

## Agroforestry in Belgium

### Stakeholders Policy challenges

- Inventory of problems for each region and how was it solved
- Factsheets: current policy an AF at regional level
- Agroforestry as answer to requirements of policy within the EU
- Public policies without adequate strategy
- Legal framework non dynamic. Regulation non adapted to new productive and processing models.

### Policy recommendations

- 1.- Development of working groups to fit funds to existing challenges, reduce bureaucracy at minimum and adapt the legal framework for agroforestry practices implementation in both forest and agricultural land uses.
- 2.- Develop advisory systems linked to global and local research.
- 3.- Establish a short, intermediate and long term strategy to ensure agroforestry transition based on knowledge and digitalization.
- 4.- Understanding agroforestry as a land management ecosystem services provider and a value chain promotion linked to the use of the territory.
- 5.- Better understanding between the different ministries (i.e. environment and agriculture).

<b>STATE:</b>	<b>Belgium</b>		Agrisilviculture	0,00%	0,10%
Nut level:	1		Agrosilvopasture	0,00%	0,00%
Eurostat code:	BE2		Kitchen gardens	0,85%	0,35%
Area (km <sup>2</sup> ):	13.429		<b>Holding type</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>	Natural person (ha)	492.430	462.140
Population	6.559.294	6.709.787	Legal person (ha)	128.110	154.450
Density (p km <sup>-2</sup> )	488	500	Group holding and Common land unit (ha)	-	-
<b>Cover data</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>	Natural person (holder)	19.720	17.000
Forest	19,14%	15,95%	Legal person (holder)	4.260	4.760
Arable land	30,01%	28,44%	Group holding and Common land unit (holder)	-	-
Permanent crops	0,24%	0,13%	<b>Regional Used Agricultural Area</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2023</b>
Agroforestry	4,80%	5,50%	Farm number	23.980	21.760
Shrubland	0,97%	0,86%	Farm ha (UAA)	620.530	616.600
Grassland	24,91%	27,33%	<b>Animal populations (Thousand head)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Agroforestry Practice Cover</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>			
Silvopasture	3,95%	5,05%			

Live bovine animals	1.283	1.234
Dairy cows	331	347
Non dairy cows	165	137
Live swine, domestic species	5.832	5.037
Live sheep	-	-
Live goats	-	-

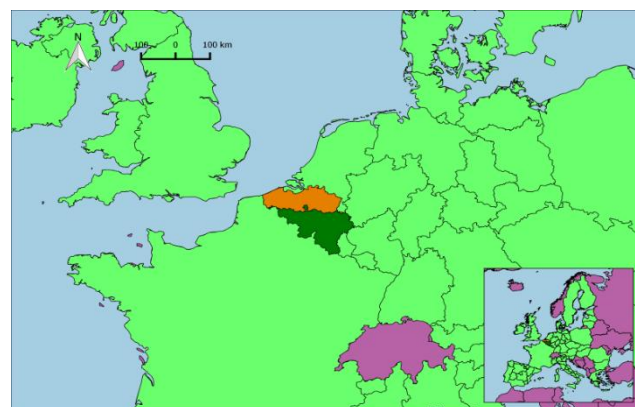
<b>CROPS (Hectares)</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2023</b>
Utilised agricultural area	620.530	616.600
Cereals for the production of grain (including seed)	139.150	137.760
Common wheat and spelt	70.690	71.210
Durum wheat	-	-
Rye and winter cereal mixtures (maslin)	220	540
Barley	17.760	18.180
Oats and spring cereal mixtures	550	260
Grain maize and corn-cob-mix	47.360	45.670
Rice	-	-
Dry pulses and protein crops for the production of grain	500	1.910
Industrial crops	6.640	5.770
Cotton seed and fibre	-	-
Other oilseed crops n.e.c.	30	40
Fibre crops	-	4.120
Aromatic, medicinal and culinary plants	-	380
Plants harvested green from arable land	173.100	168.750

Green maize	117.480	116.080
Kitchen gardens	-	-

## Rural Development Interventions promoting agroforestry

### ENVCLIM(70) - Environmental, climate-related and other management commitments

Interventions	2
Forestry	0
Crop diversification including woody perennials	2
Crop rotation including woody perennials	0
Livestock including woody perennials	0
Woody perennials to reduce soil erosion	0
Woody perennials to add organic matter	0
Woody perennials to reduce soil chemical contamination	0
Animal welfare using woody perennials	0
Permanent Grasslands with woody perennials	0
Agroforestry on Permanent Crops	0
Interventions	2



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