

# Ensuring the availability and affordability of fertilisers

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**WHAT WILL THE EU DO?**

- Member States have the possibility to **prioritise access to gas** for certain sectors in case of rationing.
- Provide targeted financial support to farmers purchasing fertilisers and fertiliser producers through funds generated by measures such as the **cap on the market revenues** of certain electricity generators and the **solidarity contribution**. Member States can also provide specific support thanks to the amended Temporary Crisis Framework for State aid.
- Improve **market transparency** with the launch of a market observatory for fertilisers in 2023.
- Member States should use all available measures to **increase efficiency of fertilisers use**.
- Diversify trade suppliers** of fertilisers and temporarily suspend trade tariffs for ammonia and urea.

**Reducing external dependencies**  
*The EU depends on imports for 30%, 68% and 85% of its consumption of nitrogen, phosphates and potash nutrients.*

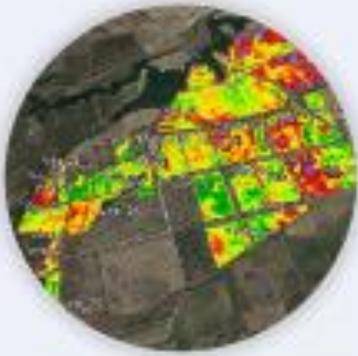
Member states can provide specific support : Poland

Member states should use all available measures to increase efficiency of fertilisers use : Netherlands

## ***Supporting farmers to optimise their fertiliser use and reduce their dependence on mineral fertilisers while securing yields***

The Common Agricultural Policy funds investment in **sustainable farming practices**, promoting optimal use of fertilisers and increased share of organic fertiliser. The Farm to Fork Strategy sets out a target to reduce nutrient losses by at least 50%.

-20 %



Precision farming

**Right source : biobased**

**Right place : root zone**

**Right time : during plant growth**

**Right rate : preferred uptake depending on growth stage, plant and soil analysis**

-30 %



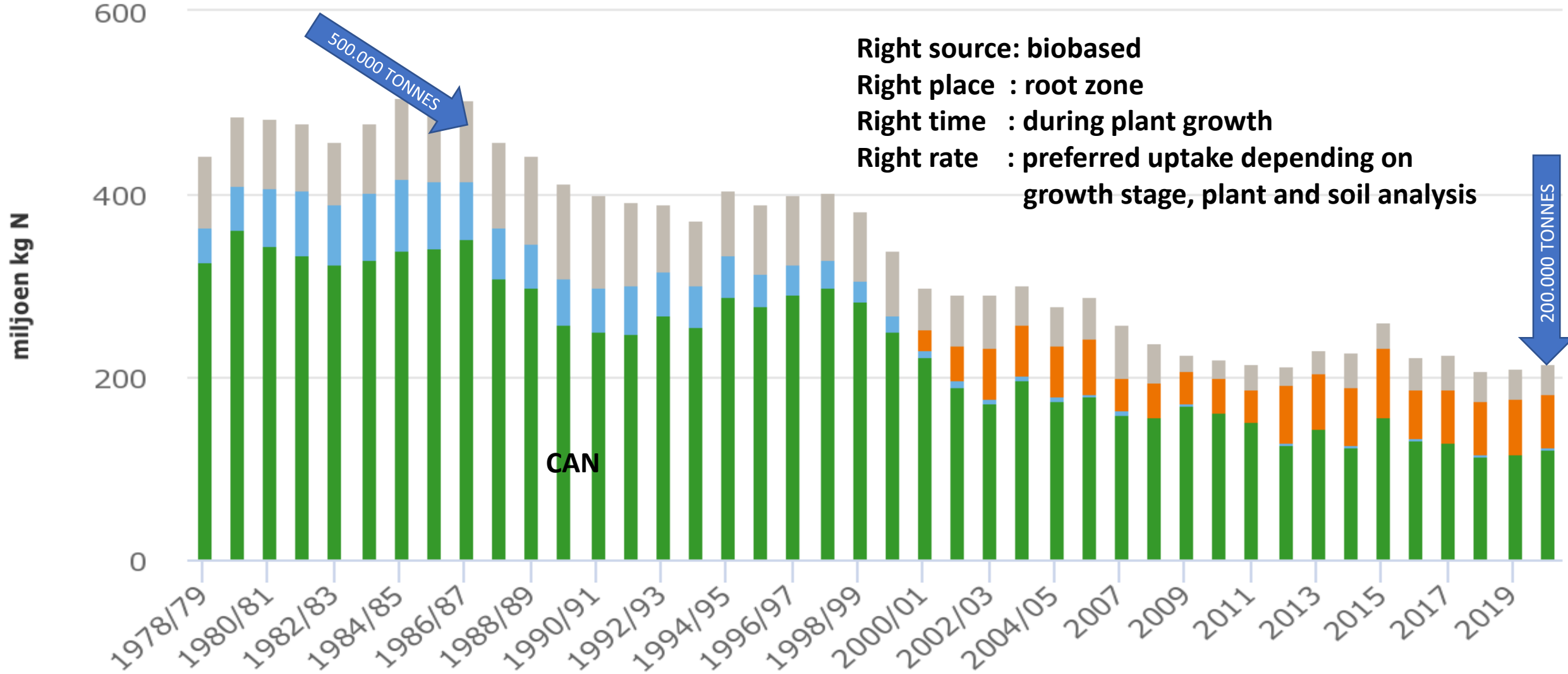
Planting of nitrogen-fixing crops like leguminous crops

-30 %



Recycled fertilisers made from manure, processed sewage sludge and biowaste

# PHASING OUT NON-BIOBASED NITROGEN FERTILIZER USE IN THE NETHERLANDS



Source: <https://www.agrimatie.nl/kunstmest.aspx?ID=16927>

