

Innovation Hub Factsheets 2024

Strip-cropping Network, The Netherlands

By ostensibly focusing on a single technique, strip-cropping, this innovation hub introduces both organic and conventional farmers to a host of other agroecological benefits inherent in reducing inputs. These include increasing biodiversity, improved farm profitability, access to support from the government of the Netherlands, and the ability to scale up production.



Training with dairy farmers, Schiermonnikoog



Exchange partners from Denmark and Switzerland

Notable successes and challenges 2023–2024

Throughout 2023–24, the Strip-cropping network innovation hub undertook regional training with dairy farmers (a change from the usual arable farmer groups) on the island of Schiermonnikoog. These farmers were interested in strip-cropping to reduce the numbers of geese coming to their fields.

Project facilitators have created a series of factsheets for farm advisors, and have published articles in <u>Topgewas.nl</u>.

The team took part in an exchange programme with Danish and Swiss researchers and farmers – an experience enjoyed and appreciated by all involved.

Summary

After a good year growing the network and research parameters, there are more plans for disseminating results in publications, looking specifically at biodiversity in strip-cropping and the economics of strip-cropping.