

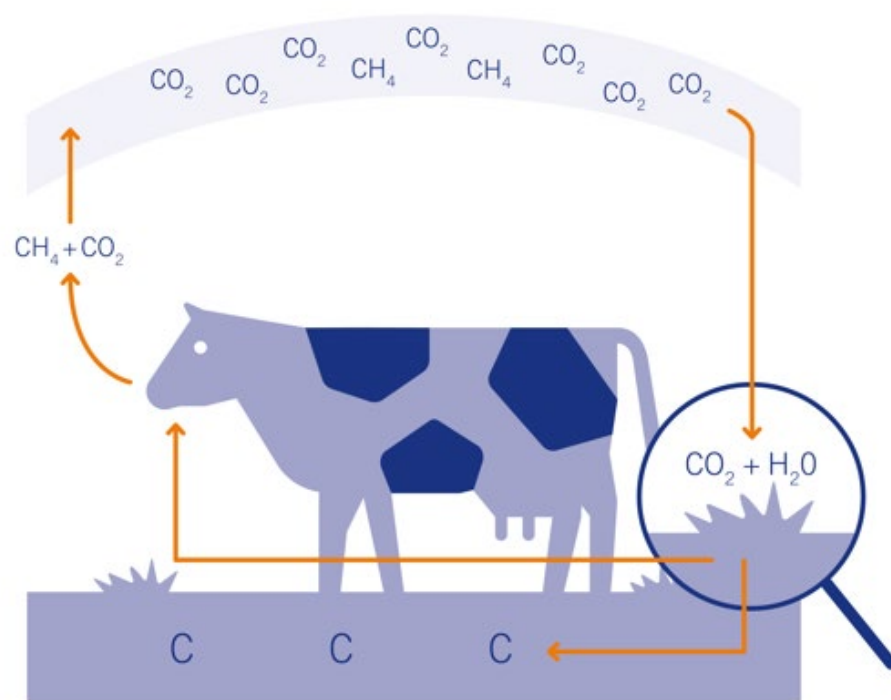
Methane Index for Grass Silages:

A standardize Tool for
Benchmarking Methane
Emissions Globally

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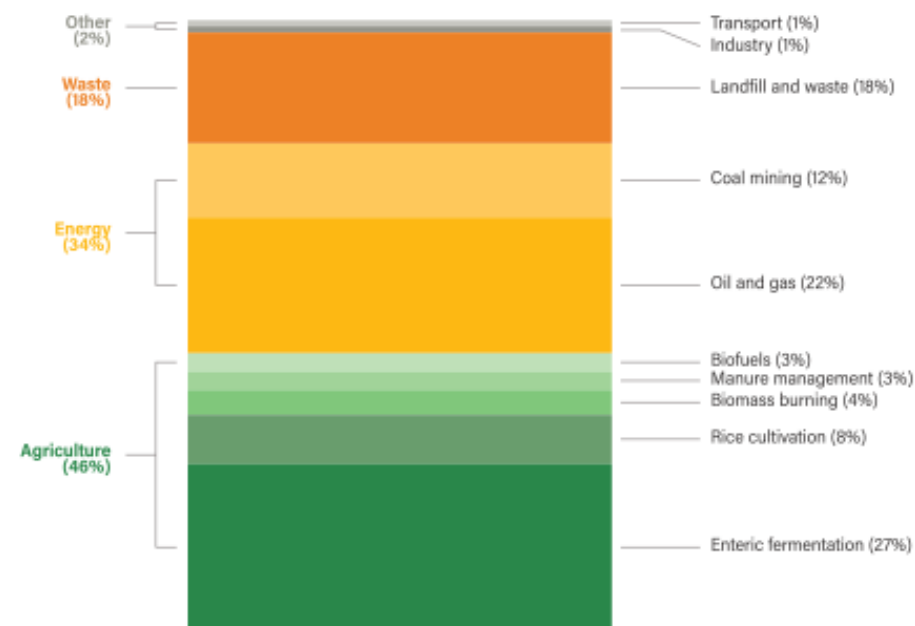
What is Methane?



0.3°C = 32.54°F

1.5 °C = 34.7 °F

Nearly half of methane emissions come from agriculture

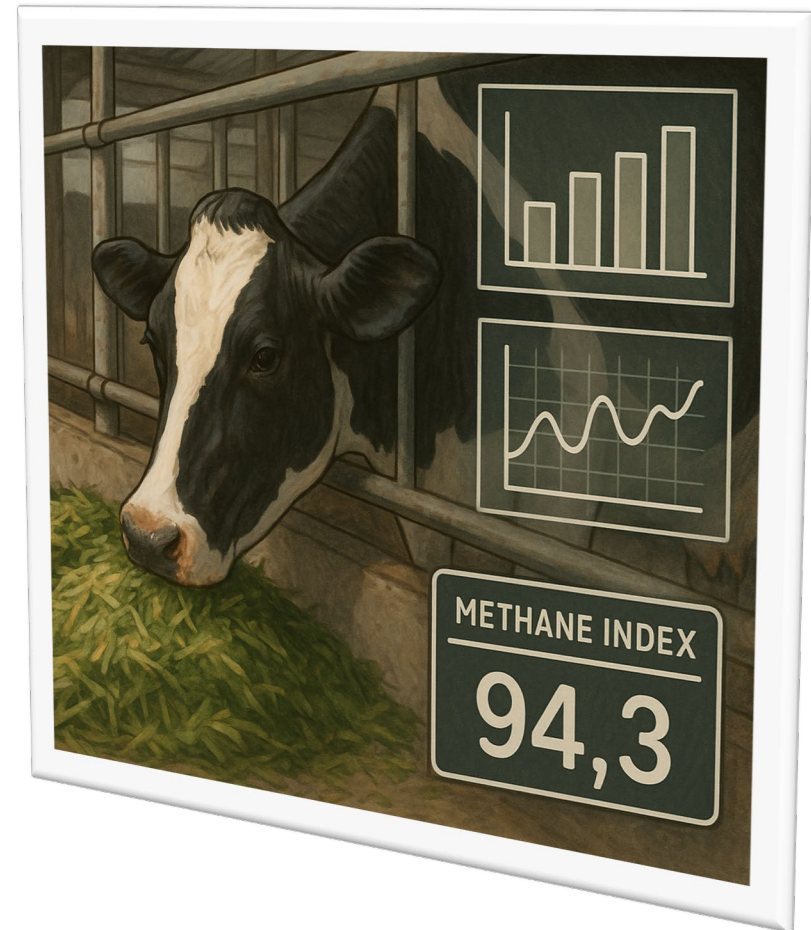


352 MT OF METHANE EMISSIONS, 2019

Source: FAO 2024b; UNDP and Climate and Clean Air Coalition 2021.
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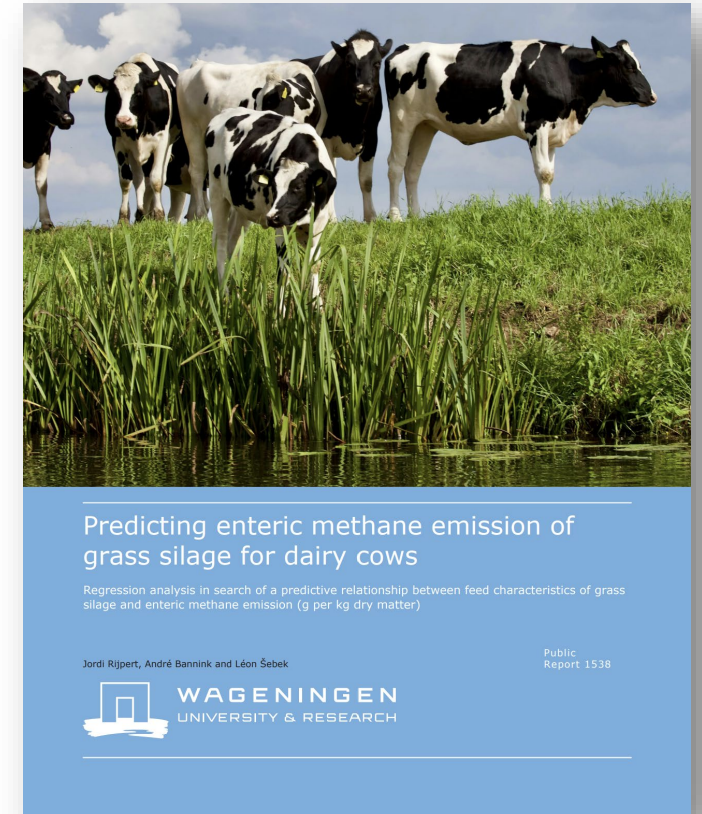
Objective

- Development of the Methane Index
- Benchmarking and supporting methane reduction strategies



Materials & Methods

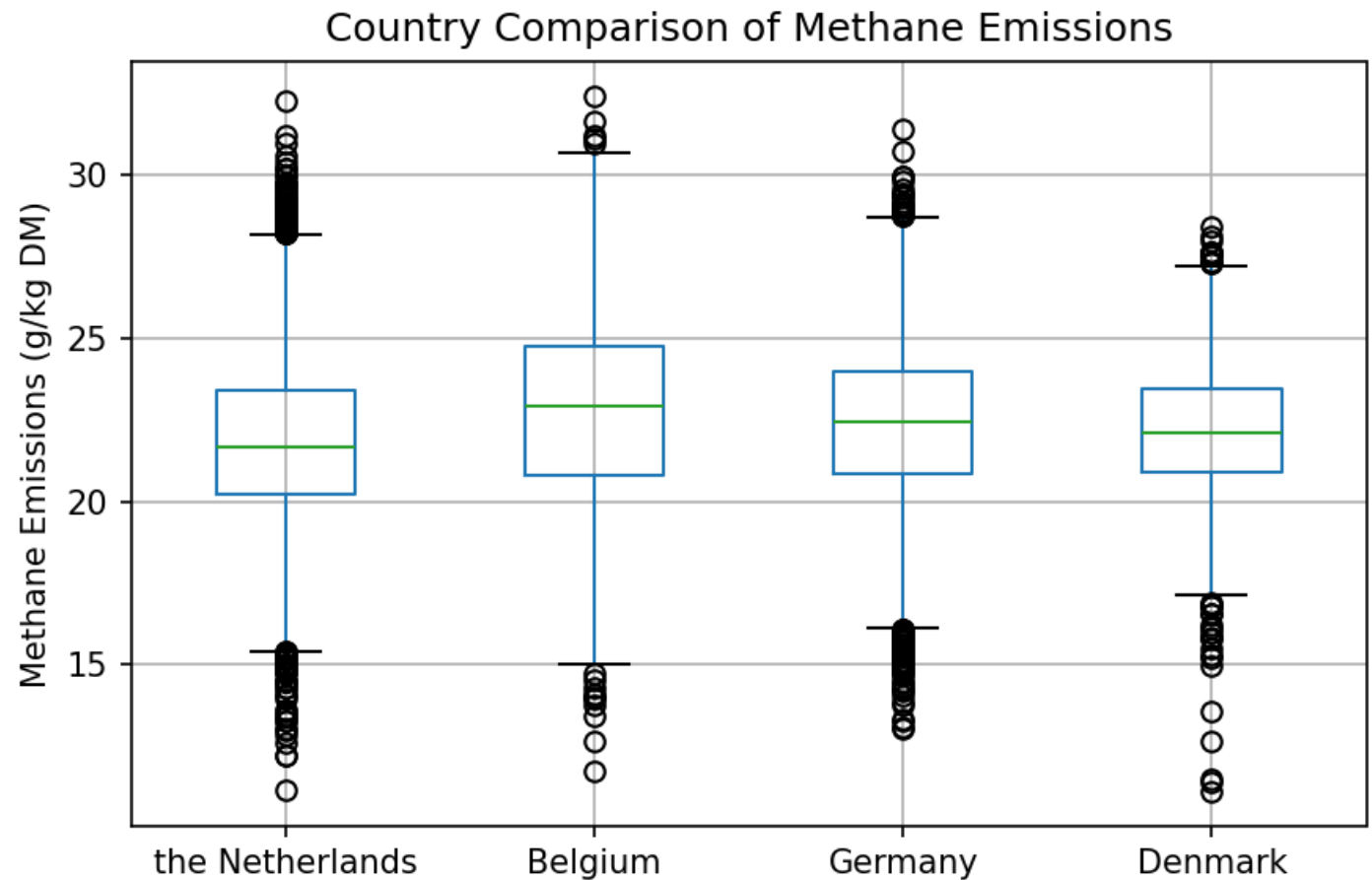
- Wageningen University models
 - Šebek et al, 2024
- Sample sizes:
 - European pool: 47.500 samples from '22/'23
 - Dutch pool: 350.000 samples from '15-'24
- Models used are in kg/DM
 - Transformed to kg/D-OM



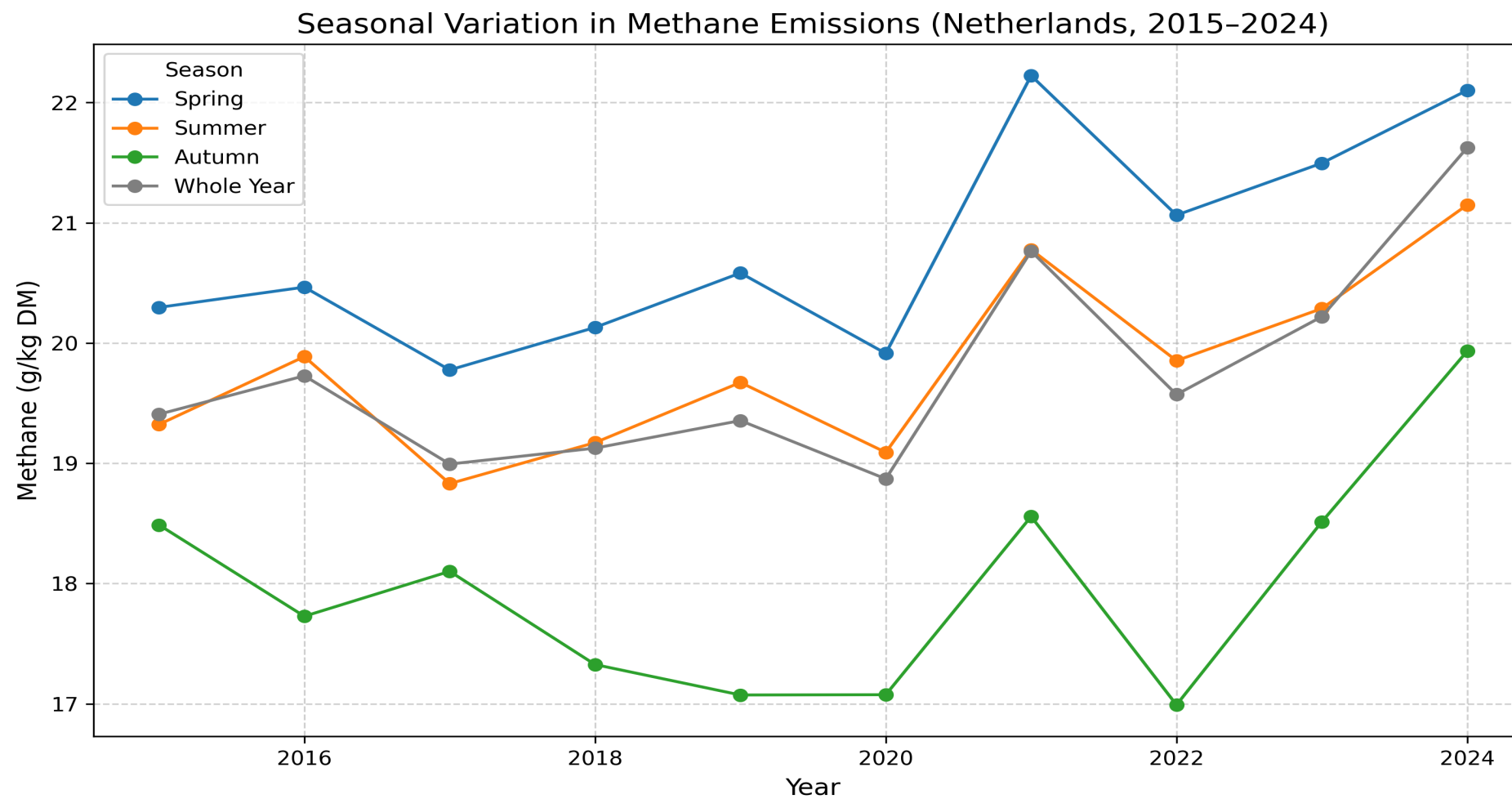
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Results – Country Comparison

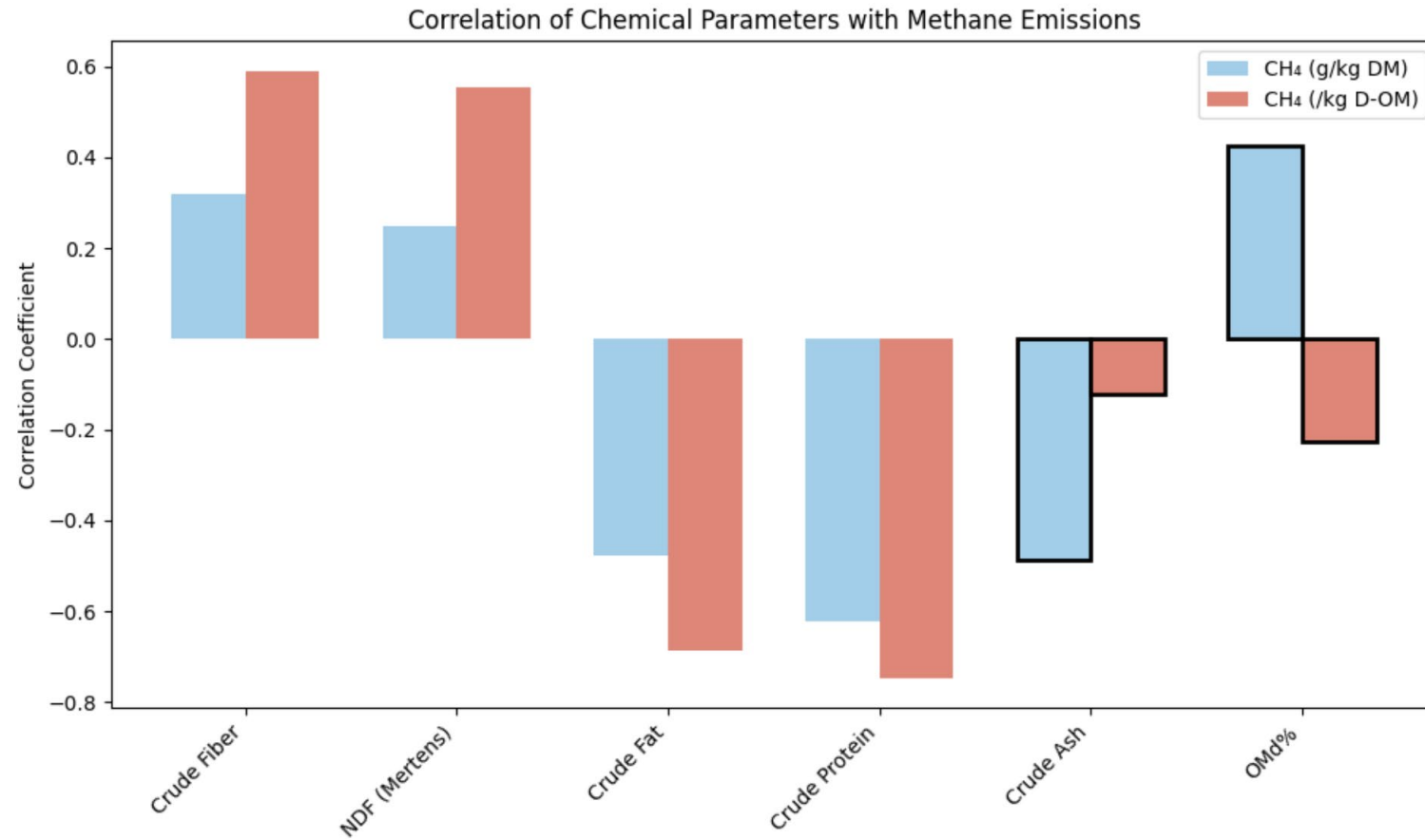
- Netherlands lowest, Belgium highest emissions
- IQR-differences



Results – Seasonal Variation

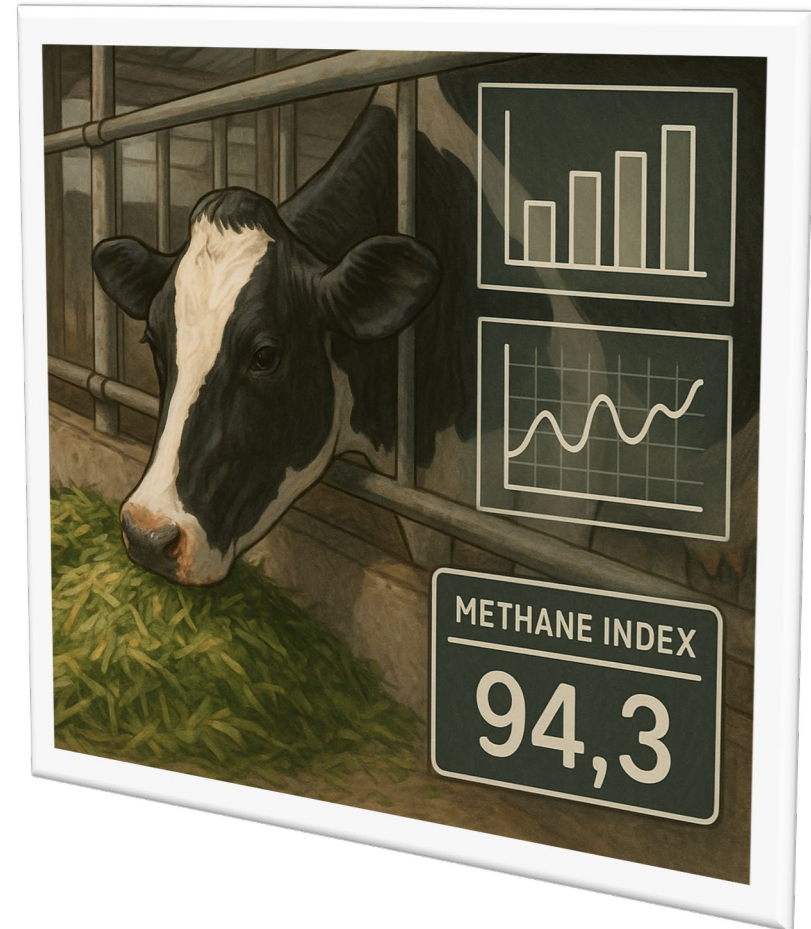


Results – Chemical interactions



Methane Index

- Country averages insufficient
- g/kg DM not practical
- Index corrects for seasonality and year
- Useful for benchmarking and management



Thanks for your
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