



# Opportunities for Organic Agriculture in Ireland

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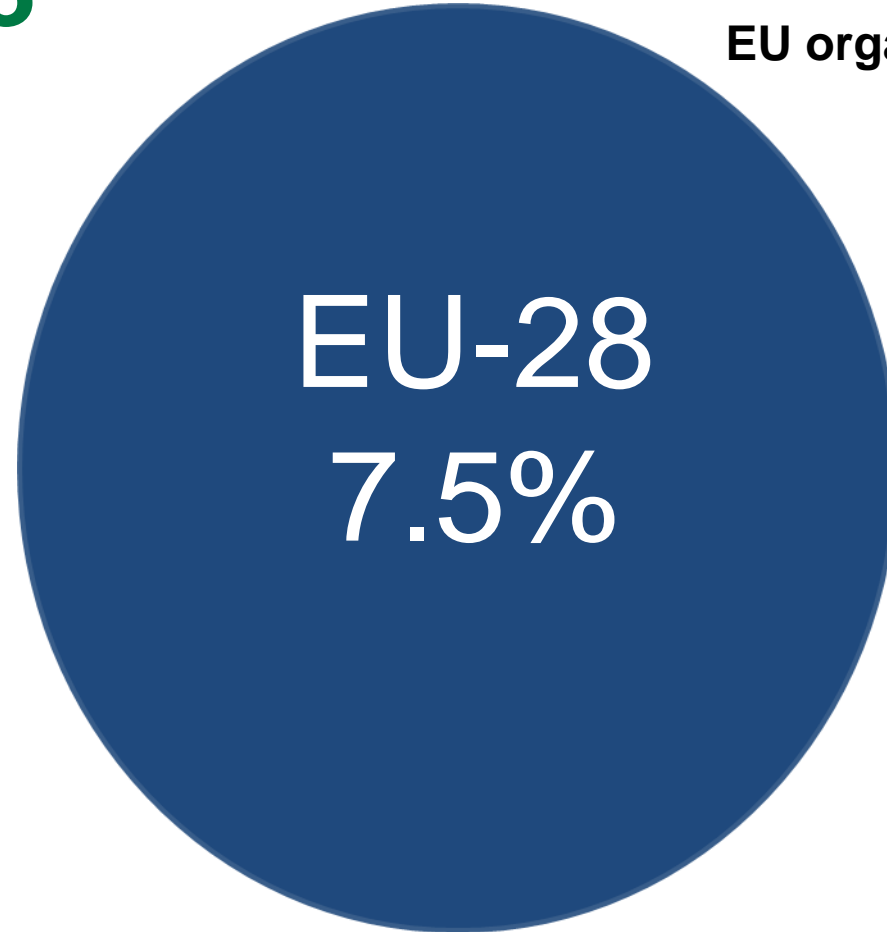
# Organic Land Area 2018



EU organic logo

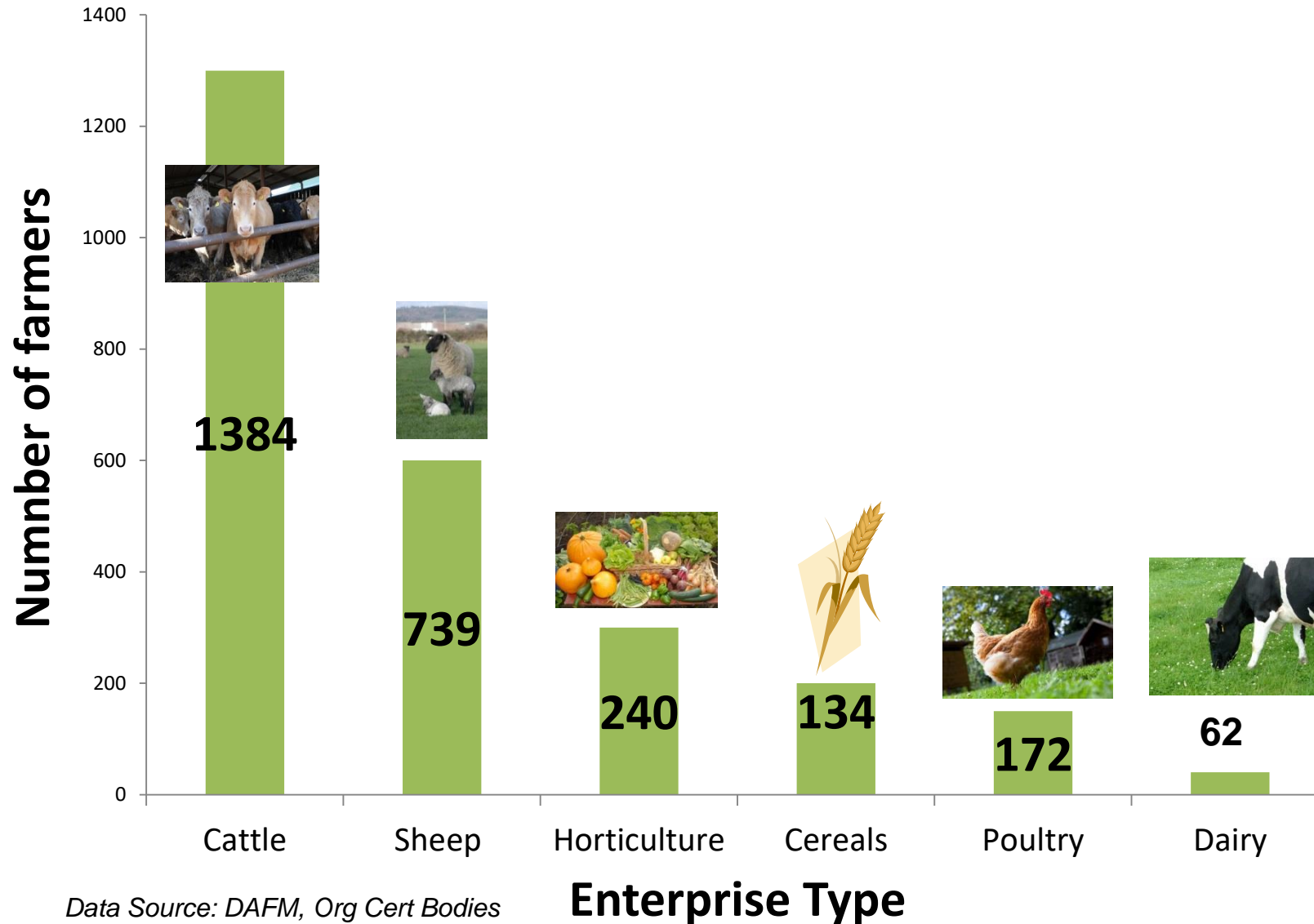


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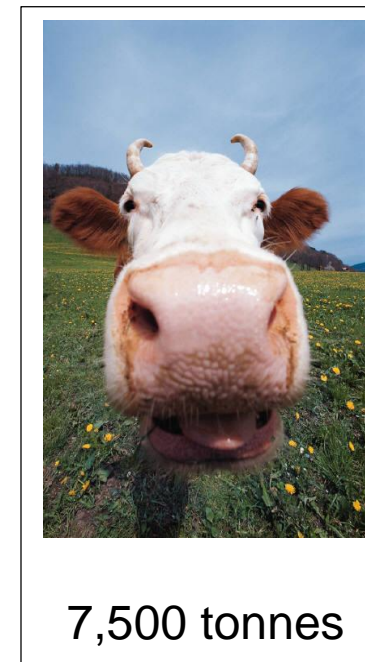
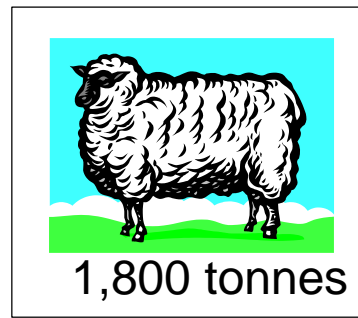
# PROFILE OF IRISH ORGANIC PRODUCTION 2019



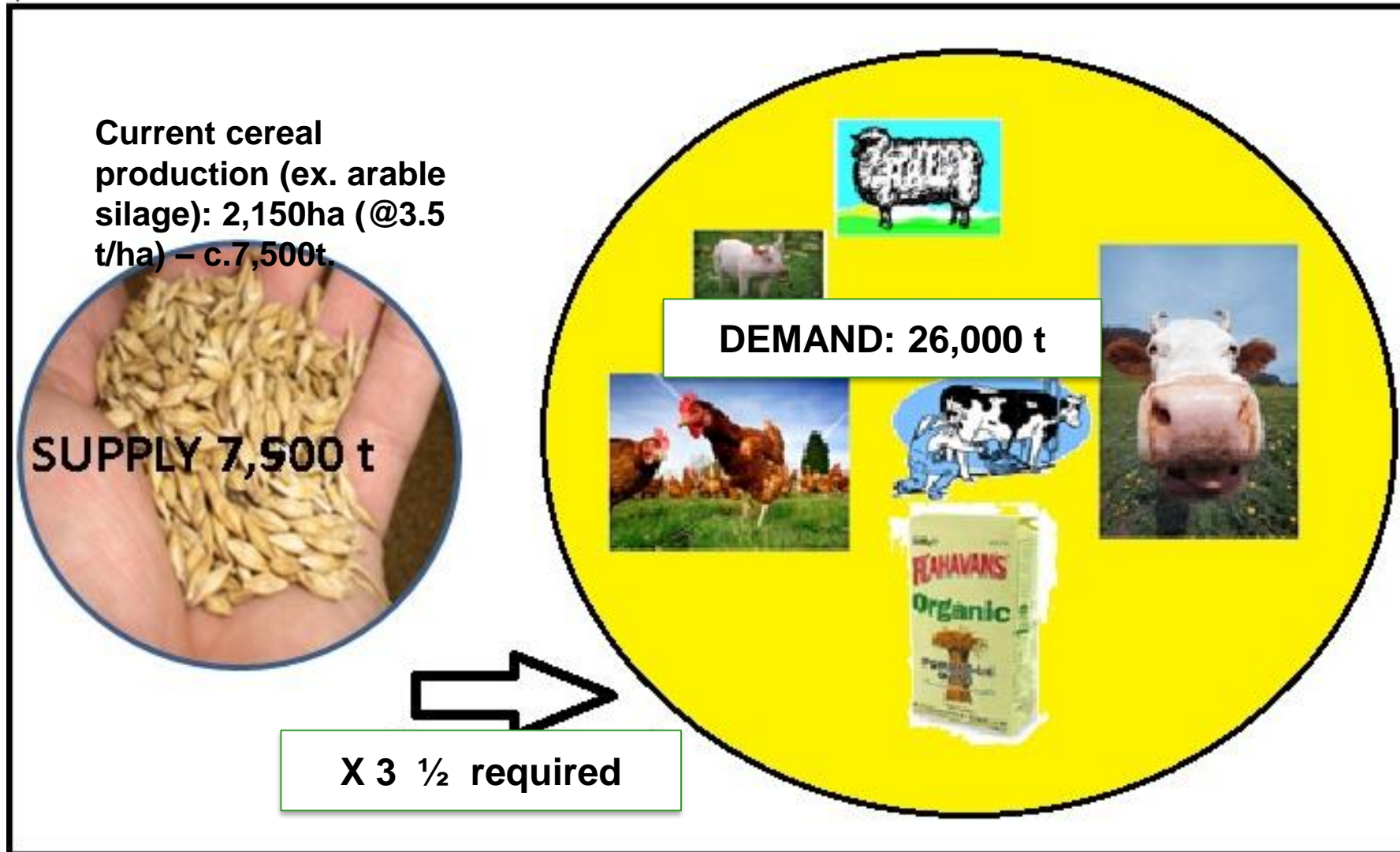
Data Source: DAFM, Org Cert Bodies

# Supply v Demand: how big is the gap 2018?

- Current cereal production (ex. arable silage): 2,134ha (@3.5 t/ha) – c.7,500t.
- Demand: 7,400ha – c. 26,000t (Teagasc est.)



# Teagasc Organic Cereal Gap Analysis Summary 2018



# Opportunities

- Be more self sufficient by growing more organic cereals and pulses



- Requires more protein/legume crops to be also grown in the rotation





# Policy



Farm to Fork Strategy



Ireland 7 Year Govt Strategy Plan 2019-2025



# Summary

- Organic sector in Ireland small
- Opportunities to grow sector legumes have a role to play to achieve this
- Provide quality feed and protein for the organic livestock sector
- Policy being developed to help enable this

# Thank You