



# Final Seminar Valerie

## Perspective of the tool builders

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Valerie

**Our objective – helping advisors, farmers and foresters to find useful innovations**

**Our analysis – what is out there, what is needed?**

**Our solution – ask-Valerie.eu**



## Helping advisors, farmers and foresters to find useful innovations

Innovations: new solutions for existing problems

Partly from scientific developments e.g. in EU projects  
Partly from best practices in other countries

Useful: applicable in practice!

Note: innovations for farmer A may be run-of-the-mill for farmer B. Any solution may be innovative.



For easy access to innovations, we need an online tool

Typical entry points:

- Google, Bing, Yahoo!, ... : text-based search in all web-accessible documents, mono-lingual
- OrgPrints: text-based search in organic ePrints-collection, multi-lingual





# Search results – generic search



sowthistle



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Ongeveer 1.060.000 resultaten (0,53 seconden)

Bedoelde u: **sow thistle**

**Sonchus - Wikipedia**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonchus> ▾ Vertaal deze pagina

Sonchus is a genus of flowering plants in the dandelion tribe within the sunflower family. Mature **sow thistle** stems can range from 30 cm to 2 m (1 to 6 feet) tall, depending upon species and growing conditions. Colouration ranges from green ...

[Sonchus oleraceus](#) · [Sonchus asper](#) · [Sonchus arvensis](#) · [Sonchus brachyotus](#)

**Sonchus oleraceus - Wikipedia**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonchus\\_oleraceus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonchus_oleraceus) ▾ Vertaal deze pagina

Sonchus oleraceus, with many common names including common **sowthistle**, **sow thistle**, smooth **sow thistle**, annual **sow thistle**, hare's colwort, hare's thistle, ...

**Sow Thistle: Pictures, Flowers, Leaves and Identification | Sonchus ...**

[www.ediblewildfood.com/sow-thistle.aspx](http://www.ediblewildfood.com/sow-thistle.aspx) ▾ Vertaal deze pagina

**Sow Thistle** (Sonchus arvensis) is wild, edible and nutritious food. Identify **sow thistle** via its pictures, habitat, height, flowers and leaves.

**Sow Thistle - Eat The Invaders**

[eattheinvaders.org/blue-plate-special-sow-thistle/](http://eattheinvaders.org/blue-plate-special-sow-thistle/) ▾ Vertaal deze pagina

26 mei 2014 - Captain Cook's men, foraging, find a **Sow Thistle** at Queen Charlotte Sound in New Zealand. Which they proceed to devour along with several ...

Approximately  
1M documents  
found

General  
information on  
sow thistle

Identification  
information on  
sow thistle

Historical  
anecdote  
involving sow  
thistle

# Results – specific search

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'orgprints.org/cgi/search/simple?keywords=sowthistle&ke'. The page features the 'Organic eprints' logo and a navigation menu with links: home, about, browse, search, latest, help. Below the menu are links for 'Login' and 'Create Account'. The search results section indicates 'Keyword(s) matches any of "sowthistle"' and shows 'Displaying results 1 to 2 of 2.' with links for 'Refine search' and 'New search'. The results are ordered by 'author's name'. Two results are listed: 1. '{Project} REPCLOV: **Repeated clover subcropping as a strategy for commercial organic grain production.** Runs 2002 - 2006. Project Leader(s): Eltun, Ragnar; Henriksen, Trond; Brandsæter, Lars Olav and Løes, Anne-Kristin, Bioforsk Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research .', and 2. 'Cici, S.-Z.-H.; Kristiansen, P. and Sindel, B.M. (2005) **Improving competitive ability of chickpea with sowthistle.** Paper at: 15th Australian Weeds Conference Papers and Proceedings. Managing Weeds in a Changing Climate, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia, 24-28 September 2006.' Both results have a PDF icon next to them. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'contact us supporters', logos for 'ICROFS FiBL' and 'BÖLN', and a link 'auf deutsch'.

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2 documents found

Both are documents on sowthistle in organic farming

Searching on *Sonchus arvensis* gives 18 more documents

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→ low relevance for most documents, high number of results
- OrgPrints: text-based search in organic ePrints-collection, multi-lingual  
→ highly relevant, low number of results
- Both: user needs to know a lot about his/her question: synonyms, flexibility to change query when search results are not useful.



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*many results*



*relevant*

*generic*

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*few results*



**We want to provide our users with a digital advisor:**

- **Access to relevant domain-specific documents from 50 different sources in 7 different languages**
- **Help in specifying the query**
- **Using the advisor's knowledge of the domain to find all relevant documents**
- **Using the advisor's network to connect to other people for interaction on the problem**

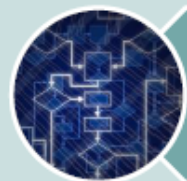
# The created tool and its pillars



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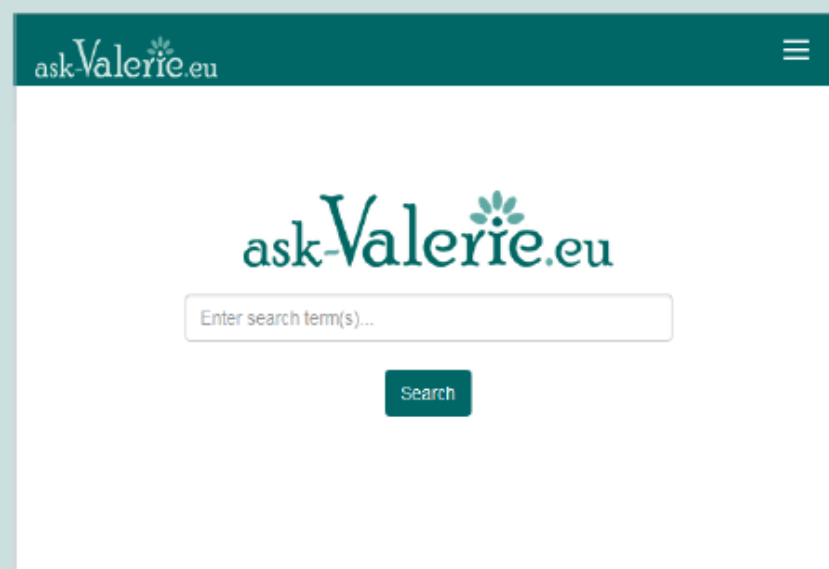
Document base



Digital advisor  
algorithms



User  
community




## Three algorithms mimic the digital advisor:

- Auto-completion: when a user starts asking a question, Valerie helps by suggesting key words from the ontology
- Query editing: when a user has asked a question, Valerie provides terms that are related to the question to specify the question better
- Ranking: when a user has asked a question, Valerie searches the document base for relevant documents and ranks them on predicted relevance

Note: Valerie is still learning to do better!



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- apple size
- apple scab
- apple pest
- apple tree
- apple rust
- apple yield
- apple borer
- application
- apple weevil
- apple maggot

When typing “appl”, all kinds of concepts from the ontology appear in which “apple” or “application” occur.

Irrelevant words like “applause” are not shown.

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- uniformity**
- product **uniformity**
- ripening **uniformity**
- emission **uniformity**
- sprinkler **uniformity**
- irrigation **uniformity**
- application **uniformity**
- drip irrigation **uniformity**
- Sesamia **uniformis**
- Crataegus **uniflora**
- Rotylenchus **uniformis**

When typing “unif”, all kinds of concepts from the ontology appear in which “unif” occur, including concepts where “unif” is not part of the first word.

## Query Editor

variable-rate  
irrigation

< Refine

variable rate drip  
irrigation

variable rate  
sprinkler irrigation

> Broaden

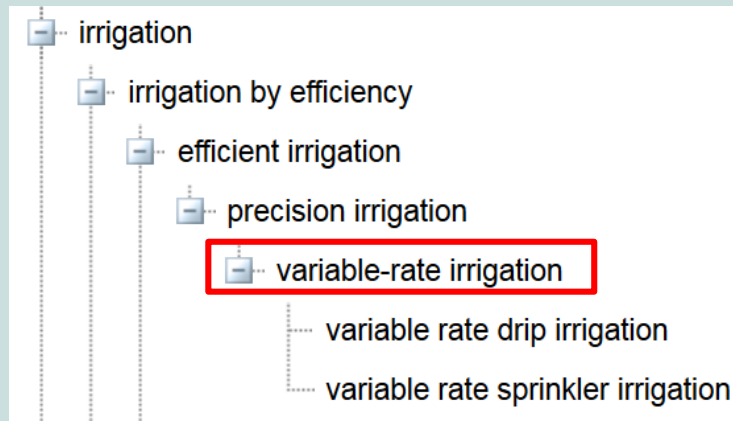
issue in water  
management

precision  
irrigation

When searching for a concept, Valerie looks up the term in the ontology and shows its broader, narrower, related, solutions, innovations terms.

This helps the user in making the question more specific (refine) or more generic (broaden)

Example: variable rate irrigation



*Note that a term may have more than one broader term (parent)*



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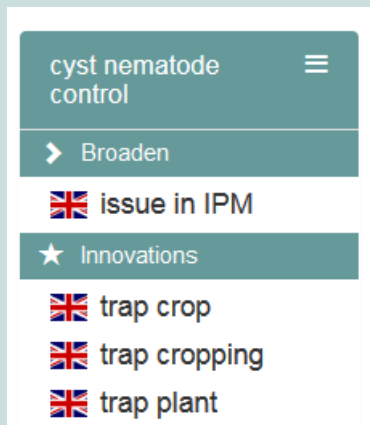
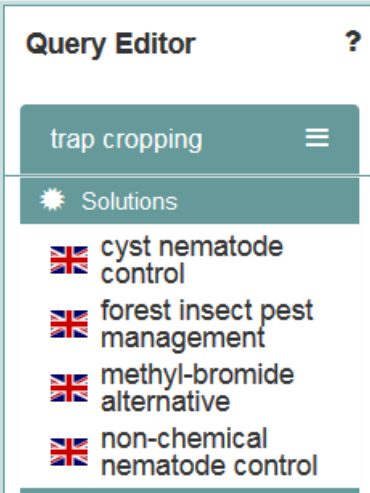
This helps the user in understanding the innovation-solution pairs

Example: trap cropping is an **innovative solution** in the area of

- **Cyst nematode control**
- **Forest insect pest management**
- **Methyl-bromide alternative**
- **Non-chemical nematode control**

Example: cyst nematode control has **potential innovations** in the area of

- Trap crop
- Trap cropping
- Trap plant



## Query Editor



potatoes



 Add Related Term

-  haulm killing
-  potato disease
-  potato pest
-  potato planting
-  potato processing
-  potato product
-  potato quality
-  potato quality problem
-  sprouting
-  tuber

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This helps the user in associative browsing of the query domain through the related terms

Example: searching for **potatoes** gives areas in which the user could be interested in: **potato diseases**, **potato pests**, **potato quality** etc.

## Selection & ranking algorithm:

- During search, the documents containing the ontology terms from the search query are identified

Query: I want info on **B** and **D**



contains ontology  
terms A, **B**, C, **D**,  
E, F, G, H



contains ontology  
terms **B**, **D**, F, H, J,  
L, N, P



contains ontology  
terms A, C, **D**, F,  
G, H, K



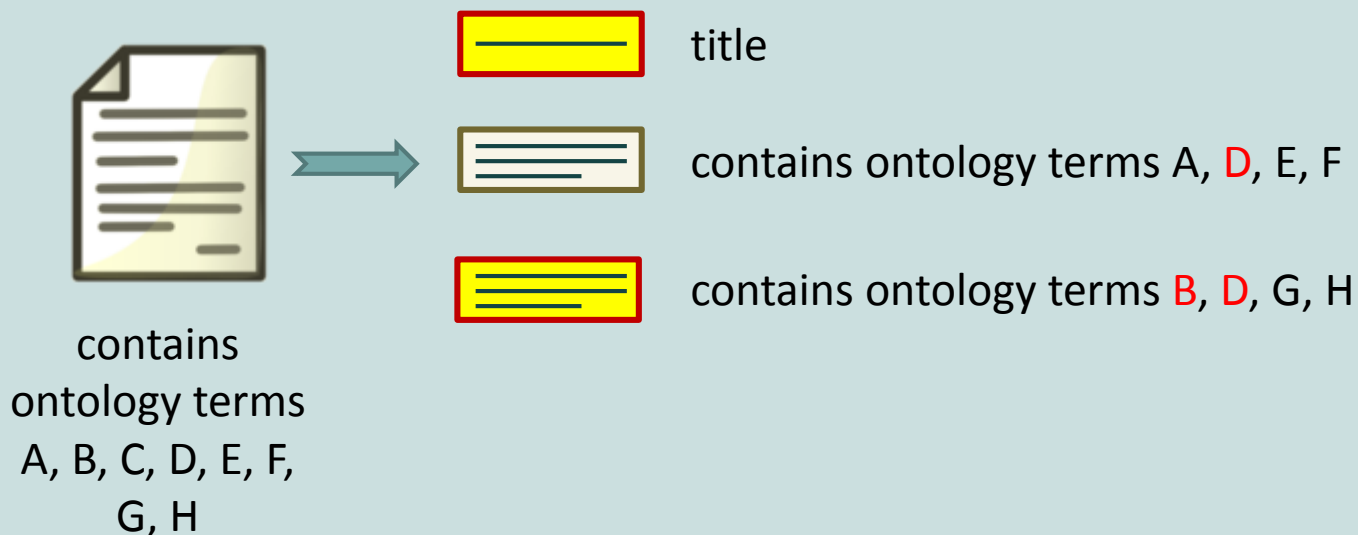
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**Ranking of documents takes place on four criteria. For each of the four criteria, a score is determined, and then the scores are combined.**

1. search terms occur in the title
2. search terms occur on the first page of the document (e.g. abstract)
3. all search terms occur equally often in the document
4. the number of times that a search term occurs in the document

When the documents have been found, for each document a paragraph (snippet) is selected to be displayed

The title and the first paragraph in which all search terms occur is shown.



You can select your preferred language and the other languages that you speak.

The search terms will only autocomplete on these languages

The search results will only show documents in the selected languages

The query editor will show terms in your preferred languages (if they exist), otherwise in one of the other languages that you speak, otherwise in English.





## Community

- Building up thematic communities
- Sharing documents with others
- Discussing innovation
- Connecting through social media
- Connecting with other users
- Searching (content, communities and experts)
- Activity feed, ...

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Time for a demo!



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minimu



minimum uprawy

minimum tillage

minimum humidity

minimum daglengte

minimum temperature

minimum germination

minimum cultivation

travail minimum du sol

daily minimum temperature

dagelijkse minimum temperatuur





I found 771 Documents that are related to your Question.

## My Question

minimum tillage

## Term Editor

?

minimum tillage



Add Term...



## Language Selector

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Preferred Language

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Other Languages

☒ English

☒ French

☒ Finnish

☒ Italian

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Calibration and adaptation of the NDICEA model to **reduced tillage** systems: Final-report of the Tilman CORE Organic II project. Work package 5.2.



Calibration and adaptation of the NDICEA model to **reduced tillage** systems [page 1]

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## My Question

🔄 minimum tillage

## Term Editor

?

minimum tillage



➤ Broaden

🇬🇧 innovation in soil and nutrient management

🇬🇧 soil conservation measure

🇬🇧 tillage system

= Synonyms

+ kevennetty muokkaus

🇪🇸 laboreo mínimo

🇮🇹 minima lavorazione

— minimale  
— grondbewerking

🇬🇧 minimum cultivation

🇮🇹 minimum tillage

— minimum uprawy

— niet-kerende  
— grondbewerking

— NKG

🇬🇧 reduced processing

🇬🇧 reduced tillage

🇮🇹 ridotta lavorazione

🇫🇷 technique culturale simplifié

🇫🇷 travail minimum du sol

— uprawa  
— zminimalizowana

☀ Solutions

🇬🇧 bad soil structure

🇬🇧 forest soil quality

🇬🇧 low soil organic matter

🇬🇧 soil conservation measure

🔗 Add Related Term

🇬🇧 conservation tillage

🇬🇧 disc harrowing

🇬🇧 non-inversion tillage

🇬🇧 tine cultivation

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Type another question...



## Language Selector

Preferred Language

English

Other Languages

- ☒ English
- ☒ French
- ☒ Finnish
- ☒ Italian
- ☒ Dutch
- ☒ Spanish
- ☒ Polish

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secondary spring tillage). However, use of conservation tillage in the long term resulted in lower soil bulk density at the 0-10 cm soil layer compared to conventional tillage (Carter et al., 2009b). Ekeberg and Riley (1997) reported similar soil bulk density values under three tillage systems (i.e., plough, tine 6 cm and minimum) 10 years after the initiation of tillage treatments. Fertilization regime had no effect on soil bulk density since values were similar throughout the potato production period (Table 3). [page 12]

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REDUCED TILLAGE AND COVER CROPS IN ORGANIC ARABLE SYSTEMS PRESERVES WEED DIVERSITY WITHOUT JEOPARDISING CROP YIELD

In the French trial very superficial tillage and **reduced tillage** had higher weed infestation and consequently lower undersown alfalfa biomass at wheat harvest. Weed diversity was also higher in these two treatments. Wheat yield was lower in the **reduced tillage** system and higher with shallow than deep ploughing. Mid-term trials In the Estonian system experiment weed presence was strongly influenced by green manure crop, rye being the most suppressive one and ryegrass the least. This had a carry-over effect on weed density in the next pea crop. Perennial weeds dominated in red clover. [page 2]

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Dutch



Other Languages

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## Functionele agrobiodiversiteit: van concept naar praktijk

We hebben veldonderzoek uitgevoerd op bedrijven met **niet-kerende grondbewerking (NKG)** om vast te stellen in hoeverre de bodemstructuur effectief wordt verbeterd door een beter functionerend bodemleven, en op welke termijn na omschakeling op **NKG** resultaten kunnen worden verwacht. Onze studie sloot aan op door de Provincie Limburg gestimuleerd onderzoek naar bodembiodiversiteit en functionele agrobiodiversiteit, uitgevoerd door Praktijkonderzoek Plant & Omgeving. We hebben het bodemleven en de bodemstructuur onderzocht op diverse bedrijven in Limburg in een oplopende reeks onafgebroken **NKG**, telkens met naastgelegen bedrijven of percelen met conventionele grondbewerking. Hierbij werd gekeken naar regenwormen, schimmels, bodemaggregaten, indringingsweerstand en waterinfiltratie. Daarnaast konden we gebruik maken van een experiment in Ierland om effecten van het achterlaten van stro bij **NKG** te onderzoeken. [page 44]



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## Duurzame onkruidbestrijding bij Niet-Kerende Grondbewerking

8.2 Schoffelen in NKG-systemen Een kenmerkend probleem voor bouwplannen waarin **NKG** al langer wordt toegepast is dat de organische stof zich meer in de toplaag bevindt. [page 18]



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Aan de slag met **niet-kerende grondbewerking**

**Niet-kerende grondbewerking** • 17 Granen De teelt van graan zonder te ploegen lijkt in eerste instantie eenvoudig, maar de mogelijke problemen worden onderschat. Problemen waar je tegenaan kan lopen zijn: • Moeilijke start van de granen bij late inzaai in november-december • Ziekteoverdracht in een teeltplan met meer dan 50% granen • Opslag van tarwe in brouwergerst • Vertraagde stikstofmineralisatie in de wintermaanden Granen inzaaien na rooivuchten in de herfst vraagt om een goede voorbereiding. Zorg dat alles klaar staat voor je begint met oogsten, zodat je direct na of tijdens het oogsten kan starten met inzaaien. Vroeg inzaaien noodzaakt tot het omlaag brengen van de zaaizaadhoeveelheid zoals beschreven in de tabel 4. Wacht je met zaaien, dan loop je het risico dat een regenbui het haast onmogelijk maakt om granen in te zaaien met een woeler-zaaicombinatie. [page 17]



My Question

minimum tillage

Term Editor

minimum tillage

Add Term...

Language Selector

Preferred Language

Finnish

Other Languages

- ☐ English
- ☐ French
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The effect of **reduced tillage** on weeds and plant diseases

Annual weeds do not usually cause problems in **reduced tillage**. The abundance of some species may be lower in unploughed soil than in ploughed soil if weed-control has been continuously effective, because the weed seeds accumulate in the topsoil and the seedbank becomes poorer. On the other hand, the rhizomes of perennial weeds benefit from **reduced tillage**. On heavy clay soils, perennial weeds do not seem to proliferate in **reduced tillage** more than they do in ploughing. On light soils, however, perennials have to be controlled more carefully in **reduced tillage**. The effect of tillage on perennial weeds can be improved by the timing of tillage and by increasing tillage intensity or depth. [page 5]

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Jokihelmisimpukan suojelua edistävät viljelytoimet Pirkanmaalla

On these farms the most risky plant in cultivation is early potato. Winter rye as catch crop is recommended, because it gives yield in next summer. The use of farmyard manure and legumes as fertilizers did not cause any leaching risk of nitrogen. **Minimum tillage** reduces nitrogen leaching too. [page 5]

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INNOVARE I SISTEMI CULTURALI CEREALICOLI RIDUCENDO LE LAVORAZIONI DEL SUOLO

**Minima lavorazione** Aratura [page 2]



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Viljanviljelyn perusmuokausmenetelmien taloudellisuusvertailu

In the smallest farm group of 38 ha the net loss in the cultivation of feed cereals (barley and oats) were the lowest when using the **reduced tillage** (cultivator or knife harrow). In the case of spring wheat the cultivator would seem to result in slightly smaller net



# Tiivistelmä

*Avainsanat: auraton viljely, kasvitaudit, kevennetty maanmuokkaus, kultivointi, kyntämättä viljely, rikkakasvit, siemenpankki*

Kyntämättä viljelyn tavoitteena on muokkauksenkustannusten alentaminen, maan rakenteen parantaminen sekä eroosion ja ravinteiden huuhtoutumisen vähentäminen. Kyntöä korvaavissa menetelmissä maata muokataan yleensä matalampaan ja kasvijätteitä mullataan vähemmän kuin kynnössä. Kirjallisuuden mukaan perusmuokkauksen vaikutukset rikkakasveihin ja kasvitauteihin vaihtelevat. Eri tutkimuksissa käytyt muokkausmenetelmät ja olosuhteet ovat olleet erilaisia. Monesti menetelmät on raportoitu liian puutteellisesti, jotta voitaisiin varmuudella osoittaa muokkausmenetelmien aiheuttamat erot rikkakasvi- tai tautitilanteeseen. Joitakin johtopäätöksiä voidaan kuitenkin tehdä.

Kynnöstä luovuttaessa siemenrikkakasvit eivät yleensä muodostu ongelmaksi. Tietyt lajit voivat vähentyä ilman kyntöä, jos torjunta on vuodesta toiseen tehokasta. Tämä johtuu siementen kertymisestä maan pintaosiin ja siemenvaraston köyhtymisestä. Kestorikkakasvien monivuotinen juu-

rakko yleensä hyötyy maanmuokkauksen vähentämisestä. Jäykällä maalajeilla monivuotisten rikkakasvien on todettu pysyvän melko hyvin kurissa kyntämättä viljelyssä, mutta kevyillä mailla niiden torjuntatarve on lisääntynyt kyntöviljelyyn nähden. Muokkauksen tehoa kestorikkakasveihin voidaan parantaa ajoittamalla muokkaukset syksyyn, parantamalla kaluston multaustehoa sekä lisäämällä ajokertoja ja työsyvyyttä.


Monet viljojen tautien aiheuttajista talvehtivat menestyksekkäästi pinnalla olevassa satojätteessä. Siksi kyntämättä viljelyssä lehtilaikkutaudit näyttävät olevan yleisempiä kuin kyntöviljelyssä. Tautiepidemian riski riippuu kuitenkin maan pinnalle jääneen kasvijätteen määrästä ja laadusta. Myös maan muuttuminen kosteammaksi ja hieman viileämmäksi kyntämättä viljelyn takia voi vaikuttaa tauteihin. Tyvitautien esiintyminen on vaihtelevaa, joskus niiden on havaittu jopa vähenevän kyntämättä viljelyn seurauksena.






# ask-Valerie.eu Community





## Building up thematic communities


Valerie






Peter M. Schuler  
business transformation manager 

 DASHBOARD  MESSAGES  DIRECTORY 












## Agroforestry

Agroforestry is the practice of combining trees and crops/livestock on the same piece of land. This as...



2 Posts 2 Members 0 Followers

[+ Invite](#) 


### Space menu


-  Stream
-  Wiki
-  Tasks
-  Linklist
-  Files
-  Polls


Filter ▾    Sorting ▾

 Michael den Herder 2 Feb 2017  
 Added a new link EURAF - European Agroforestry Federation to category "Information on agroforestry in Europe". [LINK](#)  
The European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF) aims at promoting the use of trees on farms as well as any kind of silvopastoralism throughout the different environmental regions of Europe. EURAF has about 280 members from 20 different European countries.

### Latest activities

 **Michael den Herder** created a new Link "EURAF - European Agroforestry Federation".  
2 Feb 2017

 **Michael den Herder** created a new Link "AGFORWARD on Flickr".  
2 Feb 2017

 **Michael den Herder** created a new Link "@AGFORWARD\_EU".  
2 Feb 2017

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Sharing documents with others



The screenshot shows a community page on ask-Valerie.eu. At the top is a banner image of sunflowers with the text "Crop rotation, soil cover ... pest mana..." and a sub-header "Crop rotation, soil cover management and integrated pest management Crop rotation is the farming ...". Below the banner is a blue square with the letters "CR". To the right of the square are statistics: 0 Posts, 2 Members, and 0 Followers. There is an "Invite" button and a settings gear icon.

On the left is a "Space menu" with options: Stream, Wiki, Files, and Linklist.

In the center, there is a text box with the message: "I just found a useful paper in ask-Valerie's library. Have a look: [www.ask-V.eu/125436](http://www.ask-V.eu/125436)". Below the text box are "Submit" and "Add" buttons.

Below the text box are "Filter" and "Sorting" dropdown menus.

Below the filters is a post by Peter M. Schuler, dated "about an hour ago (Updated 17 minutes ago)". The post title is "Crop rotation, soil cover management and integrated pest management" and it is marked as a "WIKI PAGE". The post content reads: "Crop rotation is the farming practice of growing different crops in sequence over several years. In general, crop rotations have the following advantages relative to monocultures. Crop rotation provides greater variety in the timing and duration of soil cover than is typically the case in a monoculture. Keeping the soil covered can reduce nitrate leaching, protect against erosion, improve soil structure, contribute to carbon sequestration, suppress weeds, pests and diseases, and enhance...". There is a link "Open wiki page..." and social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

On the right, there is a "Latest activities" section showing "Patrick Silva joined this space. about an hour ago" and a "Space members" section showing two member avatars.



# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Discussing innovation

Valerie

The screenshot displays the ask-Valerie.eu Community interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the Valerie logo on the left, a notification bell icon with a red badge showing '67', and a mail icon on the right. The user profile 'Peter M. Schuler' with the title 'business transformation manager' and a profile picture is shown on the far right. Below the header, a navigation bar contains icons for a home page, 'DASHBOARD', 'MESSAGES', and 'DIRECTORY', along with a search icon. The main content area shows a discussion thread. At the top of the thread is a text input field 'Write a new comment...' with a 'Send' button. The first post is by Luca Bechini, dated 25 Jan 2017, with a question: 'Is it possible to create a new discussion (for example about conservation agriculture)?'. Below the question are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A link 'Like (1) · Comment ·' is also present. Below this, a section titled 'Show all 6 comments.' contains two visible comments. The first comment is by Frank de Ruijter, dated 25 Jan 2017, stating: 'This website gives a good overview on why to plow or not: <https://iowaagliteracy.wordpress.com/2015/04/27/why-do-they-do-that-plowing-or-tilling-fields/>'. The second comment is by Janet Dwyer, dated 25 Jan 2017, asking: 'Is Plow a recognised spelling? American, maybe. In the UK we say ploughing.....'. At the bottom of the thread, another post by Peter M. Schuler, dated 24 Jan 2017, is partially visible. A URL 'humhub.silvacube.de/index.php?r=search/search/index' is visible in the bottom left corner of the browser window.

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Connecting through social media

Valerie

The screenshot displays the ask-Valerie.eu community interface. At the top, the Valerie logo is on the left, and a user profile for Peter M. Schuler (business transformation manager) is on the right. A notification bell icon shows 67 alerts. Below the header, a navigation bar includes a dashboard icon, a message icon, and a search icon. A Twitter share modal is open in the center, titled "Teile einen Link mit deinen Followern". The modal contains the text: "Is it possible to create a new discussion (for example about conservation agriculture)?", a URL "http://humhub.silvacube.de/index.php?r=content%2Fperma&id=144", and a blue "Twittern" button. In the background, a discussion thread is visible. It starts with a post from Janet Dwyer (25 Jan 2017) asking "Is Plow a recognised spelling? American, maybe. In the UK we say ploughing.....". Below this, a post from Peter M. Schuler (24 Jan 2017) asks "Which types of sub-communities would you like to actively participate in?". The interface includes a "Write a new comment..." field and a "Send" button for the thread.

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Connecting with other users 1/3

Valerie

The screenshot shows the user profile of Peter Gaskell on the ask-Valerie.eu platform. The top navigation bar includes the Valerie logo, a notification bell with 67 alerts, and a message icon. The user's name, Peter M. Schuler, and title, business transformation manager, are displayed on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features Peter Gaskell's profile picture, name, and statistics: 3 Followers, 11 Following, and 1 Spaces. A 'Send message' button and a 'Follow' button are visible. The 'Profile menu' on the left includes 'Stream' and 'About'. The main stream shows a post from Peter Gaskell dated 25 Jan 2017, with the text: 'Where can I find out how to set up a forest owners group? We have a lot of unmanaged forest in my region (Yorkshire Dales in England) . most of it is owned by farmers but they don't manage it any more. There is a growing risk of forest fires.' The post has social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. On the right, there are sections for 'Member in these spaces', 'User followers', and 'Following user'.

Valerie

67

Peter M. Schuler  
business transformation manager

MY SPACES ▾ DASHBOARD MESSAGES DIRECTORY

Peter Gaskell

3 Followers 11 Following 1 Spaces

Send message Follow

Profile menu

Stream About

Filter ▾ Sorting ▾

Peter Gaskell 25 Jan 2017 PUBLIC

Where can I find out how to set up a forest owners group? We have a lot of unmanaged forest in my region (Yorkshire Dales in England) . most of it is owned by farmers but they don't manage it any more. There is a growing risk of forest fires.

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Member in these spaces ▾

User followers ▾

Following user ▾

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Connecting with other users 2/3

Valerie

The screenshot displays the ask-Valerie.eu Community interface. At the top, the Valerie logo is on the left, and the user profile for Peter M. Schuler (business transformation manager) is on the right. Below the header, there are navigation tabs: DASHBOARD, MESSAGES, and DIRECTORY. A messages pop-up window is open in the center, showing two messages: one from Frank de Ruijter dated 26 Jan 2017 about a language issue, and another from Patrick Silva dated 29 Jul 2016 about a great idea. The pop-up has a 'New message' button and a 'Show all messages' link. The background shows a user profile for 'Toulouse' with a coat of arms and a building image. The profile has 3 Posts, 20 Members, and 0 Followers. Below the profile, there is a 'Space menu' with options: Stream, Wiki, Polls, Linklist, and community session. A post by Peter M. Schuler dated 25 Jan 2017 is visible, titled 'What would you like to do with the document that you have found?'. The post has 14 comments and is marked as 'STICKED'. On the right, there is a 'Latest activities' section showing recent likes and comments by Jane Mills and Michael den Herder.

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Connecting with other users 3/3



The screenshot displays the Valerie web application interface. At the top, there's a header bar with the Valerie logo on the left, a notification bell with a red '67' badge and an envelope icon in the center, and the user profile 'Peter M. Schuler' with the title 'business transformation manager' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'MY SPACES', 'DASHBOARD', 'MESSAGES' (which is active and highlighted in blue), and 'DIRECTORY'. A search icon is located on the right side of this bar. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Conversations', contains a list of message threads. The first thread is from 'Frank de Ruijter' dated '26 Jan 2017' with the subject 'Language'. The second thread is from 'Patrick Silva' dated '29 Jul 2016'. The right column shows the details of the selected conversation with Frank de Ruijter. It includes a 'Language' header, a profile picture, and the message content: 'Hi Peter', 'When I sent a message to Luca yesterday, he got it in Dutch (the automatic text on ... has sent you a message)', and 'Best, Frank'. Below the message is a rich text editor with formatting options (B, I, H, link, image, list, table, code, quote) and a 'Preview' button. The text area contains the placeholder 'Write an answer...'. At the bottom of the right column are a 'Send' button and a '+ Add user' button.

# ask-Valerie.eu Community

## Searching (content, experts and communities)

Valerie

The screenshot shows the ask-Valerie.eu Community search interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the Valerie logo on the left, a notification bell and email icon in the center, and a user profile for Peter M. Schuler (business transformation manager) on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links to MY SPACES, DASHBOARD, MESSAGES, and DIRECTORY. The main content area is titled 'Search' and features a search bar with the text 'forest' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a link to 'Advanced search settings' and a section for 'Search only in certain spaces' with a 'Specify space' input field. On the left side, there is a 'Search results' sidebar with filters for 'All (9)', 'Content (7)', 'Users (1)', and 'Spaces (1)'. The main results area displays three items: 1) A post by Michael den Herder from Feb 2017 in the 'Agroforestry' space, which includes a link to the EURAF website and a description of the European Agroforestry Federation. 2) A community space titled 'Agroforestry' with a description of the practice and its purpose in the community. 3) A user profile for Luis Olza, a Forest Engineer.

Valerie

Peter M. Schuler  
business transformation manager

MY SPACES DASHBOARD MESSAGES DIRECTORY

**Search**

forest Search

[Advanced search settings](#)

Search only in certain spaces:

**Search results**

All (9)

Content (7)

Users (1)

Spaces (1)

**Michael den Herder** 2 Feb 2017 in **Agroforestry**

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Like · Comment · [LINK](#)

**Agroforestry**  
Agroforestry is the practice of combining trees and crops/livestock on the same piece of land. This ask-Valerie community space gives room for sharing knowledge on the management of novel and traditional agroforestry.

**Luis Olza**  
Forest Engineer [USER](#)

# ask-Valerie.eu Community Activity feed & Notifications

Valerie

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Valerie

Peter M. Schuler  
business transformation manager

DASHBOARD MESSAGES DIRECTORY

Notifications [Mark all as seen](#)

- Jane Mills likes Comment "It might be interesting to start an agroforestry...".  
26 Jan 2017 [NEW](#)
- Michael den Herder commented Question "Which types of sub-communities would you like to actively...". "It might be interesting to start an agroforestry sub-community. Next month we will start working in the AFINET project (Agroforestry Innovation Networks). One of the requirement of the project will be to build on "Agroforestry Knowledge Cloud". It would make much more sense to integrate this new knowledge cloud into AskValerie, than building all kind of new knowledge hubs in future..."  
26 Jan 2017 [NEW](#)
- Jane Mills likes Comment "I would like to read in detail and then be able to book mark".  
26 Jan 2017 [NEW](#)

**Toulouse**  
The second largest metropolis

3 Posts 20 Members 0 Followers

**Space menu**

- Stream
- Wiki
- Polls
- Linklist
- community session

What's on your mind?

Filter ▾ Sorting ▾

**Peter M. Schuler** 25 Jan 2017 [STICKED](#)  
business transformation manager

What would you like to do with the document that you have found?

Like (1) · Comment · [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

Show all 14 comments.

**Jim Egan** 25 Jan 2017  
I would like to read in detail and then be able to book mark it on Ask Valerie; for some documents I would like to be able to share with specific people to whom I think the document is relevant for.  
Like (1)

**Jane Mills** 25 Jan 2017  
I will read the document and if relevant save it to my computer  
Like

Write a new comment... [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) Send

**Peter M. Schuler** 25 Jan 2017 [STICKED](#)  
business transformation manager

What kind of interaction would you like to have with other users?

Like · Comment · [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

Show all 13 comments.

**Latest activities**

- Jane Mills likes Post "Is it possible to create a new discussion (for example about...".  
26 Jan 2017
- Jane Mills likes Comment "It might be interesting to start an agroforestry...".  
26 Jan 2017
- Michael den Herder wrote a new comment "It might be interesting to start an agroforestry sub-community. Next month we will start working in...".  
26 Jan 2017
- Jane Mills answered the Question "Which types of sub-communities would you like to actively...".  
26 Jan 2017

**Space members**

**Link list**

ask-Valerie.eu links  
ask-Valerie.eu Library  
Valerie@Twitter

# Any questions?

# Valerie

## Thank you for your time and attention.

## ask-Valerie.eu will be online soon. Please follow us on Twitter!



@Valerie\_project

ask-Valerie.eu

Search Community Sign In About

Type another question...

I found 6 Documents that are related to your Question.

**My Question**

emission uniformity

**Term Editor**

emission uniformity

Refine

- drip irrigation uniformity
- sprinkler uniformity

Broaden

- irrigation property
- issue in water management

Synonyms

- irrigation uniformity

Add Related Term

- border irrigation
- crop water status
- furrow irrigation

Remove Term

Add Term...

**A fair share of water for agriculture. A strategy for irrigation in Eastern England**

New/improved technologies Efficient irrigation requires the adoption of best irrigation practice using appropriate equipment with accurate water scheduling. Technologies that are most promising include: • Water application systems – optimising irrigation equipment performance such as valve-in-head sprinklers, intelligent rain-guns and booms, and trickle irrigation • Improved scheduling using wireless sensors and/or infra-red technology • Reduced energy consumption by improving pump-system performance • Understanding the impacts of poor efficiency on **irrigation uniformity** and crop production (Box 3). The agri-food industry is 'between a rock and a hard place'. On one side are the consumers and the supermarkets using their grower protocols to demand high quality and timely fruit and vegetables which can only be produced with irrigation. On the other side is the regulatory authority with obligations to protect the natural environment from over-abstraction. [page 7]

Share with community Go to document

**Nitrate Leaching**

**Irrigation uniformity:** The appropriate amount of water is distributed across the field, without areas in the field of excess or deficit water application. [page 3]

Share with community Go to document

**Best management practices planning guide & template**

✓ Pipelines should be designed to provide the system with the appropriate pressure required for maximum **irrigation uniformity**. ✓ Pressure-regulating or compensating equipment must be used where the system pressure exceeds the manufacturer's recommendations. ✓ Equipment with check valves must be used in low areas to prevent low head drainage. [page 20]

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## Content (how to ensure end users get the best content)

1. *What is the most suitable format for ‘translating’ research outcomes into practical outputs? Do the issue-solution pairs used in ask-Valerie, VALERIE factsheets and org-prints provide a good structure?*

## Process (how to ensure sustainability of such a platform)

2. *What needs to be done to make a knowledge platform such as ask-Valerie work in the long run? What strategies can be used and what resources are needed to develop a community of users (e.g. How could users contribute towards maintaining the system?)?*

## Timings

- **2:15 to 2:40 (25 mins) – Appoint a group rapporteur and discuss the questions: take notes to formulate one sentence answers**
- **2:40 to 2:45 (5 mins) – Rapporteurs write out one sentence answers**
- **2:45 to 2:50 (5 mins) – Rapporteurs report back**

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- Discuss - 25 mins
- Answers - 5 mins
- Reporting - 5 mins