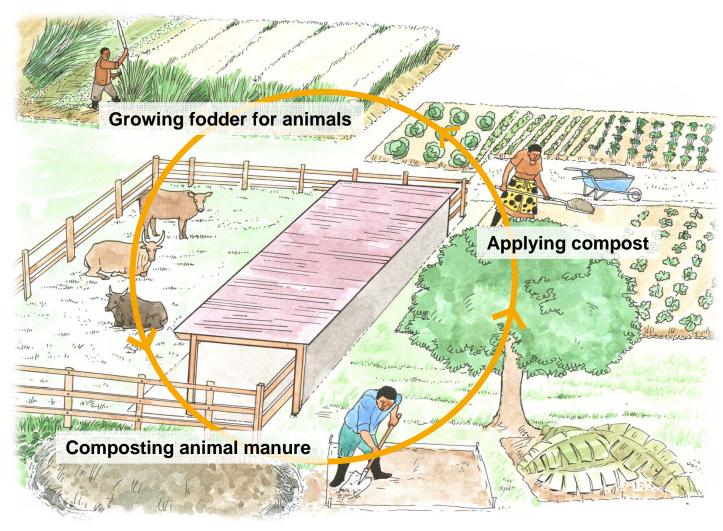
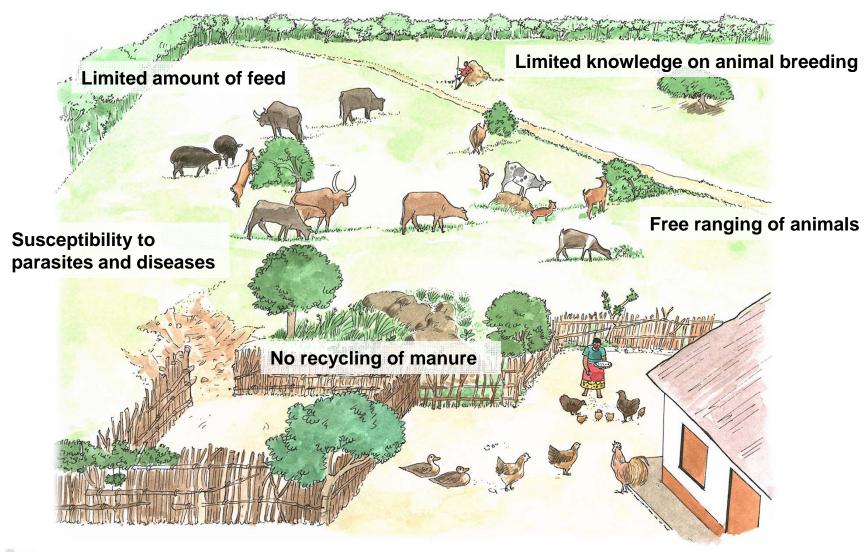
### Animal husbandry and the nutrient cycle



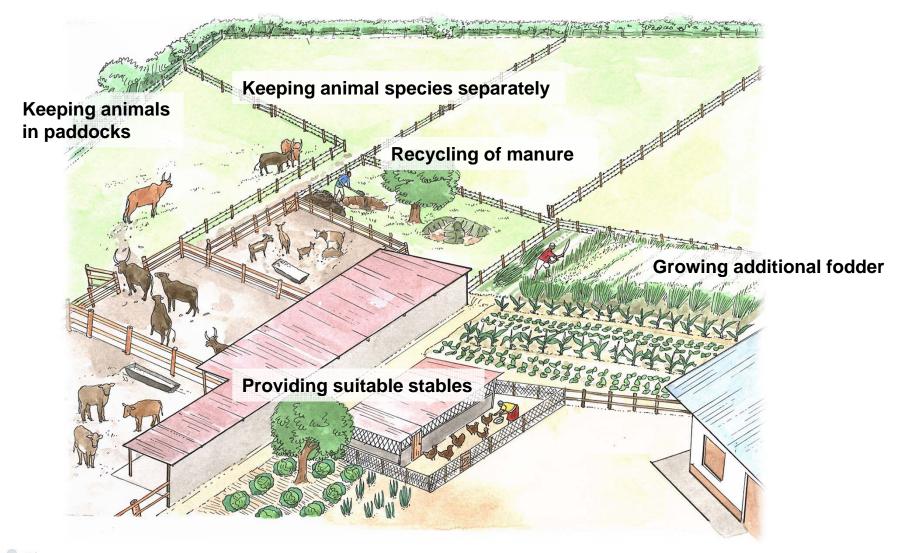


### **Common animal husbandry**



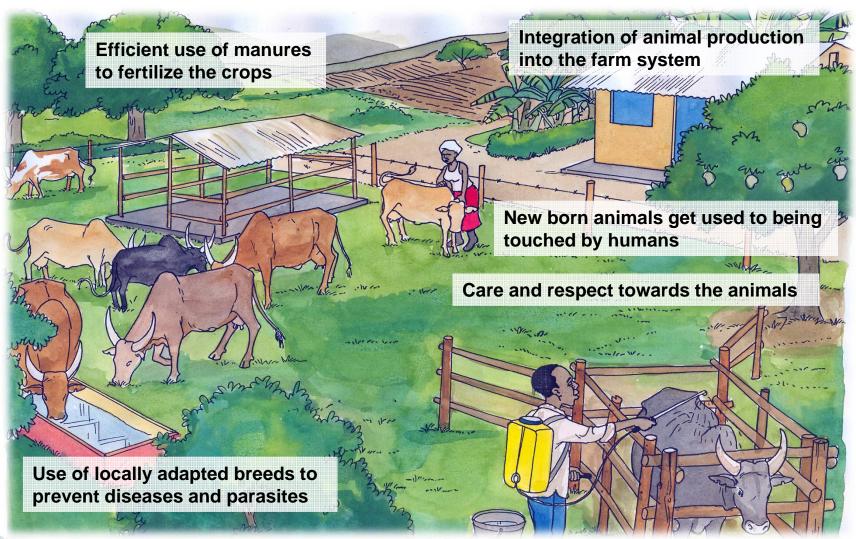


### Improved animal husbandry



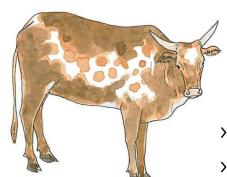


# General approach of organic animal management

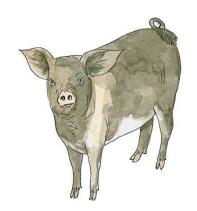


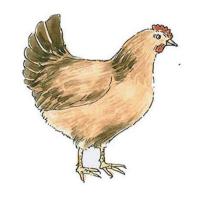


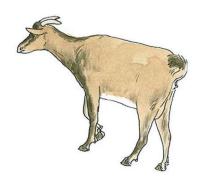
#### General criteria for selection of animal breeds



- Feeding requirements
- > Growth duration
- > Production potential
- > Adaptability to local conditions
- Physical characteristics related to the use of the breed





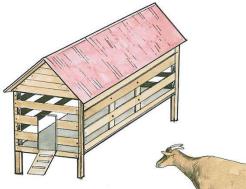


## Samples of suitable housing structures

#### **Poultry**

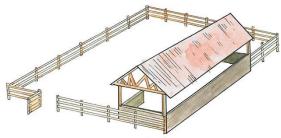
- > Perching rails
- > Dust baths
- > Dark, secluded nests
- Access to open ground





#### Goats

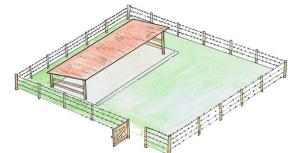
- Feeding on suspended forage
- > Bedding off the ground
- > Enough space



#### **Pigs**

- Spaces for resting, feeding and relieving
- > Access to a muddy place
- > Stable wall for brushing
- > Natural materials to play with







#### Cows

- > Enough space
- Sloping floor for drainage of urine

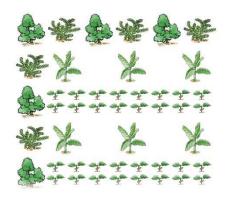
# **Nutritional sources for livestock species**

Species	Carbohydrates	Proteins	Fats	Vitamins	Minerals
Poultry	Cereal grains, tubers and their industrial by-products	Insects and worms, legume seeds and legume plants, fish meal	Cottonseed, sunflower, sesame or peanut cakes	Leafy greens, pepper, fruit and vegetable wastes, berries	Oyster shell, grit/stones, bone meal
Pigs	Like poultry	Leguminous fodder and grains, kitchen food waste, fish meal	Like poultry	Fruit peels and kitchen food waste, roots	Mineral licks, dried leaves
Goats & Sheep	Forages, pasture, crop residues	Leguminous fodder, young grass	Not necessary to feed fat	Green pasture, fresh or dried leaves,	Mineral licks, dried leaves, bark, herbage, shrubs
Cattle	Like goats	Like goats	Like goats	Like goats	Like goats

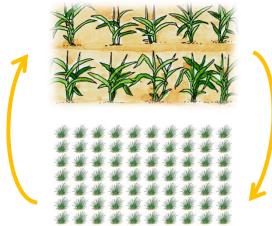


#### Integrating fodder crops into the farming system

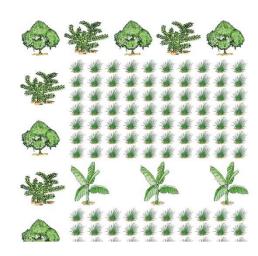
#### **Planting hedgerows**



# Rotating fodder plants with other crops



# Intercropping fodder plants with fruit trees



Grazing animals in an orchard (silvi-pastoral system)

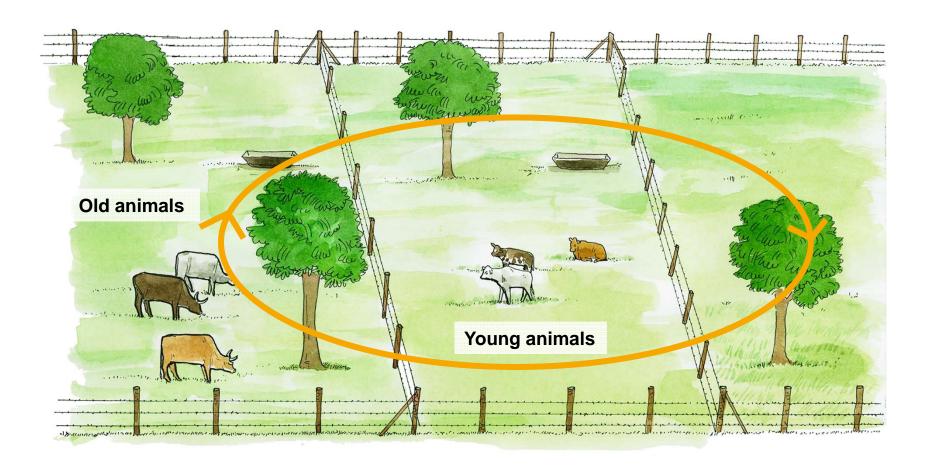


**Planting grass contour bands** 





# **Rotational grazing patterns**



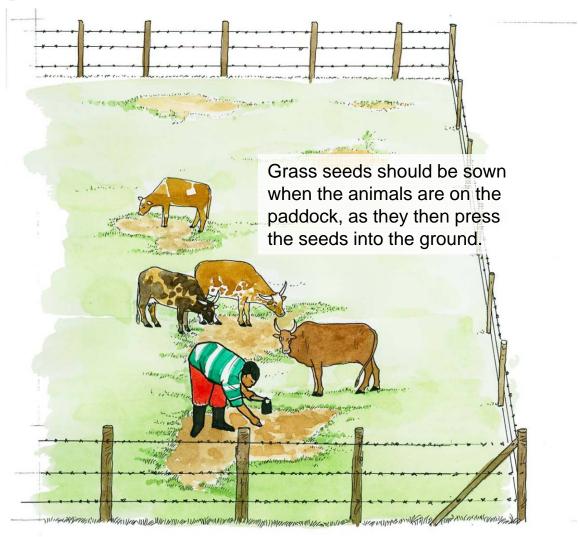
### Improving grazing pastures

#### Replanting new pasture:

- Offers the opportunity to use a diverse mixture of plants.
- > Involves high costs.

# Resowing and changing management of existing pasture:

Involves lower costs.



## Hay making process

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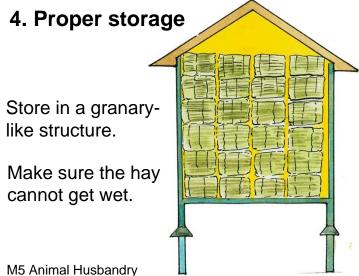


#### 3. Chopping and bundling



#### 2. Drying





## Silage making process

#### 1. Harvesting



#### 3. Pressing out air before covering



#### 2. Chopping and filling



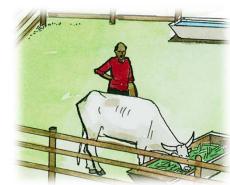
#### 4. Trampling after covering

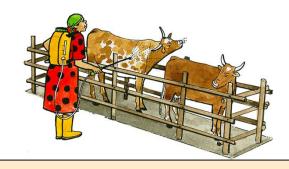




## Animal health management: 3-step approach





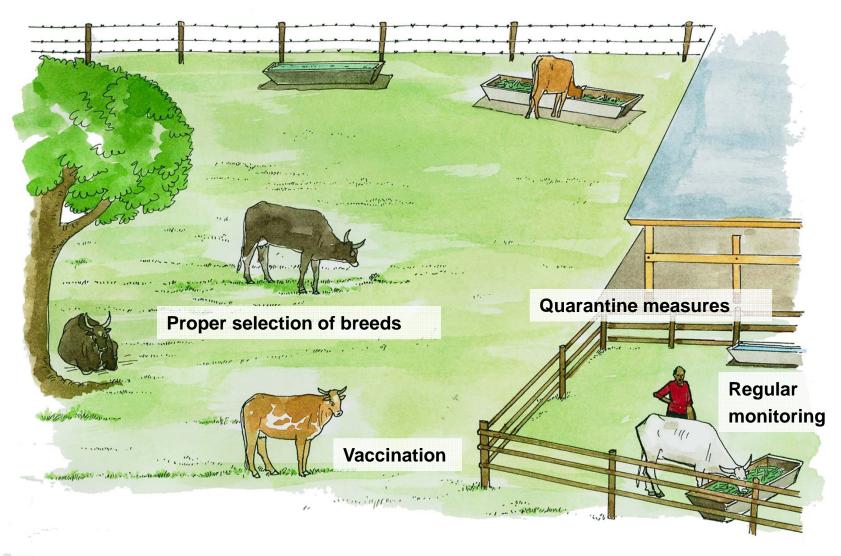


3<sup>rd</sup> step: Direct control (treatment of the animal)

2<sup>nd</sup> step: Provide good growing conditions

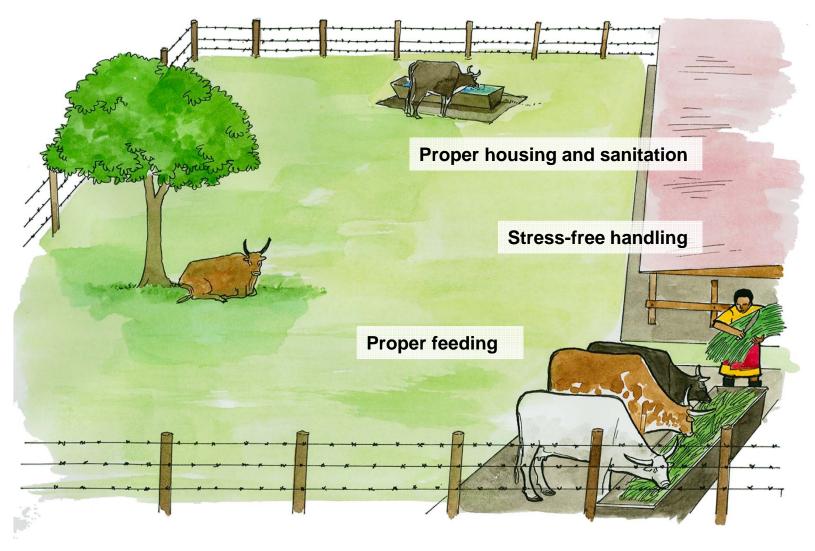
1<sup>st</sup> step: Prevent introduction and multiplication of infections

## **Preventive measures (1st step)**





# Good growing conditions (2<sup>nd</sup> step)

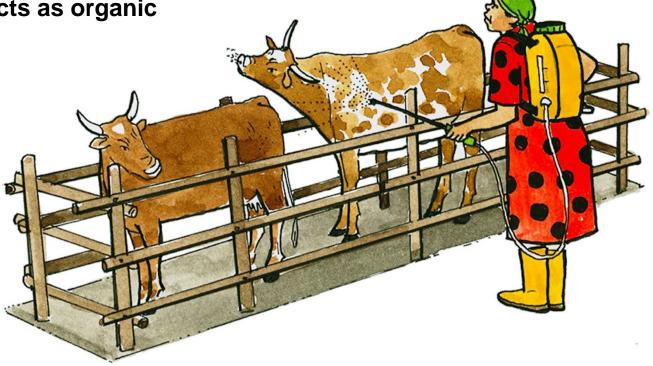




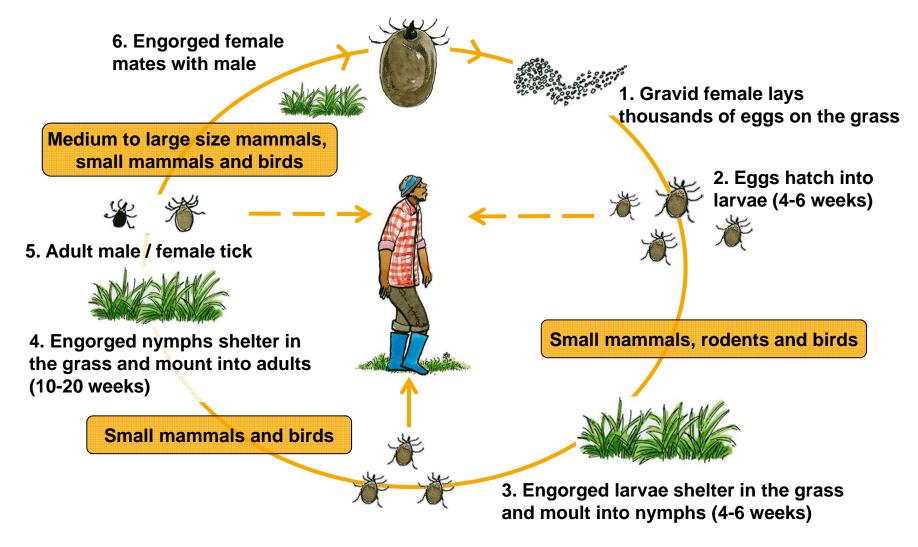
## Direct treatment (3<sup>rd</sup> step)

- > In case preventive measures are insufficient
- Treatment with chemical drugs and antibiotics only in case of infection

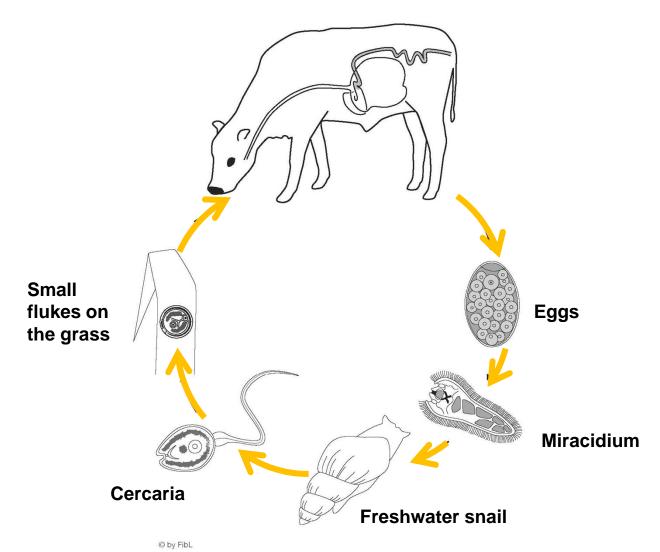
Stick to the required waiting period before selling products as organic



#### A three-host tick lifecycle



# Life cycle of the giant liverfluke





## Life cycle of gastrointestinal nematodes

