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Introduction

The European Union supports planting more legume and protein-rich crops in order to increase autonomy for protein in livestock feed

Objective

To build an upscaling bio-economic model **assessing environmental and economic impacts** of increasing legume and protein-rich crop supply

Distinctive features

- Explicit partial equilibrium model for local exchanges of forages, cash crops and manure (endogenous prices)
- Heterogeneous types of production, biophysical characteristics and environmental constraints
- Environmental module
- Impacts at two spatial levels: farm and territory

Data

- “Survey of livestock management 2015” AGRESTE
- Other public statistics (2010-2016)
- Agricultural extension services

Main hypothesis

- Complementarity among farms at the territory level represents a lever to increase protein autonomy
- Planting more legume and protein-rich crops leads to both economic and environmental benefits at the territory level

Overview of the upscaling bio-economic model

