

Supplementary Materials:

Table S1. Model input data for the baseline ryegrass-clover mix cultivation

Crop	Parameters	Baseline data
Ryegrass-clover mix	Crop type	Annual grass
	Fraction of leaves + stems left in field after harvest	0.1
	Max. aboveground biomass (kg C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3,600
	Thermal degree days for maturity	1,350
	Water demand (g water/g DM)	115
	N fixation index (crop N/N from soil)	1.5
	Optimum temperature (degree C)	21
	Tilling method	Deep ploughing (30cm)
	Tilling date (month-day)	9-15
	Manure amendment applied	Compost
	Manure amendment applying date (month-day)	3-15
	Compost solid C/N ratio	14
	Organic C (kg C/ha)	700
	Organic N (kg N/ha)	50
	Compost application method	Surface spread
	Number of cuts	1
	Cutting date (month-day)	5-15
	Cut part	Grain-leaf-stem
	Cut fraction	0.9
	Length of the cultivation	1 year

Table S2. Model input data for the baseline perennial grass grazed

Crop	Parameters	Data
Perennial grass pasture	Crop type	Perennial grass
	Max. aboveground biomass (kg C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	1,224
	Thermal degree days for maturity	1,000
	Water demand (g water/g DM)	200
	N fixation index (crop N/N from soil)	1.5
	Optimum temperature (degree C)	21
	Number of grazing applications	1
	Grazing starting date (month-day)	1-12
	Grazing ending date (month-day)	12-31
	Grazing hours per day	8
	Grazing intensity (heads ha ⁻¹)	1.3
	Additional feed (kg C head ⁻¹ day ⁻¹)	3.2
	Feed C/N	20
	Excreta handle	Deposit in field

Table S3. Model soil input data

Dedicated area	Parameters	Data
Ryegrass-clover mix	Top soil texture	Sandy-loam
	Bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	1.3879
	Soil pH	4.9
	Field capacity (wfps)	0.32
	Wilting point (wfps)	0.15
	Clay fraction	0.09
	Hydro-conductivity (m hr ⁻¹)	0.1248
	Porosity (0-1)	0.435
	SOC at surface soil (0-10cm) (kg C/kg Soil)	0.0085
	Initial nitrate concentration at surface soil (mg N kg ⁻¹)	0.5
	Initial ammonium concentration at surface soil (mg N kg ⁻¹)	0.05
Perennial grass pasture	Top soil texture	Clay-loam
	Bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	1.1554
	Soil pH	8.2
	Field capacity (wfps)	0.57
	Wilting point (wfps)	0.27
	Clay fraction	0.41
	Hydro-conductivity (m hr ⁻¹)	0.015
	Porosity (0-1)	0.476
	SOC at surface soil (0-10cm) (kg C/kg Soil)	0.0214
	Initial nitrate concentration at surface soil (mg N kg ⁻¹)	0.5
	Initial ammonium concentration at surface soil (mg N kg ⁻¹)	0.05

Table S4. Average herd data (2016-2018) used for the enteric methane estimation

Parameters	Data
Lactating cows (heads yr ⁻¹)	146
Heifers and steers on pasture (heads yr ⁻¹)	142
Heifers and steers on fattening (heads yr ⁻¹)	12
Lactating cows (NEm) (MJ day ⁻¹)	41.7
Heifers and steers on pasture (NEm) (MJ day ⁻¹)	26.1
Heifers and steers on fattening (NEm) (MJ day ⁻¹)	36.6
Herds (NEa) (MJ day ⁻¹)	15
Lactating cows (NEl) (MJ day ⁻¹)	8.5
Pregnant cows (NEp) (MJ day ⁻¹)	2.9
Heifers and steers on pasture (NEg) (MJ day ⁻¹)	8.7
Heifers and steers on fattening (NEg) (MJ day ⁻¹)	18.2
Digestible energy (DE) expressed as % of gross energy for the fattening animals	75
Digestible energy (DE) expressed as % of gross energy for the rest of the herd	65
Ratio of net energy available in a diet for maintenance to digestible energy consumed (REM)	0.514
Ratio of net energy available for growth in a diet to digestible energy consumed (REG)	0.308

Table S5. Life cycle inventory (LCI) data

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Input	Types	Amount year ⁻¹	
Auxiliary products	Organic fertilizer	312 t	
	Packaging org. Fertilizer (LDPE)	624 kg	
	Fuel	23,907 kg	
	Ryegrass-clover seeds	9,600 kg	
	Packaging of ryegrass-clover seeds (paper)	38 kg	
	Extra farm feed	30,100 kg	
	Packaging of extra farm feed (paper)	181 kg	
Input	Products	Types of transport	Distance (one way)
Transports	Organic fertilizer	Lorry 3.5-7.5t	424 km
	Fuel	Lorry 7.5-16t	75 km
	Ryegrass-clover seeds	Lorry 3.5-7.5t	212 km
	Extra farm feed	Lorry 3.5-7.5t	321 km
	Waste	Lorry 3.5-7.5t	50 km
Input	Types	Nr.	Area
Agricultural buildings	Barns	2	300 mq
	Shed	1	150 mq
Agricultural machinery	Tractor	5	