

# From Conventional to Regenerative Agriculture through Carbon Farming with farmers in the centre

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#### Conventional agriculture is feeding the world...

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#### ...for the next 60 years at the maximum



## Conventional agriculture is part of the climate problem and is being challenged



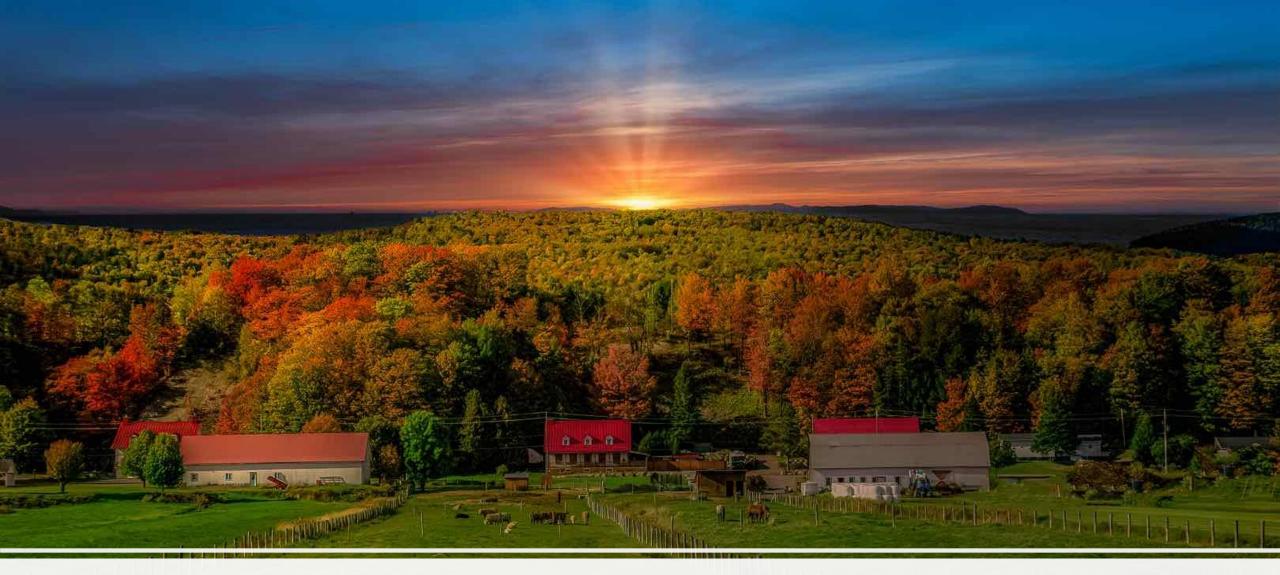
Massive soil loss



Contribution to climate change



Political pressure



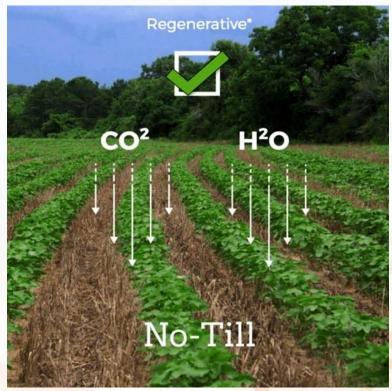
#### Regenerative agriculture is the solution

### How do we get there in a way, which is not threatening an individual farm's financial viability?



## How do we speed and scale up the second wave of regenerative agriculture practices?



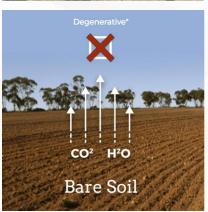


All year-round ground cover

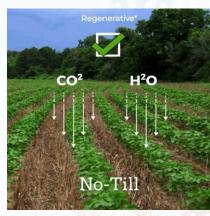
Zero tillage

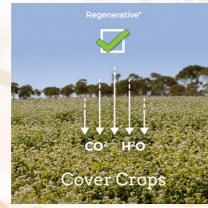
## The solution: agricultural carbon credit – paying farmers for additional carbon captured and stored in their soils













Marathon starts now – you are invited to join us!

## We are grateful for your attention and we are looking forward to the future!







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### Backup Slides



### European Carbon Farmers – internal

#### Our Why?, How? & What?

#### What?

 Starting with bringing the Cool Farm Tool to Poland.

#### How?

- •Bridging the gap between agriculture and the public by education.
- •Developing agricultural carbon credit payments in Poland.

#### Why?

 Agriculture can – and should – be the key part of climate change solution – we want to unleash this potential in a financially viable way for each farmer.

## We have turned this challenge into a validated opportunity









Mar-Apr 2019

Jun 2020

Sep-Oct 2020

Nov 2020

Nov 2019



Jul-Sep 2020



Oct 2020 - on-going

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on-going Nov-Dec 2020

#### We continue on our path in 2021







Q1 2021

Q2 2021

Q4 2021

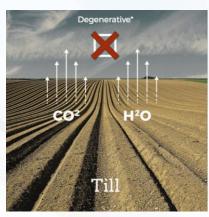
Q1 2021 & beyond

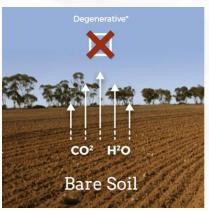


Q3 2021

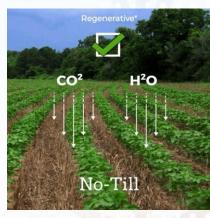


## Our actions are informed by a validated theory of change









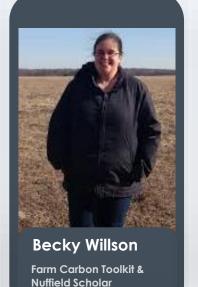


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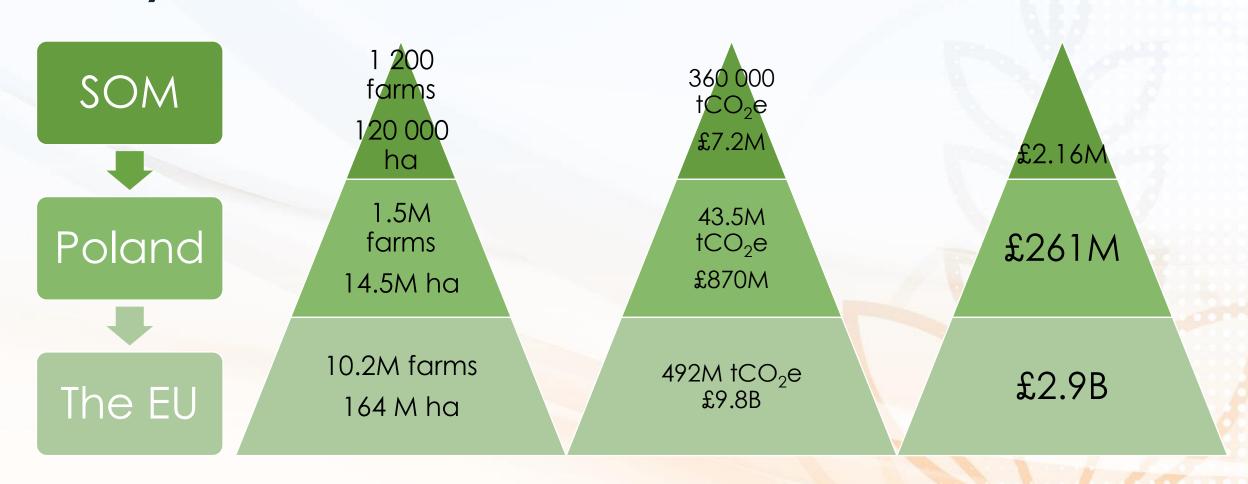




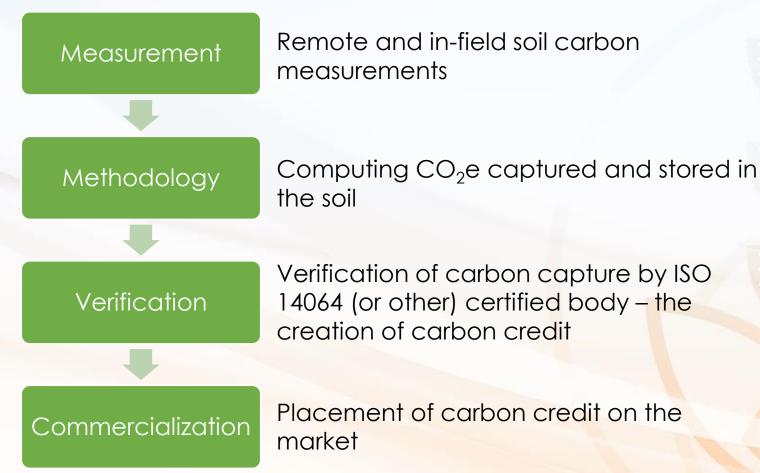




## Our mission defines our market: making each European farm emissions negative – in a profitable way



## The carbon credit commercialization mechanism has four stages and monetization takes place annually





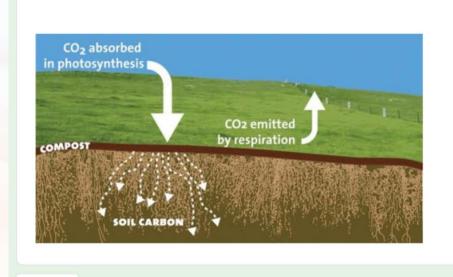
## Carbon Farming – research

## Survey on carbon farming in Poland: <a href="https://bit.ly/2HP0t8e">https://bit.ly/2HP0t8e</a>

#### Rolnictwo węglowe w Polsce i na świecie

Szanowny Rolniku - dziękujemy za Twoje zainteresowanie rolnictwem węglowym!

W tej ankiecie będziemy chcieli zapoznać Cię z przykładami rolnictwa węglowego na świecie, a także zrozumieć jakie praktyki rolnictwa węglowego już prowadzisz, albo chciałbyś prowadzić w Twoim gospodarstwie rolnym.

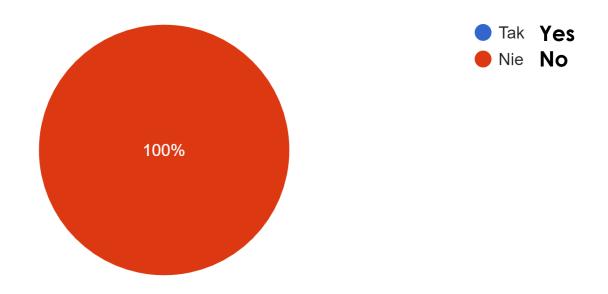


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## Survey results [1]: Are you aware of the Cool Farm Tool?

Czy byłaś/byłeś świadomy istnienia the Cool Farm Tool? 30 responses

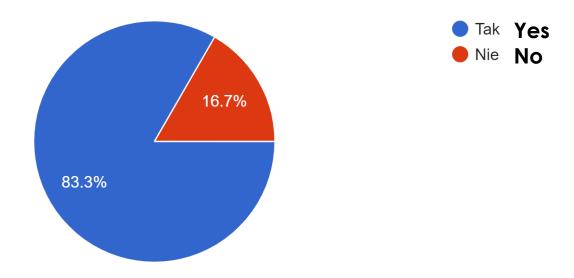


### Survey results [2]: Do you agree that the economy, including agriculture, has to decarbonize?



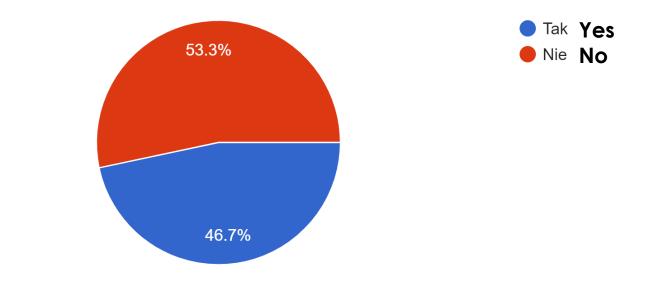
## Survey results [3]: Do you think emissions regulations in the EU are coming?

Czy Ty również myślisz, iż regulacje emisyjności rolnictwa nadchodzą? 30 responses



### Survey results [4]: Is your farm ready for those regulations if they were to be implemented today?

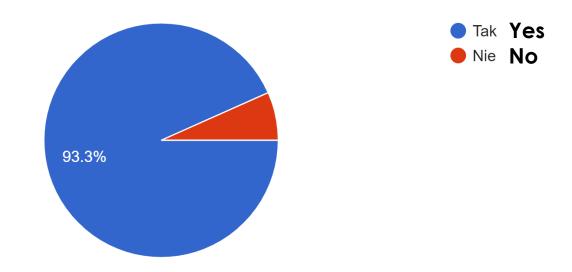
Czy Twoje gospodarstwo rolne jest gotowe na te regulacje jeżeli weszłyby one w życie dzisiaj? <sup>30 responses</sup>



## Survey results [5]: Are you interested in developing carbon farming on your farm?

Czy jesteś zainteresowany rozwojem praktyk rolnictwa węglowego w Twoim gospodarstwie rolnym?

30 responses





## Ciasnocha Family Farms

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#### Farming in the Vistula Delta since the 1970s



Conventional cereals production

•Till 2004 (Poland enters the EU)



#### Regenerative Agriculture 1.0

- •2004-2008
- •Spring crops with cover crops
- Min-tillage



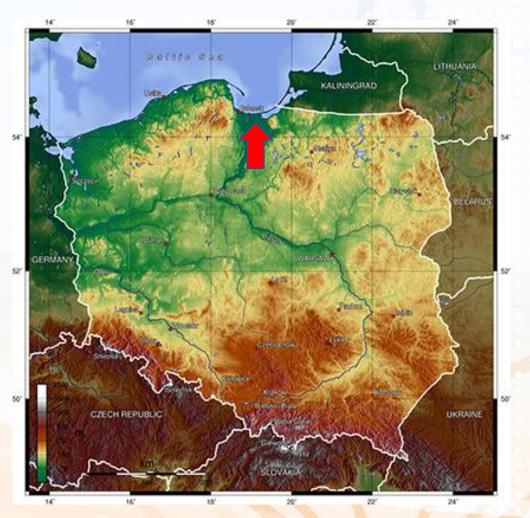
#### Regenerative Agriculture 2.0

- •2008-now
- Permanent grassland



#### Regenerative Agriculture 3.0

- Livestock integration?
- •Pollinator strips?
- Agro-forestry?







Ciasnocha Family Farms (2): cutting



#### Ciasnocha Family Farms (3): tedding



Ciasnocha Family Farms (4): windrowing



Ciasnocha Family Farms (5): balling



Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): logistics



Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): storage (1)

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## Ciasnocha Family Farms (6): storage (2)





As our family farm shows: farming cannot be green when farmers are in the red

### Ciasnocha Family Farms' climate mitigation perspective:

- From net emitter of GHG in 2004 to the net capturer of CO<sub>2</sub> since 2008 onwards.
- 6.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha/year (Cool Farm Tool)
- $6.5 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e/ha} \times 700\text{ha} = 4,550 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e/year}$

### Ciasnocha Family Farms' financial perspective:

- 6.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha/year (Cool Farm Tool) x  $£20/CO_2$ e = £130/ha
- £130/ha x 700ha = £91,000
- £130/ha = 40% of the current farm profit

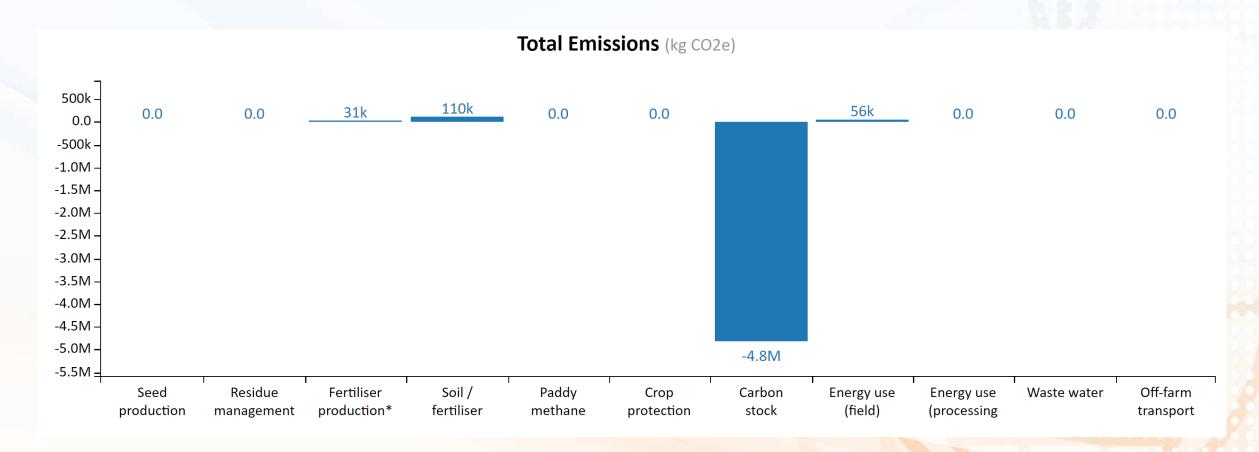
The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> captured and stored on our farm/year is equal to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from producing 2,400 tons of steel



# Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [1]



## Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [2]



# Ciasnocha Family Farms – Cool Farm Tool assessment [3]

#### Detailed data (all values in kg)

Hide data

Sources	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub>	Total CO <sub>2</sub> eq	Per ha	Per tonne
Seed production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residue management	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fertiliser production*	30.73 <u>k</u>	0	0	30.73 <u>k</u>	43.90	6.15
Soil / fertiliser	25.67 <u>k</u>	293.02	0	112.99k	161.41	22.60
Paddy methane	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crop protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon stock changes	-4.81M	0	0	-4.81 <u>M</u>	-6.87 <u>k</u>	-962.42
Energy use (field)	56.28 <u>k</u>	0	0	56.28k	80.40	11.26
Energy use (processing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waste water	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off-farm transport	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated with validated default values for fertiliser production.



## Regenerative Agriculture

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Massive soil loss

- 50% of the world's top agricultural soil lost in the last 150 years.
- According to the FAO, we have only 60 harvests left before all top soil is gone.

### Contribution to climate change

- Agriculture and LULUCF responsible for approximately 30% of the world's GHG emissions.
- Sink's storage potential for underutilized.

#### Political pressure

- Move away from productionand land ownership-based subsidies towards payments for public goods.
- Reflective of public opinion (young in particular).

## Co-benefits of regenerative agriculture

Healthy and nutritions food





Lower healthcare costs

**Biodiversity** 





Climate resilence

# From Conventional to Climate Smart Agriculture in a financially sustainable way

Today

**Tomorrow** 

The day after tomorrow





Emissions of 2.3 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha



Regenerative

Sequestration potential of 2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha



**Agro-Forestry** 

Sequestration potential of 8 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha

Return economy flight LHR – JFK: 2.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e



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