Effects of 5th Nitrate Action Programme on fertilisation and water quality in the Netherlands

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Introduction



Fertiliser policy



water quality

Every four years new AP 4th AP (2009-2013) 5th AP (2014-2017)



Objective and method

Assessment effects of 5th AP on water quality

Two calculation rounds:

- 1. Location specific soil load
- 2. Water quality



Effect based on difference between two scenario's: 1. 4th AP (2009-2013) 2. 5th AP (2014-2017)



Most important extra measures 5th AP

Farms on sandy soils:

- Derogation 250 -> 230 kgN/ha (east and south)
- 20% reduction application standard green maize and arable crops (south)
- P₂O₅ 5 kg/ha reduction (all soils)





Method



Soil load

- based on farm data (crop area and # animals) for 2013
- MAMBO calculated distribution of manure
- Chemical fertiliser from FADN 2012

Water quality

• STONE calculated effect for 2027



Results: Soil load





Results: ground water quality on sandy soils





Results: replacement pig manure by cattle manure

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Results Ground water quality: 5^e NAP 2013-2027





Conclusions

The effects of the 5th AP are:

- Reduction of soil load of 11 kg N/ha on sandy soils
- Replacement of pig by cattle manure of 6% on grass land to 15% on green maize
- Slight decrease of the quality of ground water on sandy soils

Between 2013-2027 the 5th AP provides a positive effect on the quality of ground water



Thank you for your attention





