

ECPA Position on IPM

What are the tasks of EU agriculture?

Feed growing population

Ensure supply of feed, fibre and renewable resources



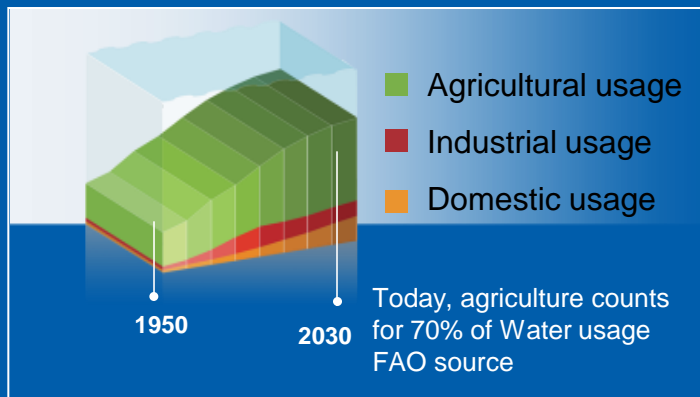
Address the global challenges

Fight against the climate change



Provide service to the public :

maintain landscape, protect biodiversity, water resources



Provide sustainable income to farmers

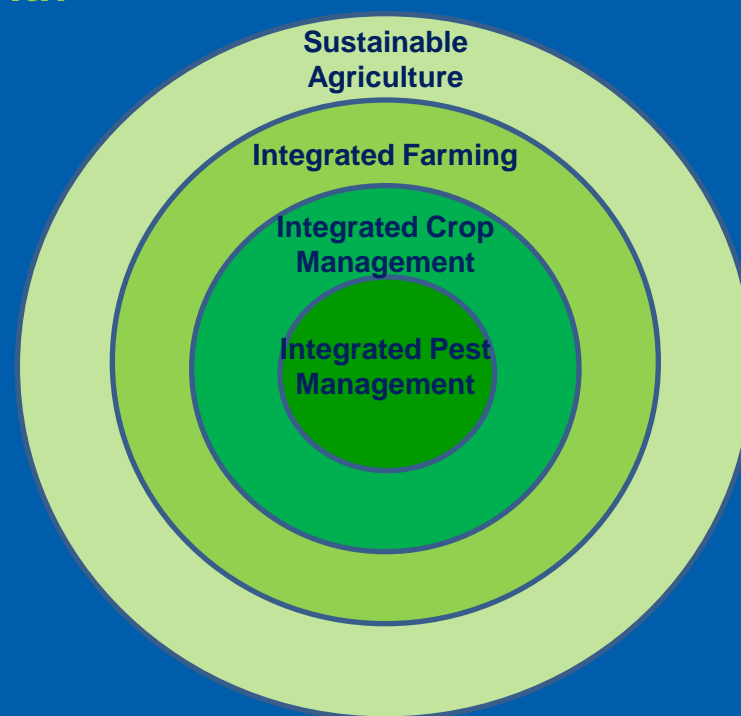
Secure income for farmers and livelihood of rural communities



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IPM is and will be a cornerstone for sustainable agricultural production in Europe and dealing with the challenges ahead

- ❑ IPM can not be viewed in isolation, but as part of an overall integrated production practice of a crop
- ❑ IPM considers all available pest prevention and management methods
- ❑ IPM is an on-farm management tool, implemented by farmers, therefore practical tools and solutions are needed
- ❑ The IPM approach needs to be based on flexible management decisions, not on inflexible instruction or “one size fits all”



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Requirements for a successful European-wide IPM implementation:

- ❑ The IPM approach needs to be economically sustainable, as the crop has to remain profitable
- ❑ A sufficient range of scientifically researched, practical options and plant protection tools, which qualify on farm, are needed
- ❑ Advisory and extension services have to be available to farmers to allow supporting decision processes
- ❑ Training, access to practical information, on-farm demonstration, appropriate decision support tools are crucial
- ❑ Applied research is needed that qualifies on farm. Research needs should best be identified together with farmers and advisors
- ❑ Collaborative approaches of agricultural stakeholders are required

Industry contribution: Providing solutions for the wider implementation of IPM

- ❑ Provide our knowledge and services in an approach beyond science and technology
- ❑ Drive our innovation according to customer needs and society at large, based on the principles of safety and sustainability