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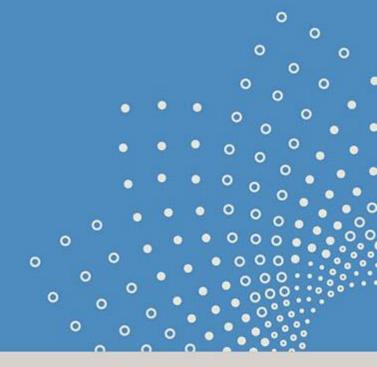
# Decision Tools and Services for Grassland Nutrient Management

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## Yara International





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- Founded 1905 in Norway
- Ca. 13000 Employees
- Present in 60 countries
- Sales to >150 countries

# Yara - Supplying Crop Nutrient Solutions

Global provider of sustainable crop nutrition solutions, supporting farmer profitability through knowledge, optimal quality and productivity



### **Yara Crop Nutrition Focus**



Life Cycle Assessment

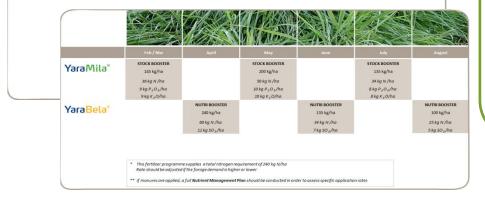
**Carbon Footprint** 

#### Water Footprint

# **Crop Nutrition for Grassland** Example of Grassland Product Portfolio from the UK

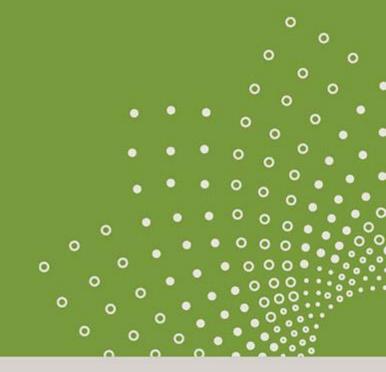






- Extensive grassland product portfolio
- Yara products supply essential nutrients for grazed grass, as well as animal health and performance
- Balanced crop nutrition programs

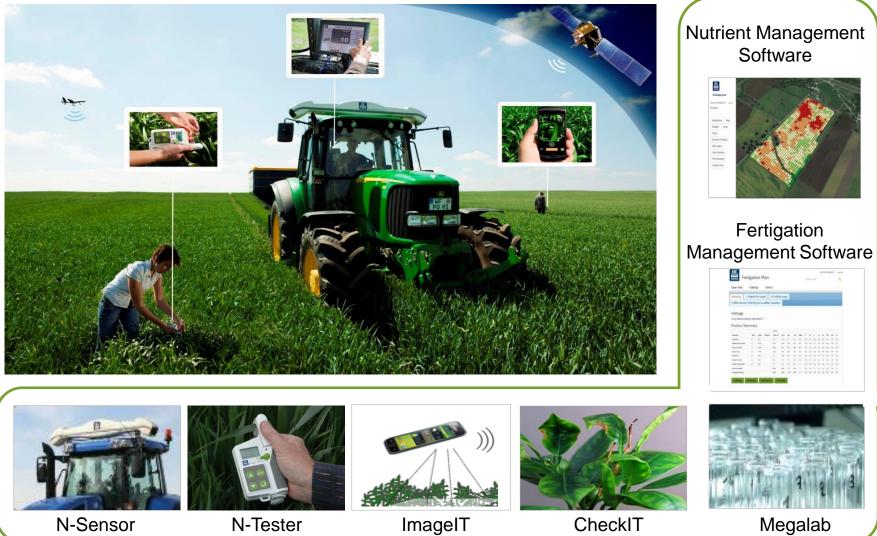
### Yara Decision Tools and Services for Optimizing Nutrient Management





### **Decision Support Tools and Services**

**N-Tester** 



#### N-Sensor

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Megalab

CheckIT

Software

Fertigation



### **N-Sensor for Grassland**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Phase: N-Sensor Calibration Trials

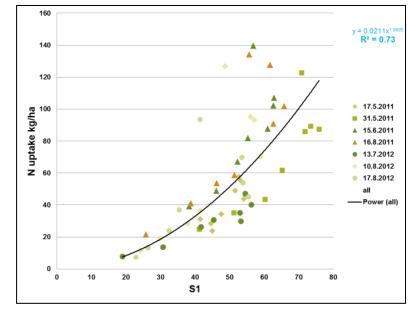
# Translate sensing signals into biomass and quality readings

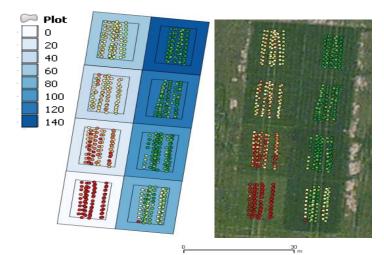
- Germany (2010)
- Finland (2011/2012)
- UK (2014 and 2015)

### **Current focus:**

### **Biomass estimates for cut grass**

- Finland
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Cooperation partners: Universities of Bonn, Cologne and Wageningen







#### Finland Calibration Trial 2011/2012

### **Megalab - Yara Analytical Service**

- Internet based system offering interpretation and biometric data services from agricultural analysis
- Operates through a worldwide network of partner labs
- Access to results available at all times



Analysis Results (SOIL)					
Customer EXAMPLE ANI Sample Ref Sample No ANIMAL HEALT					tor ceived 16/12/2014
Crop GRAZED GRASS (CATTLE)					
Analysis		Result	Guideline	Interpretation	Comments
pН		6.1	6.5	Slightly Low	Refer to Lime Requirement.
Phosphorus Irish (ppm)		20.0			Nil required.
Potassium Irish (ppm)		185			Possible interference on availability of Magnesium.
Magnesium (ppm)		118	175	Slightly Low	TREATMENT RECOMMENDED.
Calcium (ppm)		3500	2000	Normal	Adequate level.
Sulphur (ppm)		12	10	Normal	Adequate level.
Manganese (ppm)		30	25	Normal	Adequate level.
Copper (ppm)		0.8	8.0	Very Low	PRIORITY FOR LIVESTOCK HEALTH.(see comments below).
Boron (ppm)		0.02	0.50	Very Low	Low priority on this crop. Other crops may be affected.
Zinc (ppm)		> 100	7.0	High	Possible interference with availability of Iron.
Molybdenum (ppm)		0.01	<0.50	Slightly Low	No problems anticipated.
Iron (ppm)		368	50	Normal	Adequate level.
Sodium (ppm)		20	90	Very Low	Treatment may improve grass palatability.
Cobalt (ppm).		1.1	1.5	Low	PRIORITY FOR LIVESTOCK HEALTH.(see comments below).
lodine (ppm)		0.4	1.5	Very Low	PRIORITY FOR LIVESTOCK HEALTH.(see comments below).
C.E.C. (meq/100g)		14.0	15.0	Slightly Low	Cation Exchange Capacity indicates a slightly low nutrient holding ability - soil applied nutrients could be readily leached. Where possible foliar applied nutrients should be recommended.
Selenium (ppm)		0.54	0.60	Slightly Low	



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Thank you very much for your attention

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