

Grazing in Europe from 2010 to 2022

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Monitoring of grazing

- Grazing is not monitored explicitly at a European level
- EGF Working Group “Grazing” provides insight since 2010



Survey 2022



91 responses

- opinions and thoughts
- 'facts' and educated guesses

Estimate of % cows grazing:

- 2/3: an educated guess
- 1/3: based on data, e.g. statistical surveys, projects, subsidies



Importance of grazing for different groups on a scale of 1 to 10 according to members of the Working Group “Grazing”

- Farmers, government, scientists, teachers, students, advisers: 6.13 to 7.29
- General public 2016: 7.46
- General public 2018: 7.85
- General public 2022: 7.88
- You 2016: 8.33
- You 2018: 8.41
- You 2022: 8.65



Grazing in Europe - North

	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Norway			90	80	80 (75-95)
Sweden	100	100	100	100	100 (100-100)
Finland			70	80	70 (60-80)



Grazing in Europe - West

	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Ireland	99	98	95-100	95-100	96 (90-100)
UK		92	80-90	70-80	82,5 (70-90)



Grazing in Europe – Central – more than 50%

	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Netherlands		70	65	73	75-80
Belgium huge differences between Flanders (low) – Wallonia (high)	85-95	75-80	60-85	30-95	40-90
Luxembourg	75-85	73	75		30-50
France	90-95	90	75-95	90	50-90
Switzerland	85-100	75-90	80-97	70-90	94 (88-96)



Grazing in Europe - Central – less than 50%

	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Denmark	35-45	25-30	25	20-25	30
Germany	42		10-50	15-40	30 (20-50)
Austria	25		40	44	45



Grazing in Europe - East

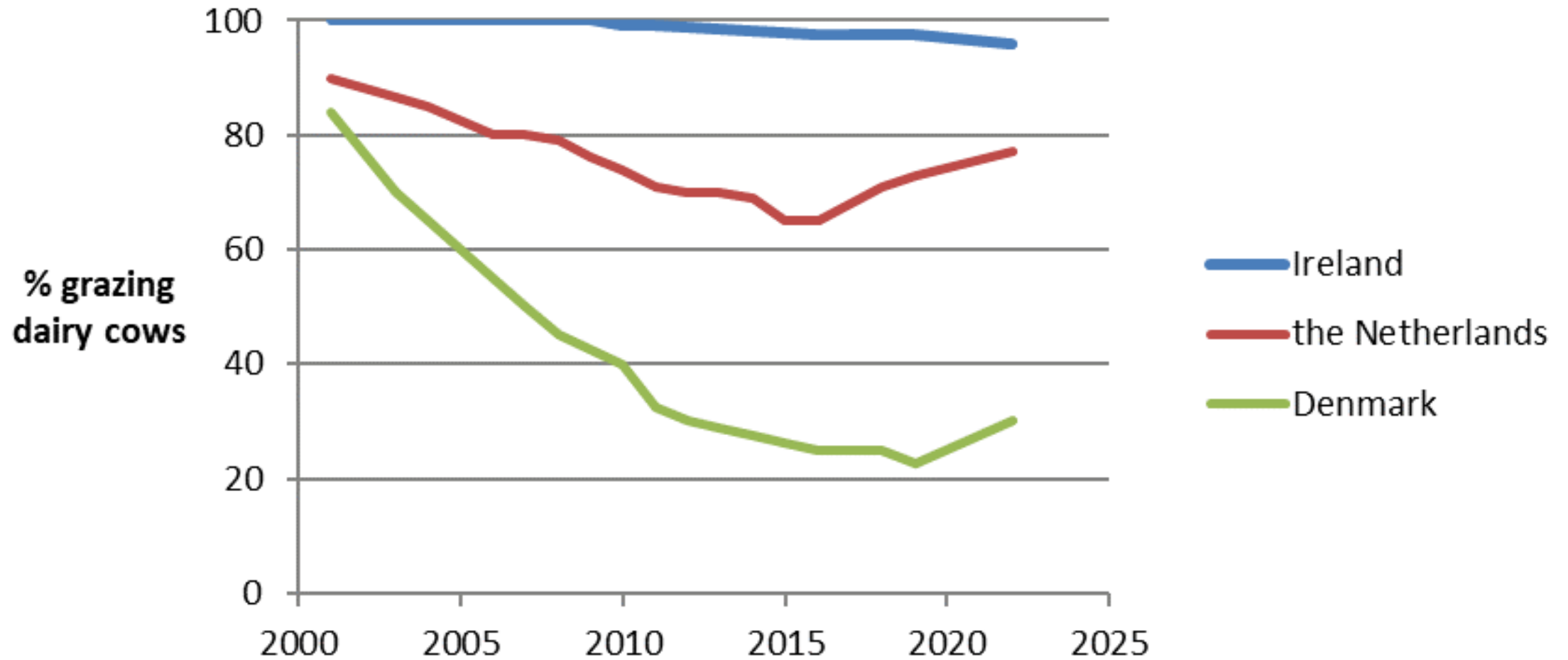
	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Poland			20	30	30
Czech Republic	20		3		4
Slovenia	25		20	20-40	20
Hungary			2-3	3-5	5-10



Grazing in Europe - South

	2010	2014	2016	2019	2022
Spain	20		10-30	20-30	10-50
Greece	15		10	10	5
Italy			10-20		2-70



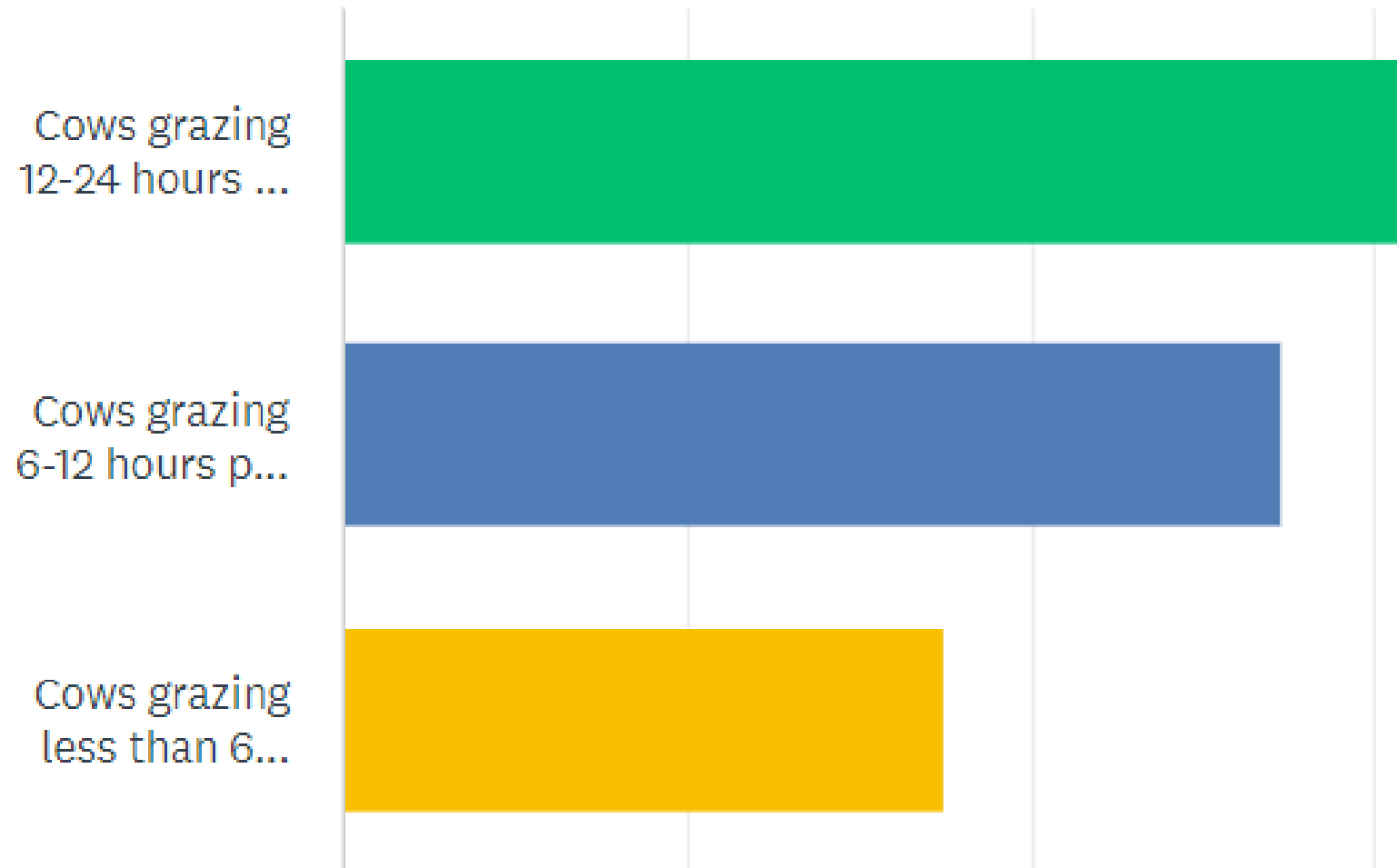


EGF Working Group Grazing

Van den Pol-van Dasselaar, Hennessy, Isselstein, 2020 – plus data survey 2022



Cows that do graze (hours per day)



Biggest challenge for grazing in the next decade



- Climate change, weather
- Costs, economy
- Policy, judgement of people with no connection to agriculture
- Balancing/managing different ecosystem services
- Farmers understanding the benefits of grazing



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