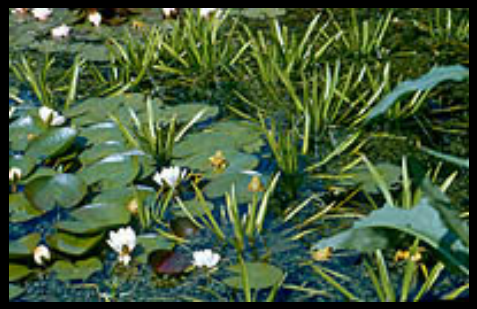



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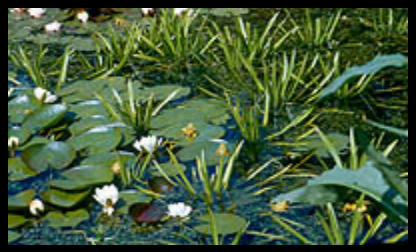



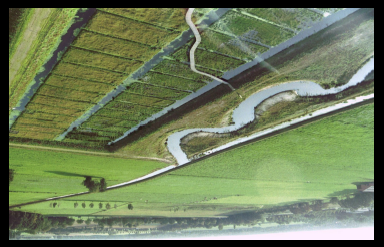

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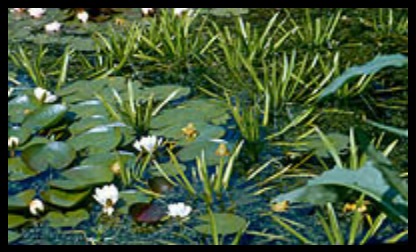
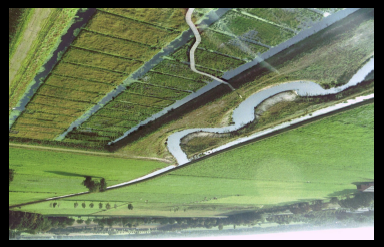






CAP history

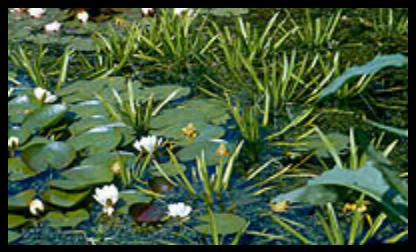
1960 - start of Common Agricultural Policy

1970
- price support to ensure food sufficiency
- food surplusses

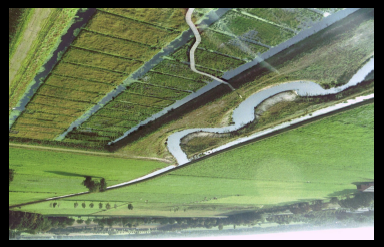
1980
- increased environmental problems
- more attention for environment and rural issues

1990
- price decrease and income compensation

2000
- enlargement
- CAP reform: decoupling, cross compliance and modulation
- discussion on basics – another reform in 2008/2009?





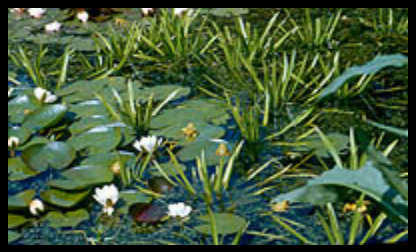


CAP budget

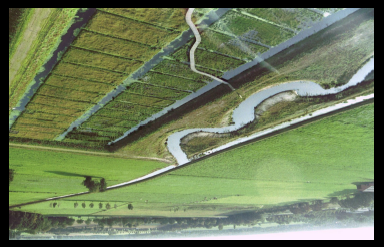
€ 118 billion

(2006)

- 43 % agriculture
- 36 % structural funds
- other







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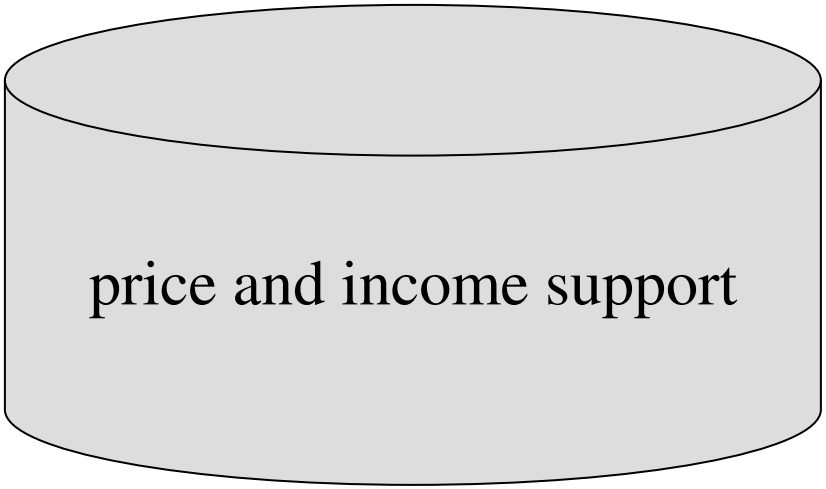

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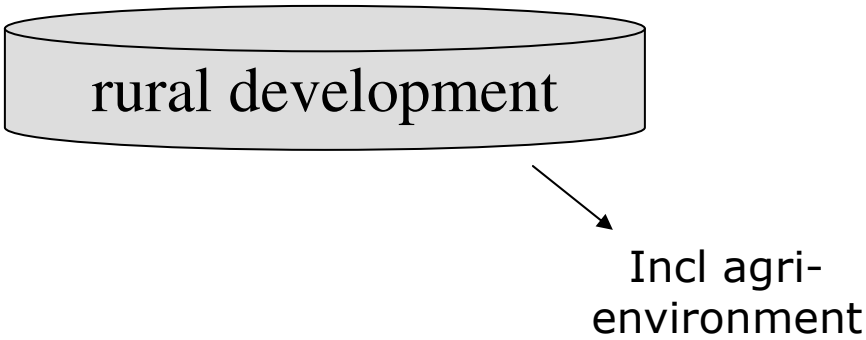

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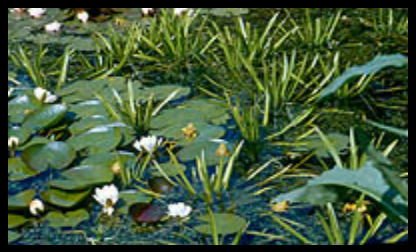



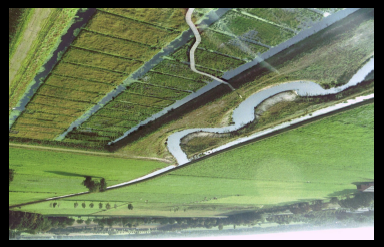

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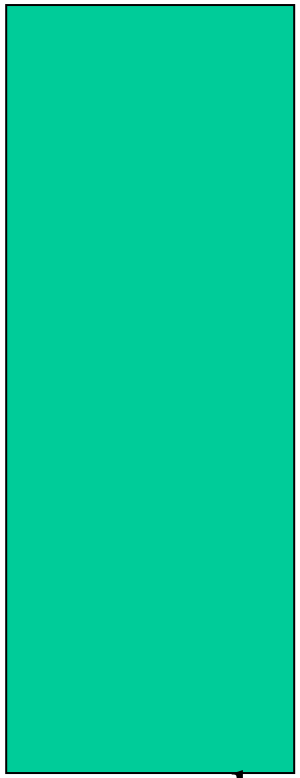

You get money, but…

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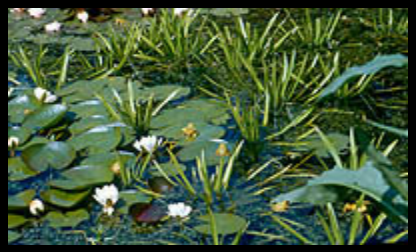
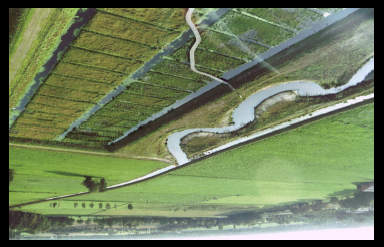
You get money if…







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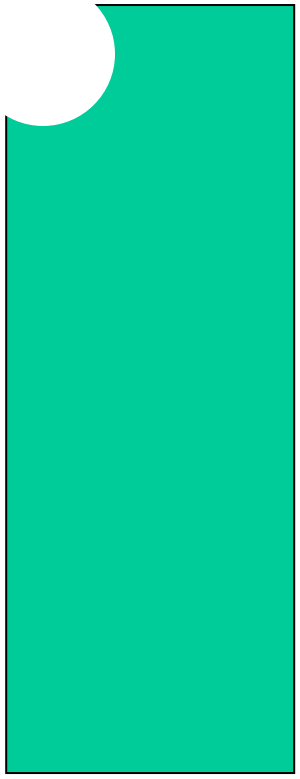

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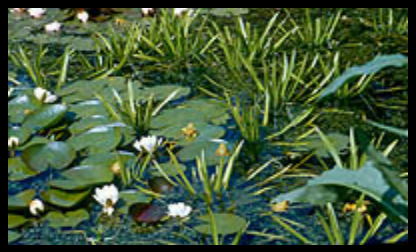
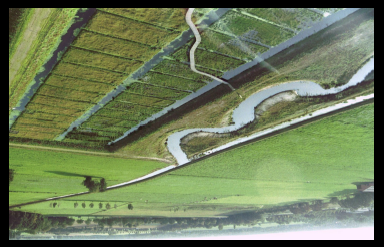
- 18 directives
- GAEC







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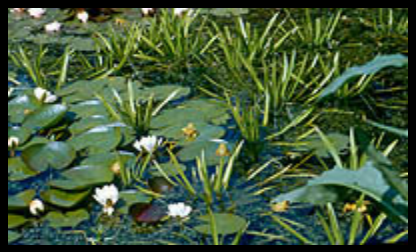
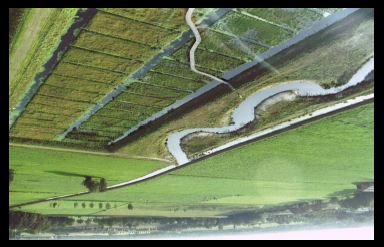
Measures must be above level of:
- 18 directives (cx)
- GAEC
- minimum requirements plant protection

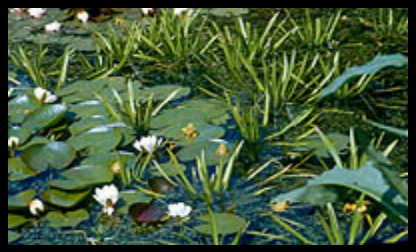




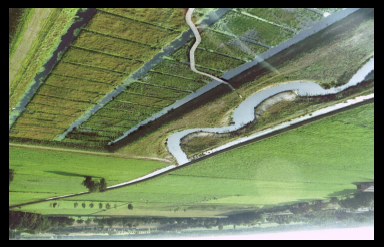


Pesticides in CAP

- **In theory:**
- **Pillar 1**
  - Punishment possible through cross compliance: 18 directives and Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAEC)
- **Pillar 2**
  - Agri environment payments restricted to commitments that go beyond mandatory standards (cross compliance and GAEC) *and minimum requirements for fertiliser and plant protection product use*
  - Payments possible to fund IPM

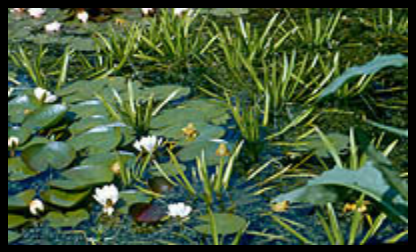




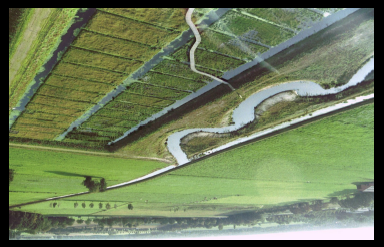


- **Pillar 1: Income support – cross compliance**
- Legal requirements:
  - Groundwater directive, art 3
  - The Plant Protection Products Directive, art 3
  - Indirect: Birds Directive
  - Indirect: Habitats Directive
- GAEC
  - Possible indirect: crop rotation demands
  - Possible indirect: protection of permanent pasture
  - Retention of landscape features
- Conclusion: no major changes expected from cross compliance and GAEC for pesticides use

Pesticides in CAP

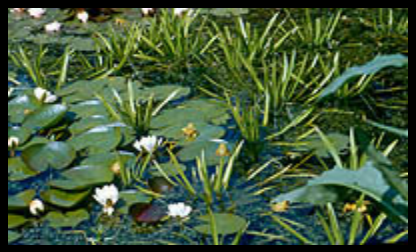




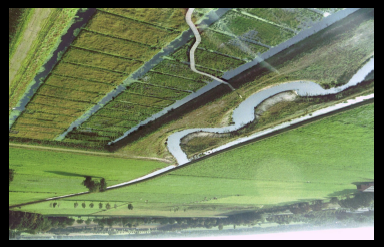


Pesticides in CAP

- **Pillar 2: rural development**
- Minimum requirements for plant protection product use
  - ? Unknown how implemented in member states
- Payments for IPM
  - Only if proven to go further than mandatory requirements.
  - Temporary easier for new member states (who have temporary less stringent cross compliance demands)
- New Rural Dev Plans 2007-2013 being prepared



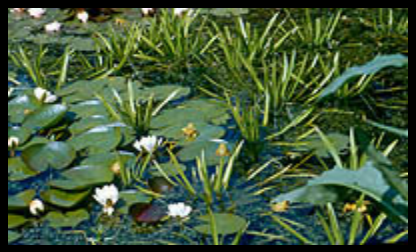




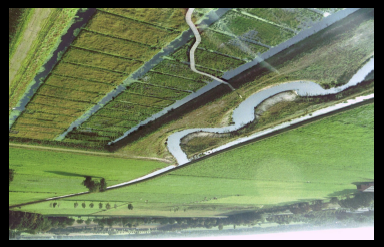
Pesticides in CAP

But……

- Fruits and vegetables historically no pillar I
- Misuse examples:
  - Italian regions payments for integrated crop management or even simply "input reduction“ – lot of budget against limited benetis
  - Slovenia has IPM payments – too little benefits
  - Cotton farmers in Spain

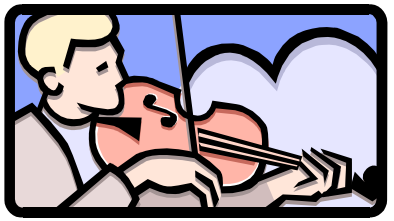


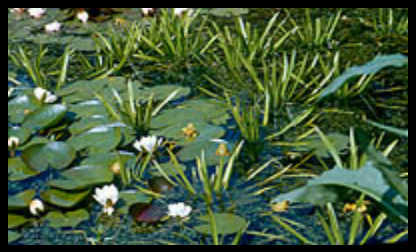




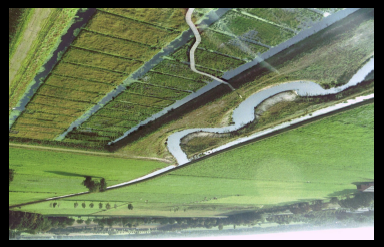
Possibilities for IPM in CAP

- Cross compliance:
  - More explicite guidelines for “PPP directive, art: whenever possible, the principles of integrated control”
- Rural Development payments:
  - IPM as condition for RD measures
  - Subsidies for IPM network
  - Subsidies for IPM trainings
  - Subsidies for IPM certification process?
  - Subsidies for IPM certificate holders?









Questions to you

- Do we want to pay for IPM?
- Maybe as transition?
- If so, can you pay for it if IPM is already part of cross compliance (PPPD, art 3)?
- Can IPM certificates be reliable/trustworthy enough?
- Can private certification lables be combined with CAP?
- Are there clear proposals for an EU levy?

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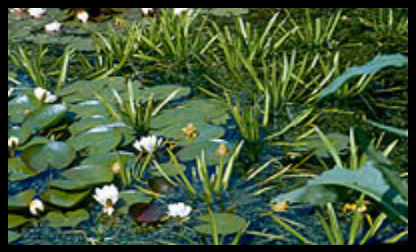



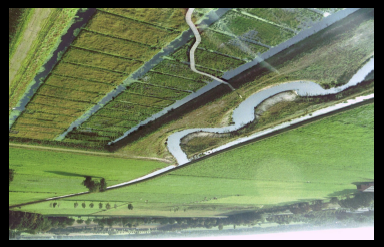

Possible lobby strategy?

- Go for financing of best practices network via LIFE+ or other EU funding
- Ensure IPM funding for education in national rural development plans
- Lobby for Water Framework Directive after 2010 in cross compliance
- Lobby for integration of IPM in national GAEC
- Prepare lobby for Pesticide levies in CAP

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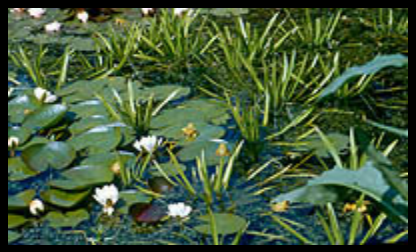



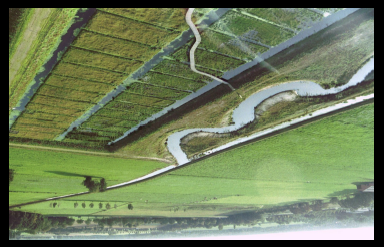

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