

# ECOLOGICAL FACTSHEET - IRISH CASE STUDY

## Agri-environmental payments:

- 57.5%** - Basic Scheme Payment, and/or Single Farm Payment, and/or Single Area Payment;
- 19%** - Subsidies for organic farming;
- 10.3%** - Other agri-environmental and climate change payments (without forestry payments);
- 7.1%** - Less Favoured Area (LFA) payments;
- 6%** - Other rural development payments (e.g., for physical investments, modernisation, quality standards);
- 0%** - Coupled subsidies;
- 0%** - non-EU public subsidies (state, local government).

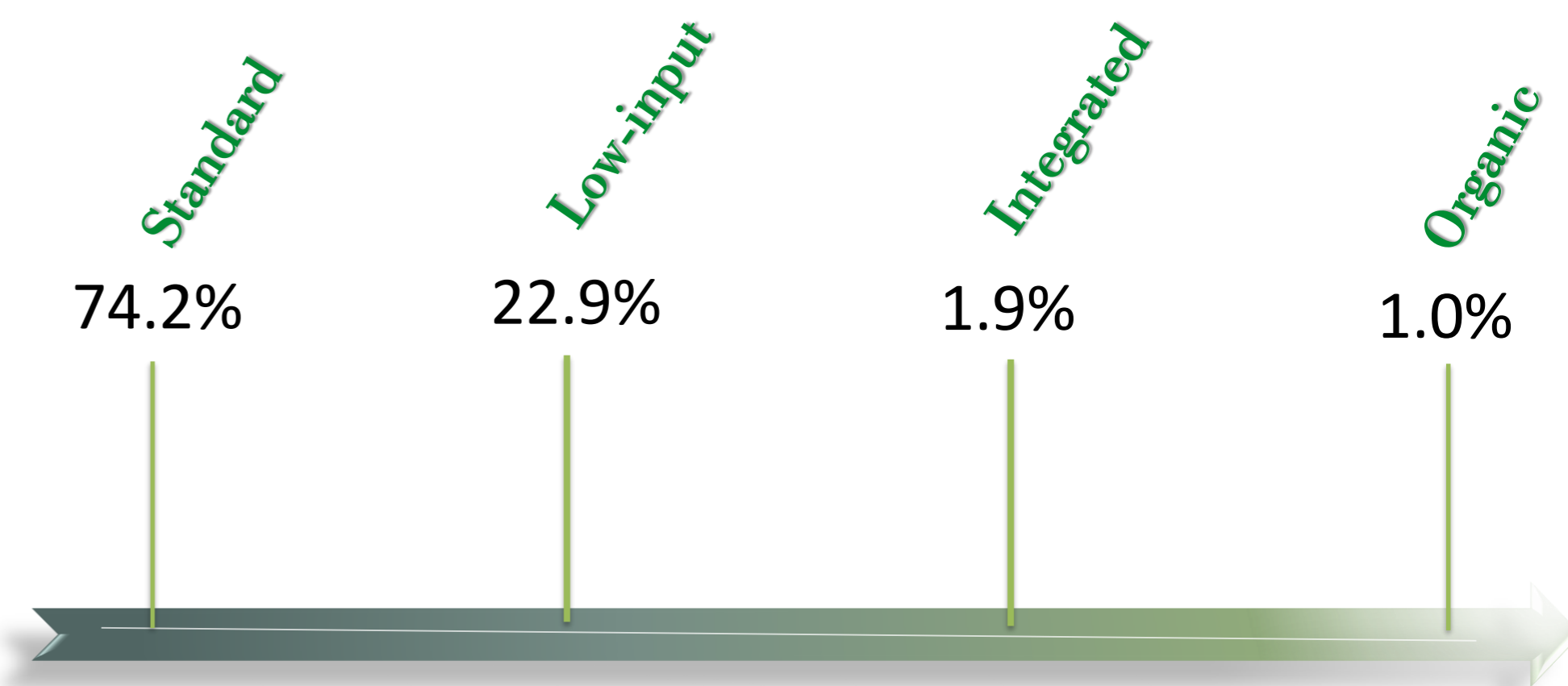
## Characteristics of the case study area - Ireland

Organic lowland pasture-based beef farms predominantly located in Border, Midland and West region.



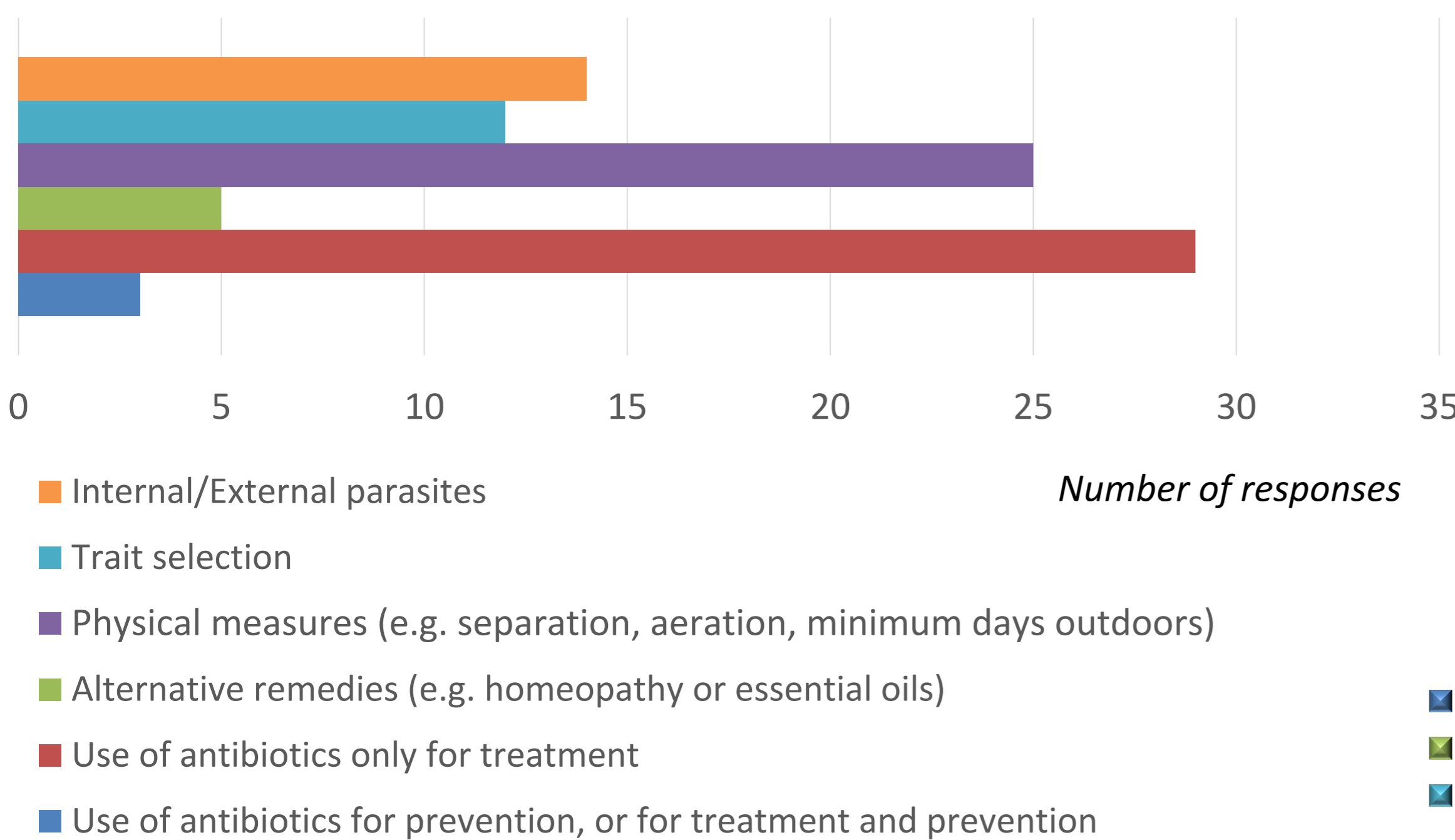
## Ireland

## Farms in Irish beef sector according to the levels of adoption of ecological approaches (farm shares, %) based on LIFT farm typology protocol

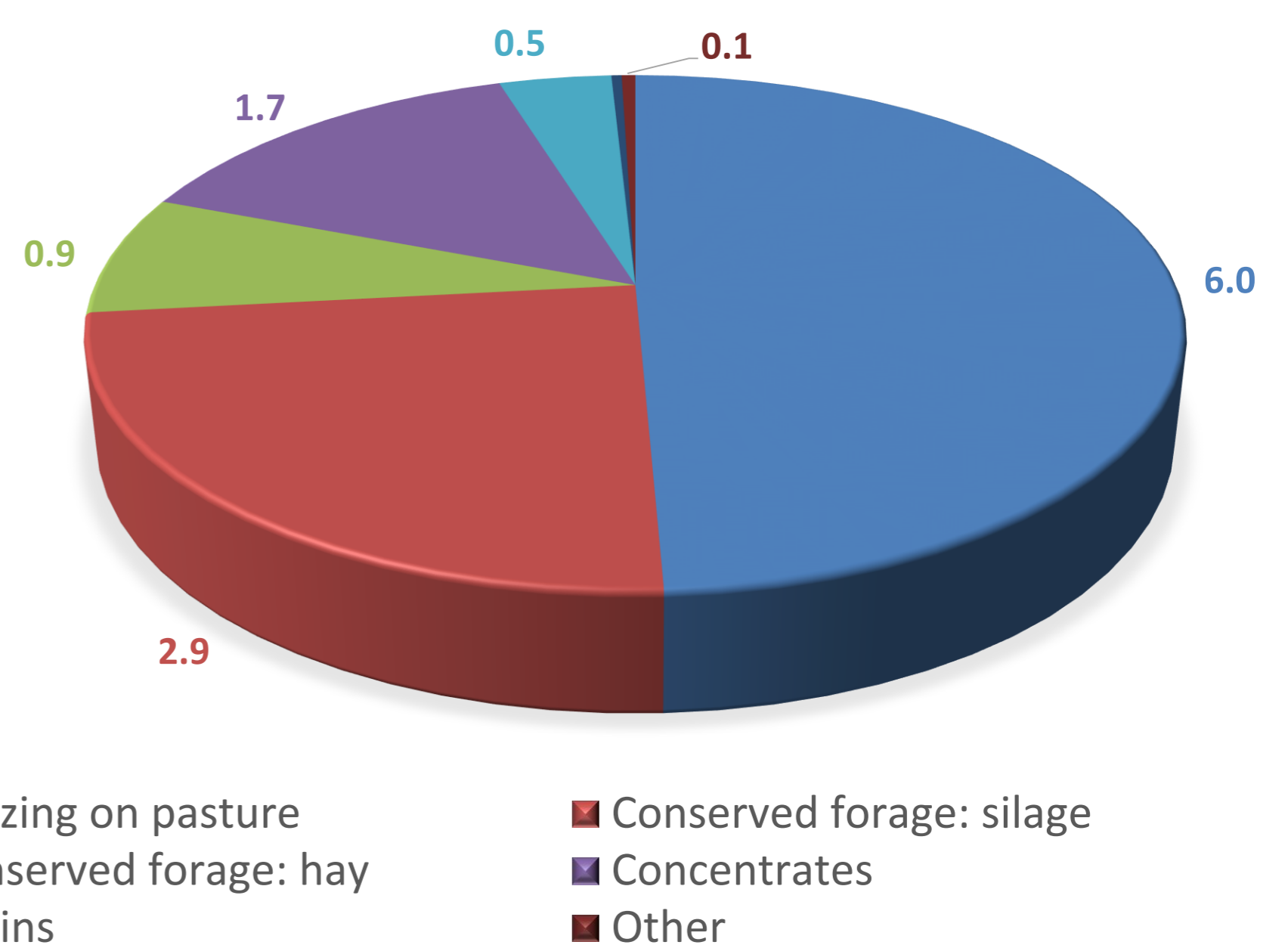


Note: Farm ecological types are based on 385 Irish beef farms in 2015 Farm Accountancy Data Network data, while other figures in the factsheet are based on LIFT large-scale farmer survey data.

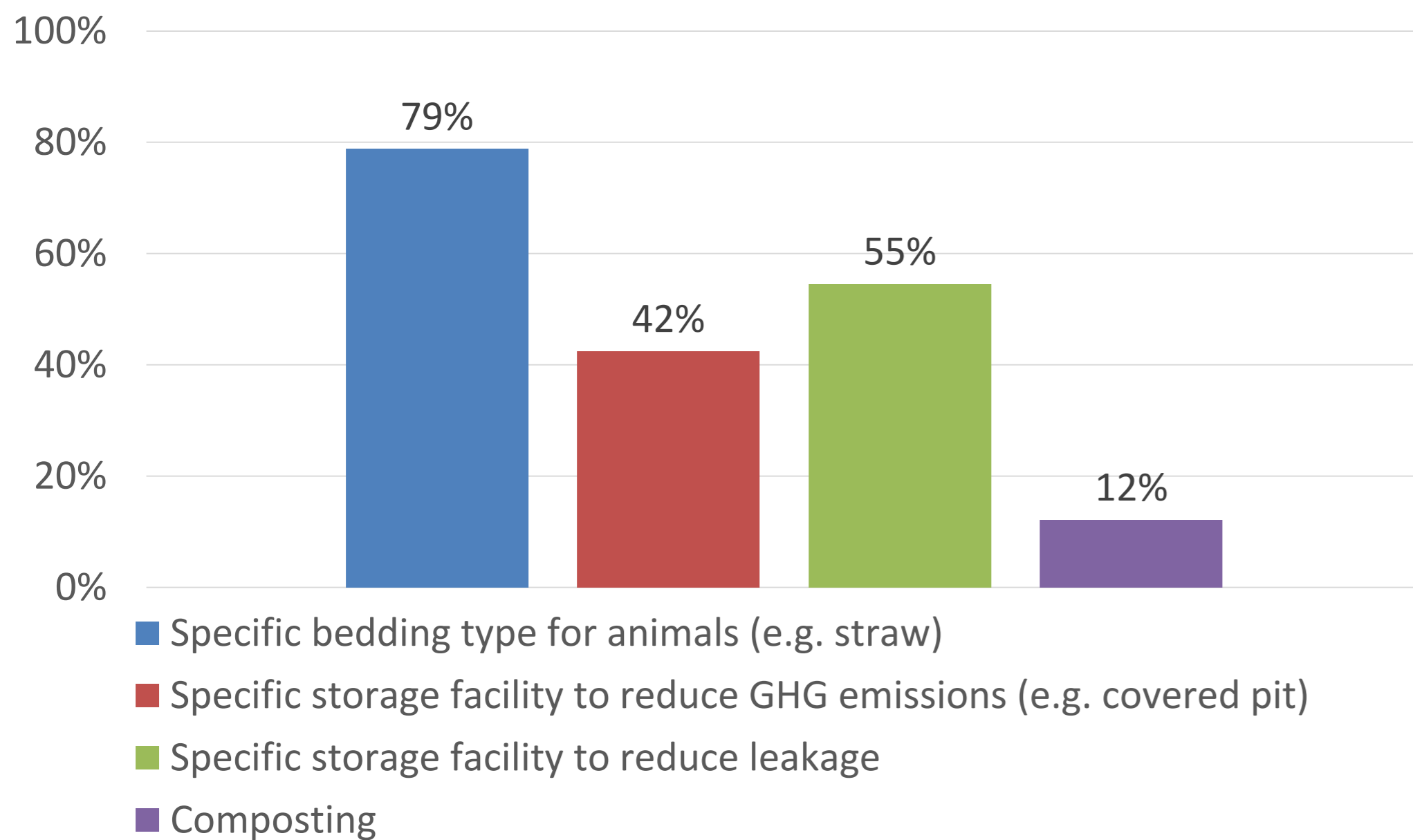
## Livestock disease management practices



## Livestock feed (average feeding months)

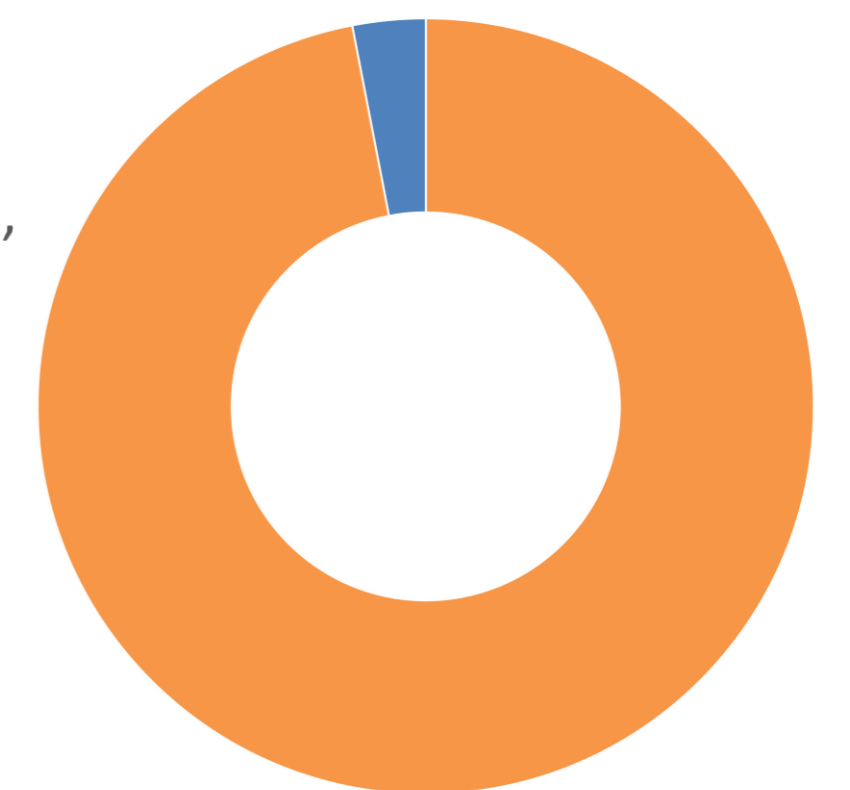


## Manure and slurry management practices



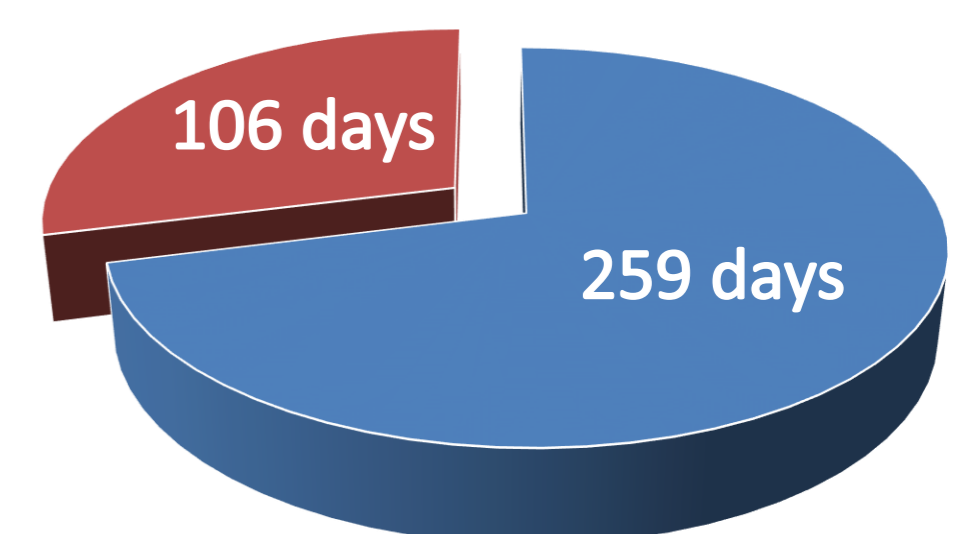
## Grazing system

- Local rotation around farm
- Seasonal movement (stay in summer rangelands, spend grazing on mountainous rangelands)



## Grazing period

- Average number of days grazing
- Average number of days indoor



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