# Mijn Boer / My Farmer: Towards a new perspective on sustainability in agro-food networks

#### **The European Perspective**

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#### Carbon emissions & sustainability are BIG news

- 5.1 mln hits at Google for "Carbon Emissions"
- 3.9 mln hits at Google for "Carbon Footprint"
- 539,000 hits at Google for "supply chain sustainability"
- In one week 1,700 articles published on Google News





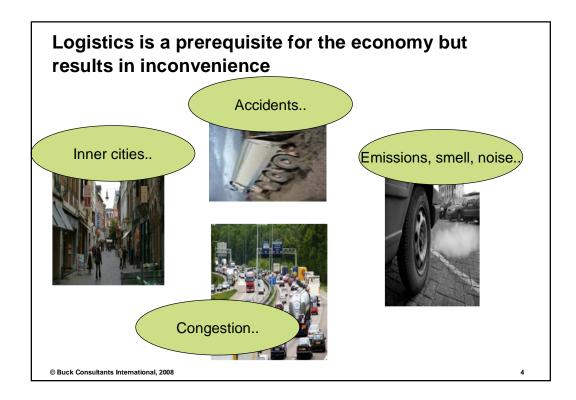
#### Examples:

- KLM Air France makes freight transport CO2-neutral NL
- Climate change could displace one bln people UK
- Polluting vehicles off the streets in inner cities EU
- Investment projects on hold due to bad air quality EU
- MAUT increased in Germany NL
- Diesel prices increased again! EU
- Packaging sales tax introduced EU
- Measuring carbon footprint at Tesco UK
- OECD very gloomy on congestion in The Netherlands EU



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#### Carbon footprint: the amount of CO2 emissions throughout the process

of creating a product or service

#### Tesco Adds Carbon Footprint to Product Labels

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LONDON, UK -- Supermarket chain Tesco has labeled 20 products with information related to each product's greenhouse gas emissions in a trial of carbon labeling.

Each item is labeled with a number showing the greenhouse gas emissions per serving, Reuters reported. The test items include orange juice, potatoes, laundry detergent and light bulbs.

The company has chosen to label only a few of the tens of thousands of items it carries because of the complexity of measuring a product's entire carbon footprint, Reuters reported. Tesco also hopes to receive consumer feedback while measuring the emissions of other products.

The labels show orange juice from concentrate has a lower carbon footprint than non-concentrate, and liquid detergent has less of an impact than powder detergent, the Daily Mail reported.

The government-funded Carbon Trust provided emissions figures based on commissioned and published research. None of the items in the pilot labeling program were shipped by air.

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#### More consumer awareness on sustainability

Organic

Local for Local



Transparancy

Strongly supported by the respective European Governments: e.g Convenant Sustainable Catering / Shrinkage

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#### **Paradigm**

- Is sustainability being created by optimizing existing supply chain & business models or
- ■Do we have to design and implement new models

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## Major drawbacks of the existing supply chain model related to sustainability

- ■Long list of partners are involved which impacts:
  - -information flows, product quality, consumer prices
- Retail domination:
  - -8% of global retail expenditures were allocated towards one retailer
  - -70-80% of all retail expendtures per country are allocated towards the top 5 in each respective country
  - about 100 European buyers mediate between 3,6 million farmers and 160 million
- Extreme pressure on farmers: insecurity
  - Price / fair share
  - License to deliver / insecurity: sustainable relationships are lacking
  - Efficiency remains as the only rationale: product innovation as well massive transition towards clean production systems (organic / technology) is lacking

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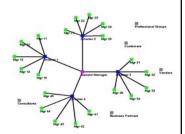
- ■Global networks of abundance: Transport Creation
  - -local varieties loose ground
- And this all come with high costs for the consumer:
  - -environment / landscape
  - -carbon index
  - product quality / taste



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#### Mijn Boer / My Farmer

- Service Platform / extended farm that makes the transition towards more sustainable food production, consumption and logistics possible via:
- Strong and committed network of organic farmers fruit & vegetables
  - -Assortment: regional, national, international
    - seasonality
    - diversity
- -Direct model: Participation and direct sales
  - Decentralized logistics system
- Class 1 and 2: value creation
- Retail and catering development:
  - MARQT, LandMarkt
  - Vitam
- Consumer / Producer interaction:
  - experience center / branding



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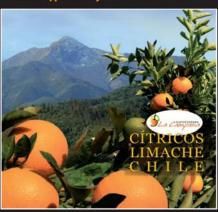




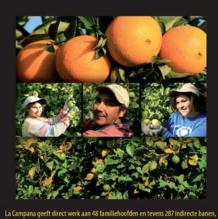




## Mijn Boer Eerste typische Mijn Boer Wereldselectie.



Met waanzinnig veel trots presenteert Mijn Boer haar eerste typische wereldselectie: Sinaasappels die rechtstreeks worden geïmporteerd bij kleinschalige gepassioneerde producenten die sociaal en schoon werken. In dit geval is de samenwerking tot stand gekomen tussen Mijn Boer en "Exportadora La Campana" een Chileense kleinschalige coöperatie.



waarvan 201 voor vrouwen. De toewijding en het familiewerk waaronder het fruit wordt geteeld staat voorop in de nationale productie vanwege haar excellente kwaliteit Door de omvang van de cooperatie zijn deze families in staat geweest om op een effectieve manier hun ambacht in stand te houden en in de loop der tijd hun manier van leven. Een leven dat sterk gerelateerd is aan de aarde, hun waarden en respect voor de natuurlijke omgeving en sociale rechtvaardigheid. Het doel van Exportadora & Comercializadora de Fruta La Campana is het ontwikkelen van een strategie van gezamenlijke commercialisering met het doel gezond en kwalitatief fruit te produceren, die de principes van gelijkheid en sociaal respect in ere houden en

daardoor duurzaam zijn door de tijd.