



Some considerations for the future of grassland use in Austria

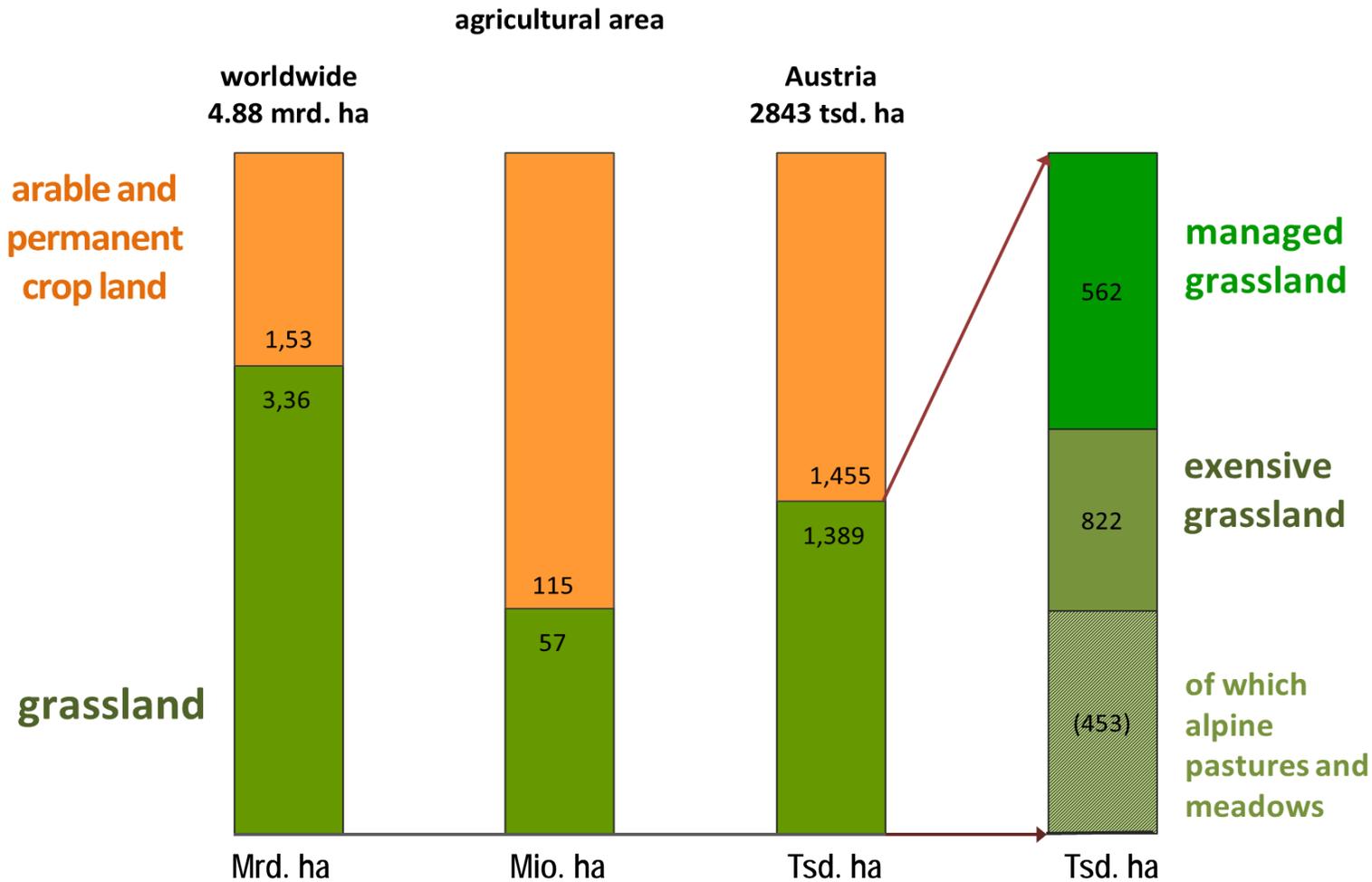
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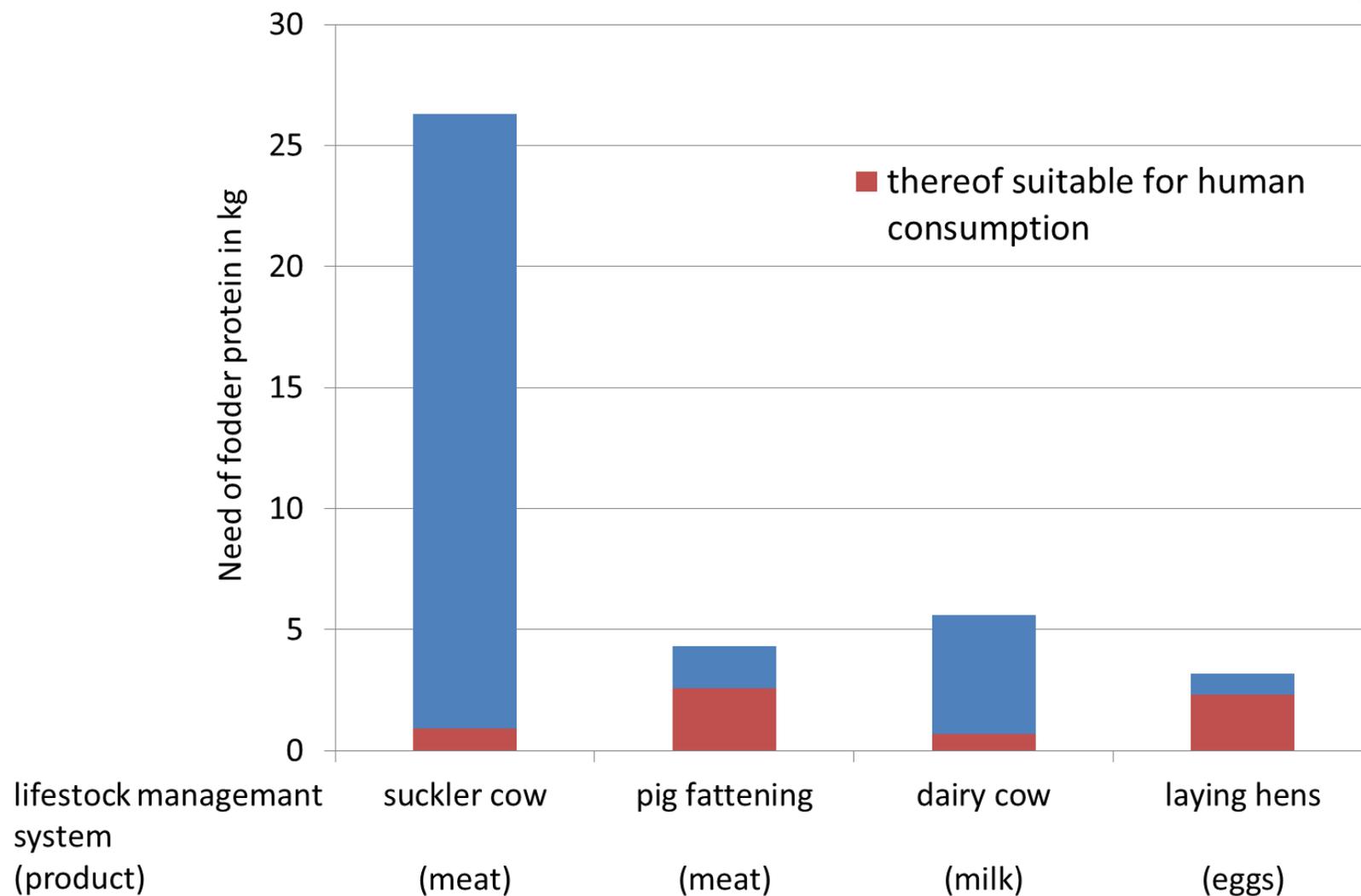
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Land use worldwide, in Europe and in Austria



Need of fodder protein for the production of 1 kg of animal protein



Perspective of the society: Function of grassland in connection with tourism



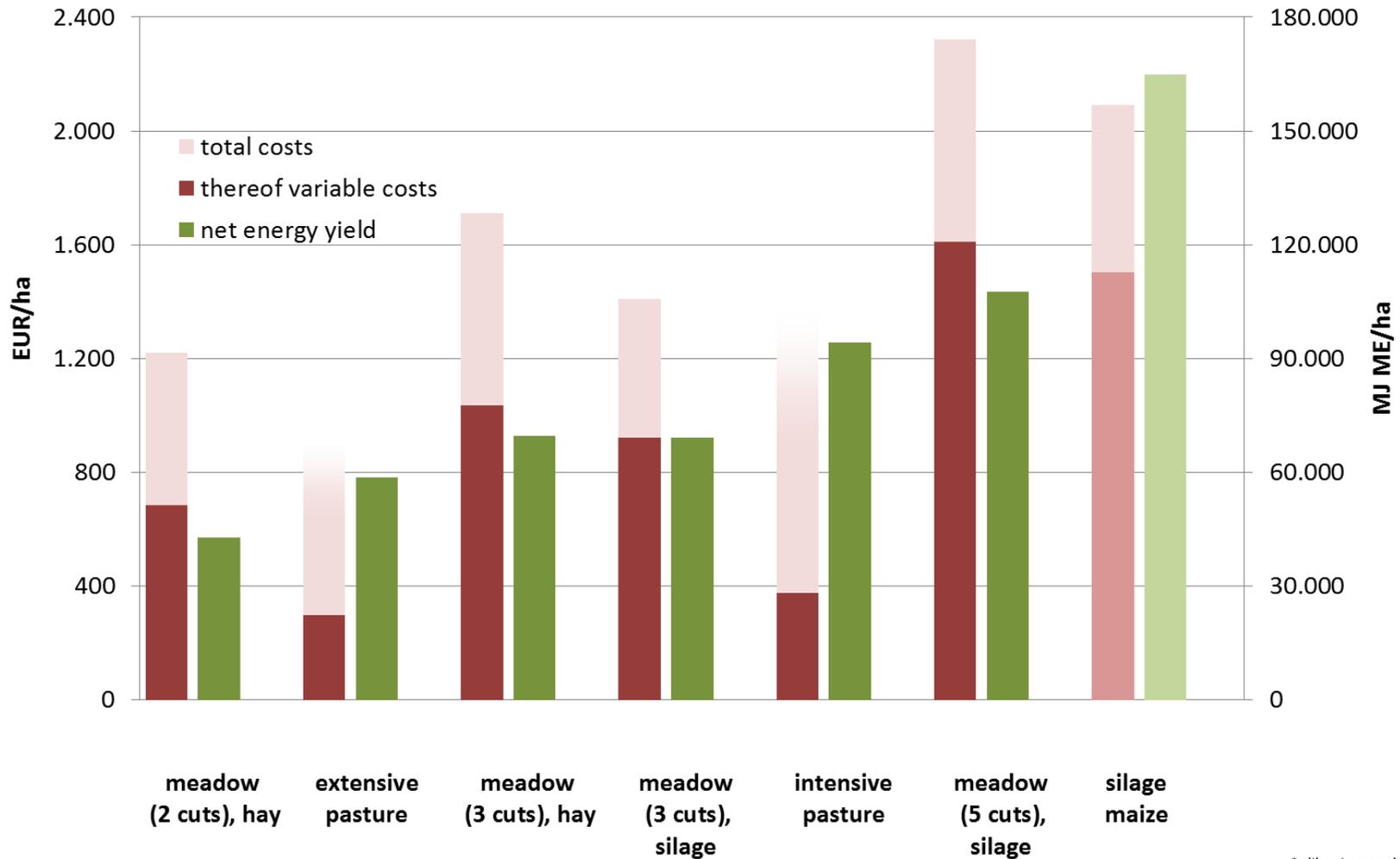
Perspective of the society: Function of grassland in connection with biodiversity



Perspective of the society: Function of grassland in connection with cultural heritage

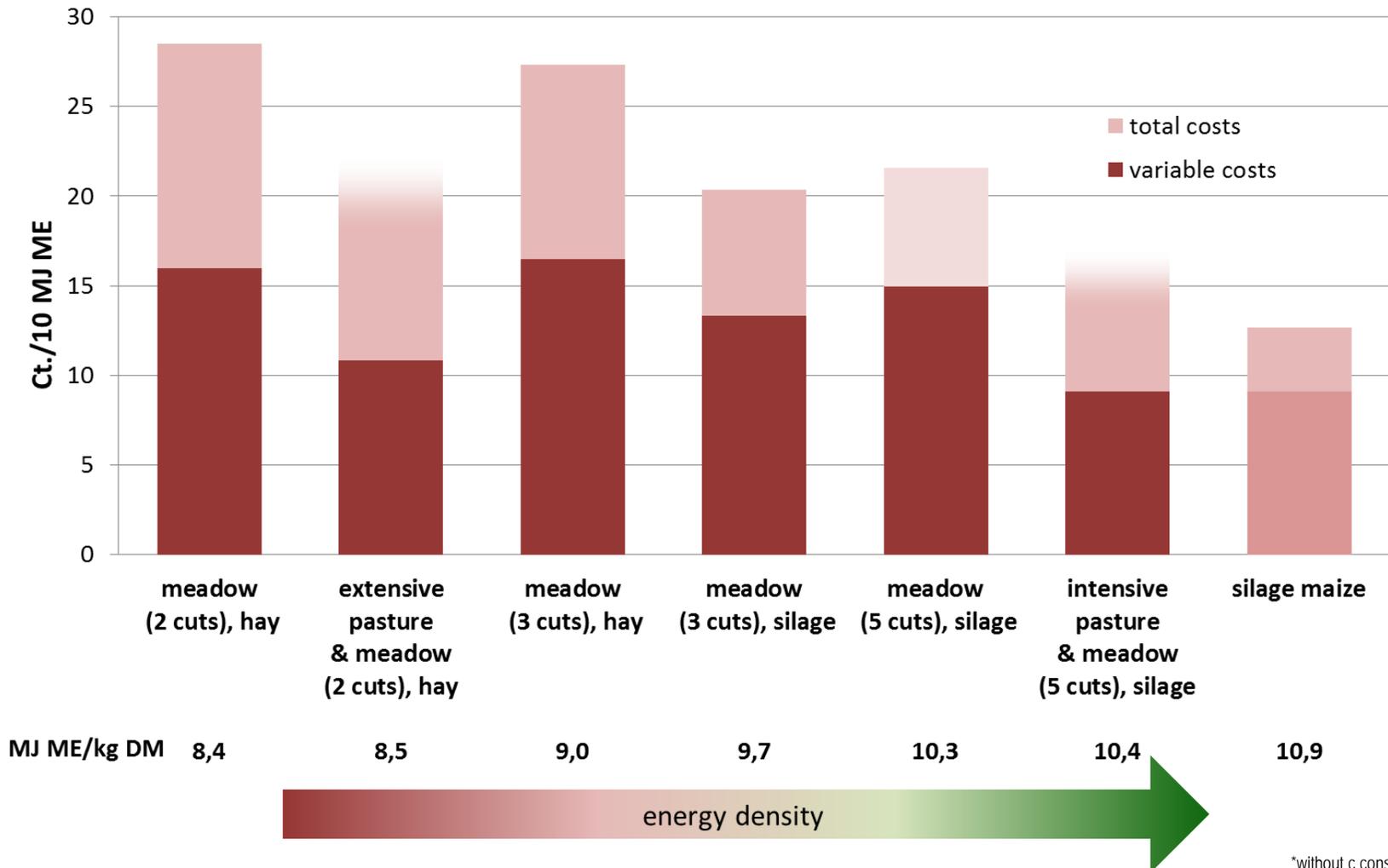


Perspective of the farmer: Costs* of grassland use



*without c consideration of costs for land

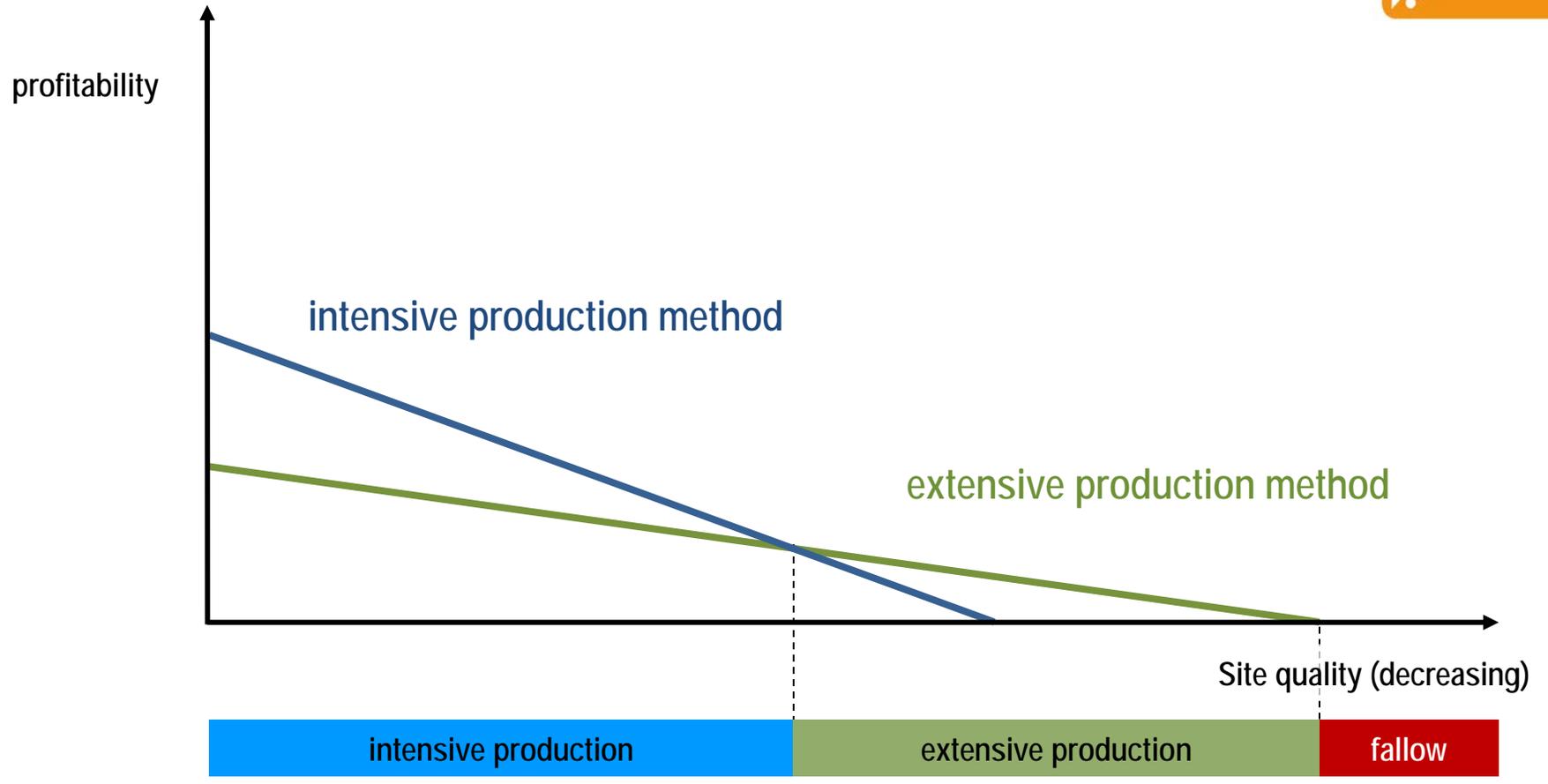
Perspective of the farmer: Costs* of provision of fodder



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Land use and site quality



Future market and policy developments

Common agricultural policy

- ⇒ regionally uniform payments
- ⇒ greening of the first pillar

Commodity markets

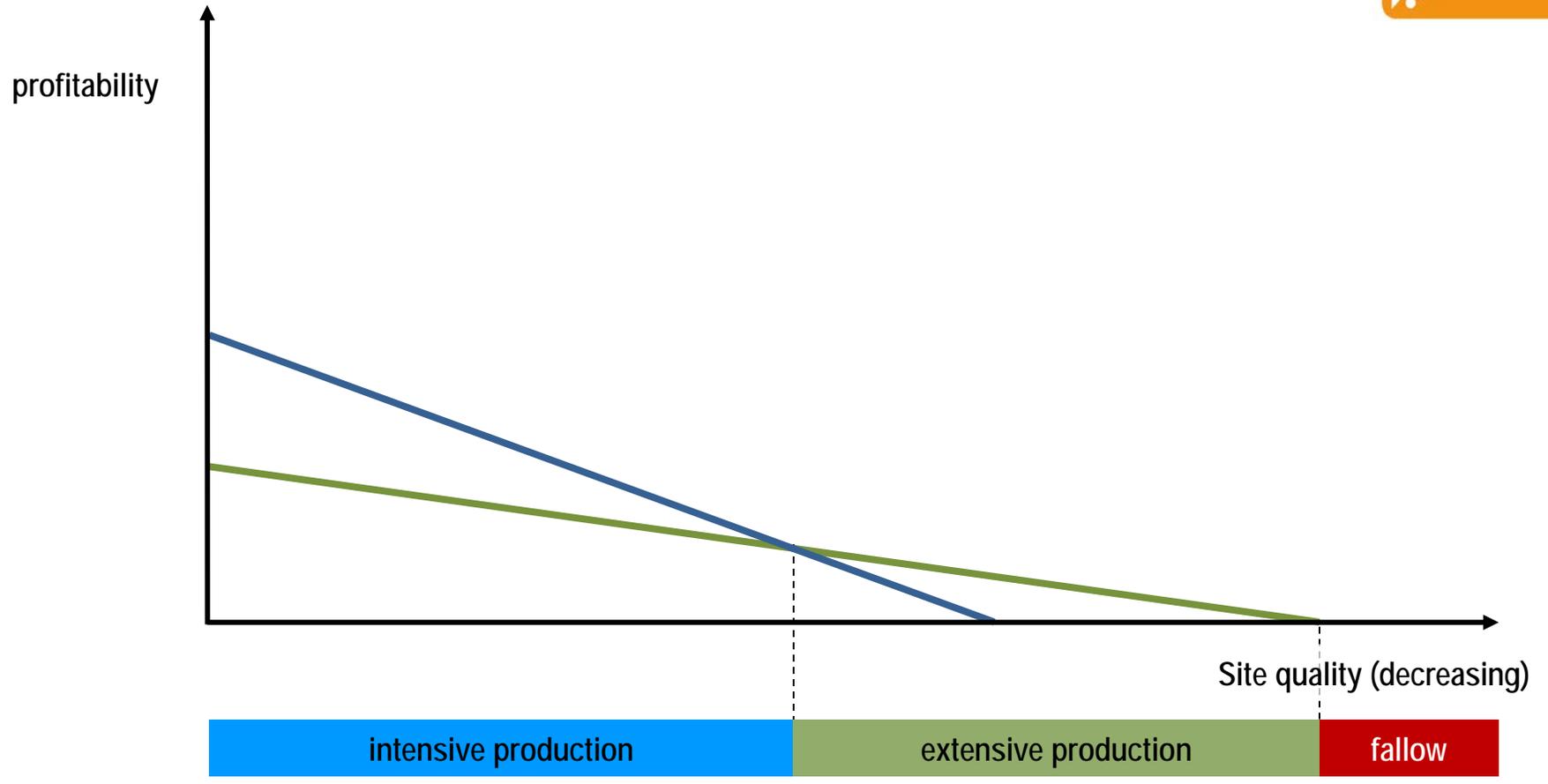
- ⇒ increasing price volatility
- ⇒ rising demand for agricultural commodities



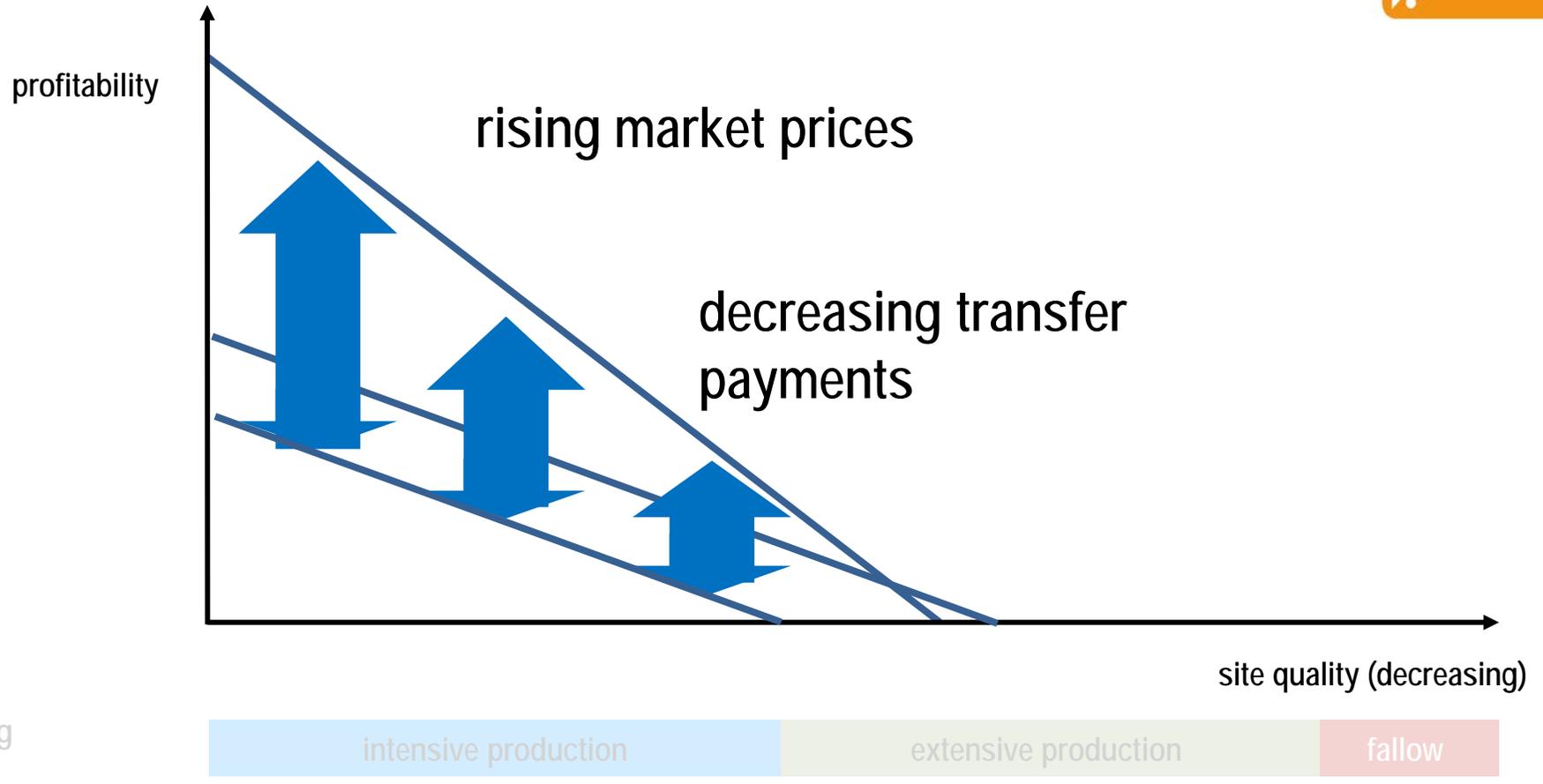
- decreasing transfer payments
- rising market prices (medium to long term)



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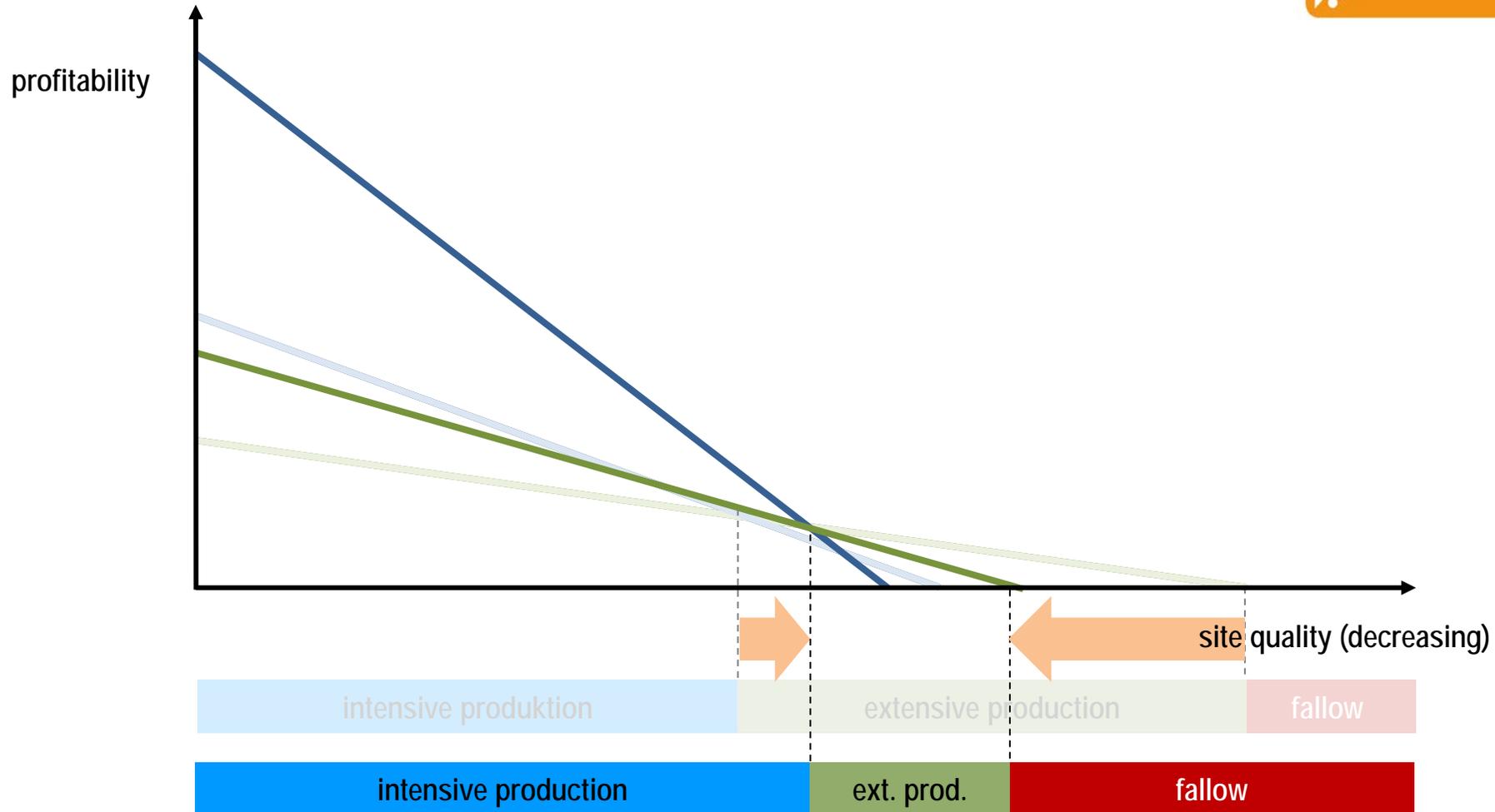


Greater market orientation: Land use and site quality



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land use

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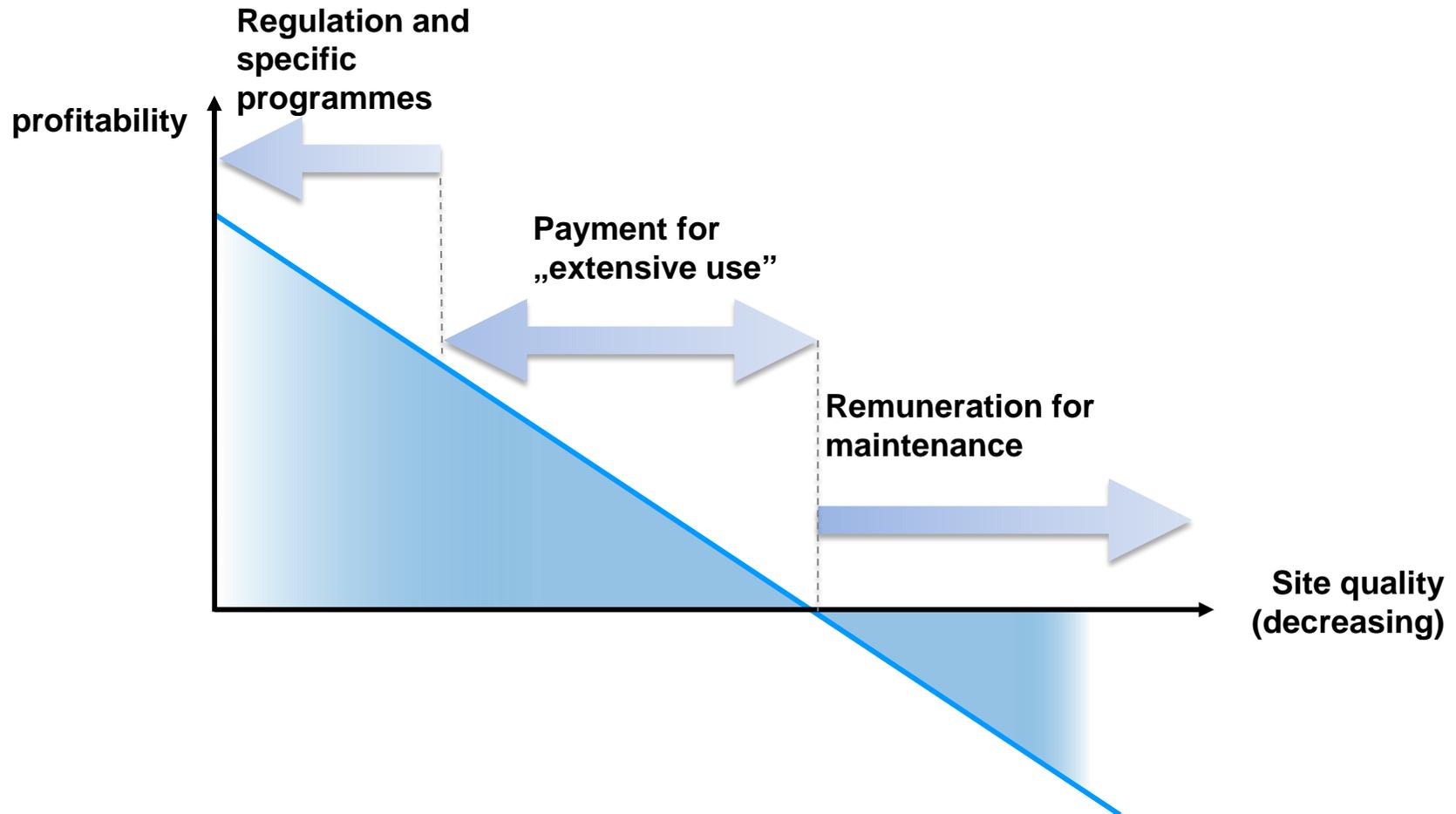
Intensification of grassland management



Abandonment of extensive grassland



Future sustainable grassland use: Differentiated system of state intervention



Conclusion

- Grassland is important for the supply of food
- (Extensive) grassland use has many other functions
- As a consequence of market and policy developments
 - extensively used grassland is tend to be abandoned
 - intensively used grassland is tend to be used even more intensive
- A sustainable grassland use needs a differentiated system of state intervention



Thank You!

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