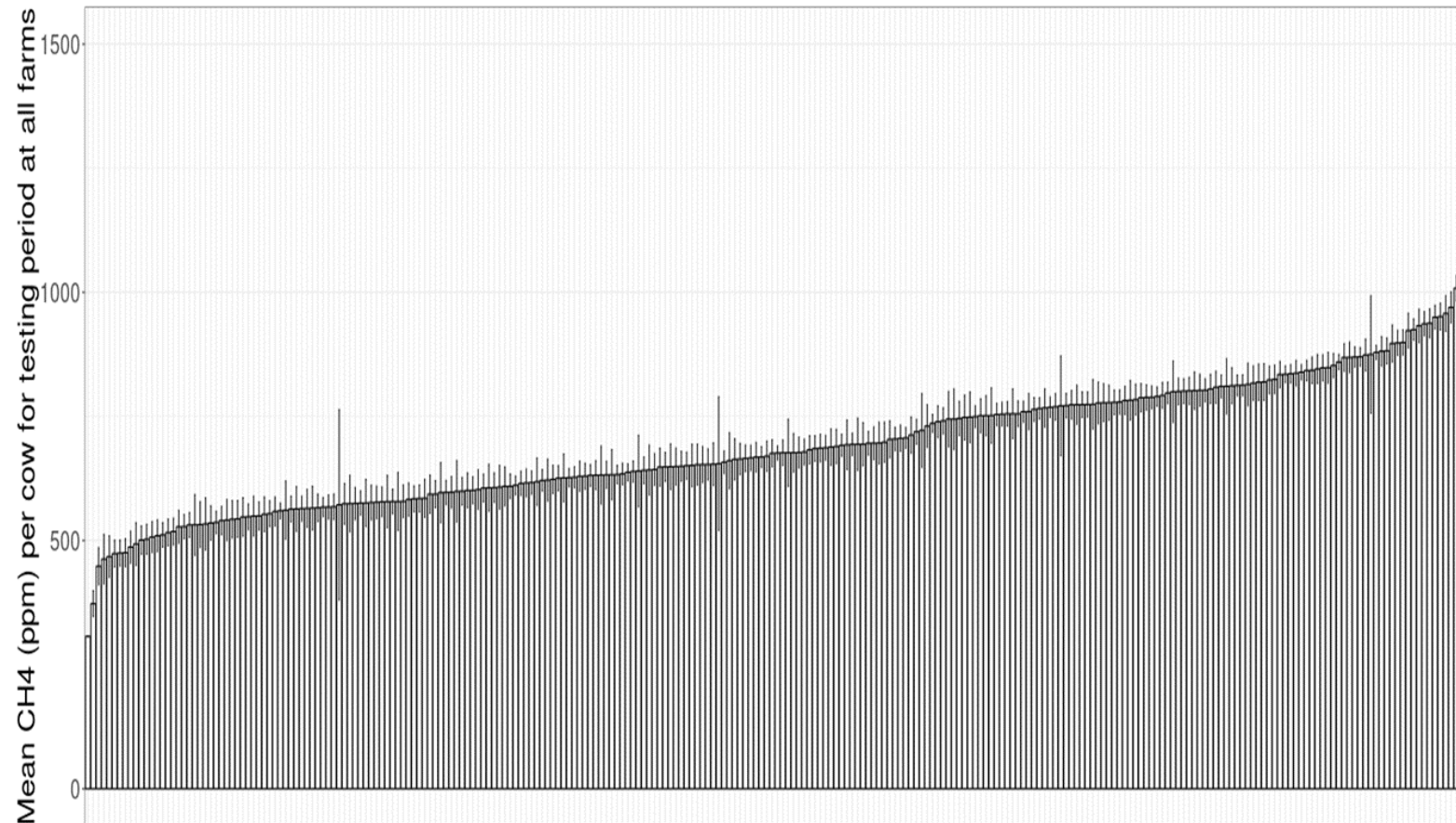
- Clean stables
- Optimize animal welfare







# Results of measurements individual cows





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# Pilots methane oxidation (2 examples of tested techniques)

## Burning methane:



## Using micro-organisms in the soil:





# Pilots methane oxidation (2 examples of tested techniques)

## Challenges for farmers/experts involved:

There was less methane coming out of the manure storage then expected by experts

## Challenges for the farmers when burning methane:

- Burning methane caused the neighbourhood to panic a little bit;
- Worries about safety issues.

## Challenges for the farmers when using the soil:

- It took long to get a permit of local governments (how to explain what you want to test?)
- Quite an easy technique and very cheap to implement

## Conclusions

- A. Major differences measured between emissions of individual farms and cows
- B. These differences give strong leads how to reduce emissions
- C. Good possibilities to reduce emissions by optimising feed, management and techniques
- D. More pilots needed on farms (cows, pigs, goats, calves) to test reduction possibilities

More information about the Integral Approach:  
[www.integraalaanpakken.nl](http://www.integraalaanpakken.nl)

The research has been possible because of cooperation with Dutch farmers!!



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