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# Aftermath from 20 years of environmental advice in the project “Focus on Nutrients”

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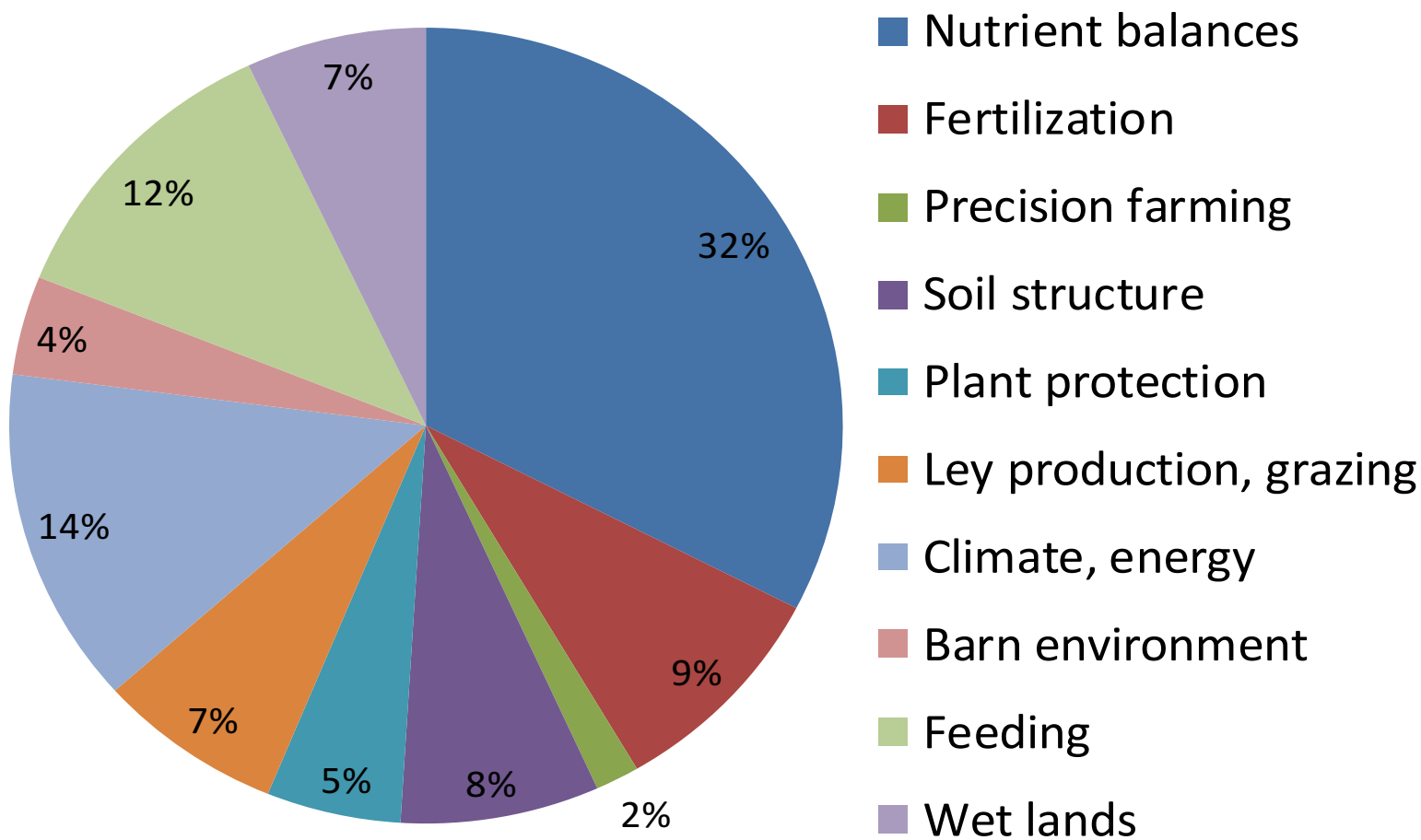


## Short about Focus on Nutrients / Greppa Näringen

- Started in 2001. Hosted by the Swedish Board of Agriculture. Runs in close collaboration with the Federation of Swedish farmers, County administrative boards and advisory companies.
- About 60 000 farm visits done.
- About 230 advisors yearly involved
- Spent almost 1 billion kronor.
- About 50% of full time farmers involved.

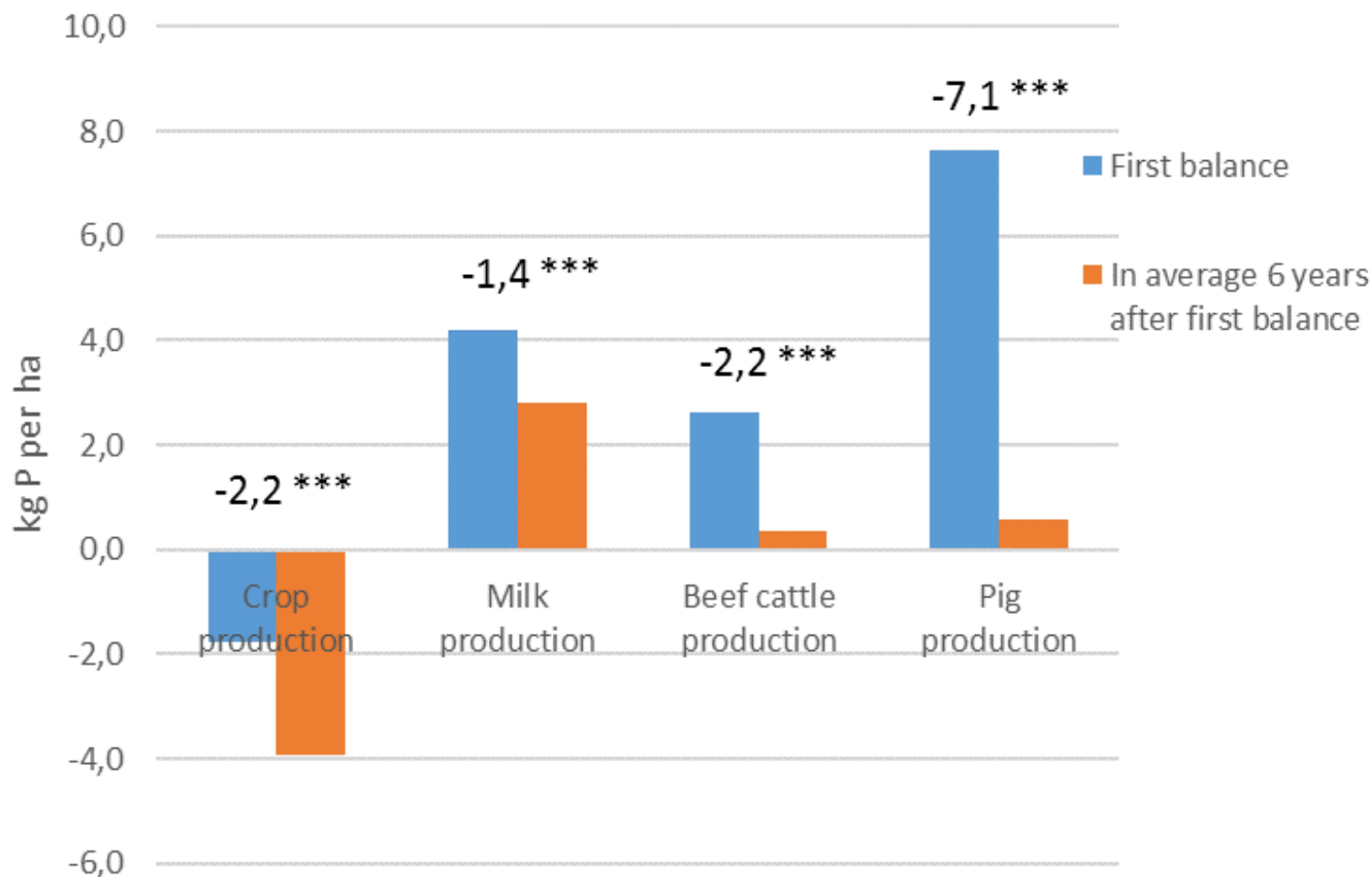


# Topics during farm visits year



## Example of results

### Changes in phosphorus balance 2001-2016, kg /ha



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“The decrease in transport of nutrients in rivers, has for nitrogen been greatest in regions where most measures have been done and where Focus on Nutrients has been ongoing” (Fölster et al., 2012, SLU).



# Some lessons learned

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1. On-farm environmental advice works to achieve measurable changes in farming practices. But the approach has to be systematic and enduring. Financing in RDP promotes durability.
2. A broad partnership with authorities and organisations is necessary.
3. Farm visits needs to prepared by training farm advisors and provide them with calculation tools.

## Future development



Lokalt engagemang  
för vatten

Focus on Nutrients has a new project partner since 2019. 20 catchment officers are employed in selected areas in the new project LEVA. Continued on-farm-advice and catchment scale coordination is a perfect match.



# Future development

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- In 2021 we launch a new advisory product on how to cultivate without glyphosate. Just in case.
- In 2021 we test a new advisory product to enhance biological diversity on farms without animals.
- We have a huge interest from the food industry for our advisory product "*Calculate the climate footprint of your farm*"