

Sustainable agriculture – A different approach

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Every now and then we hear the parole of sustainable agriculture. This expression "sustainability" was made popular especially at the time of the Expo2000 World Exhibition in Hannover.

Using existing resources production should work in a way that those resources are not beint used up. Another popular word is "vegan food". Vegan overrides vegetarian by one step. Even food made from animals are being refused.

At the counties mile at the German National Day at Maschsee in Hannover 2014 was shown what sustainable agriculture might look like:



Pigs made from plastic are much more durable, they produce less waste and can be kept much more flexible than their counterparts of flesh and bones.

The problem of over-fertilization of the fields could be deminished to zero, and therefore the negative effect on climate change could be totally ignored.

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What could be established with pigs also works for cows.



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The only disadvantage is – that won't bother vegan people – the cows made of plastic do not produce any milk. But as they look very lifelike, they can be put on the meadows without disturbing the romantic idyll.



Hardly any tourist will criticise if the cows dont move. That is even better for



good photographs. The only task required is to clean the animals once a year. I saw a good alternative that can be milked in Parey. For vegans these can be refueled with soy milk.

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Earlier tests with sheep and goats made of bronze were by far less successful.



Although these animals were reproduced with even the finest details, they lack the visual appearance that makes them a real alternative for animals of flesh and bones. Vegans were probably very happy that those earlier models already didn't produce any wool and other animal products that vegans have no use for as they only use plant products.



Vegans need not fear that anyone will breed cotton pigs. Rumors say Monsanto has disclaimed plans for such gene manipulations as pure fantasy. Green sheep is the slogan.

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Modern techniques have also reached the domain of plants. My cactus made of felt withered over the years. I replaced it with a new winter rose on my windows sill – totally without fertilizer. Perhaps we don't have to wait for long until this will be possible for large akers also. What nice prospects! No more dependencies for insects that pollinize, no more pesticides, no more growth problems and no requirements for fertilizer.



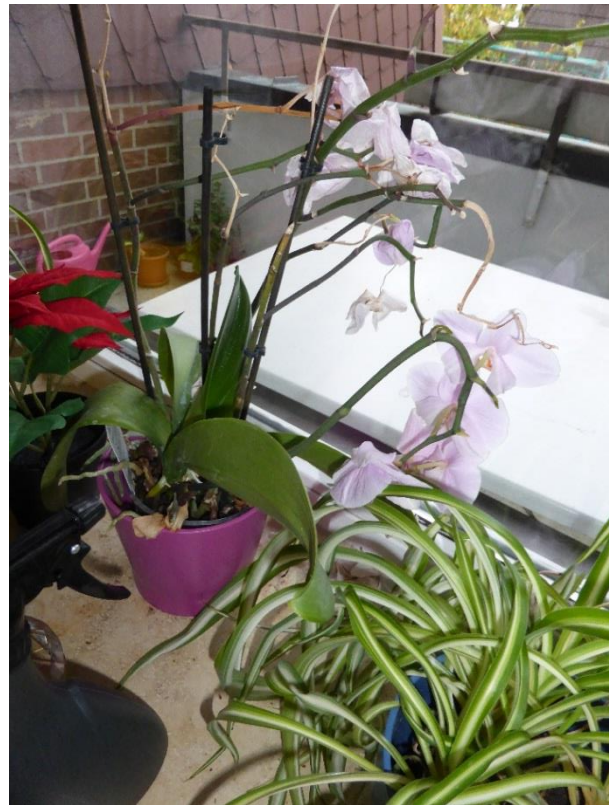
Sustainable grainfields can be constructed that way, that the stem could raise up again after squalls or even could not be pressed down. They can be pretty green and nice to look at for several years. The plastic herbage can hardly be distinguished from their

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rotting counterpart. EU subsidies für fallow land could be applied for by the farmers.

Ornamental plants as a sustainable alternative are already on the market for quite some time. One orchid blooms once a year, the sustainable one all year round. That makes sustainability visible.



I have already seen sustainable fruit on the market:



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Vegans think no more of the sustainable fruit at furniture stores than bookworms do of the sustainable books displayed there.



Those books do not wear off because you cannot open them.



On the other hand more and more people buy ebook-reader, that you also cannot open without destroying them.

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Although they pray sustainability in the media like prayer mills, the German number one food *bread* is far away from sustainability.

However, sustainable bread would have several great advantages:



- It does not mold
- Even after weeks it looks as good as new
- It does not crumble and does not leave any waste
- It is much lighter than the non-sustainable copy
- It does not dry out, not even as slices.
- It will never be eaten up and can be used for its purpose for many years

