

Metropolitan Food Clusters

A sustainable way for food (security)

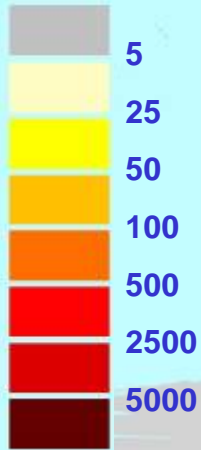
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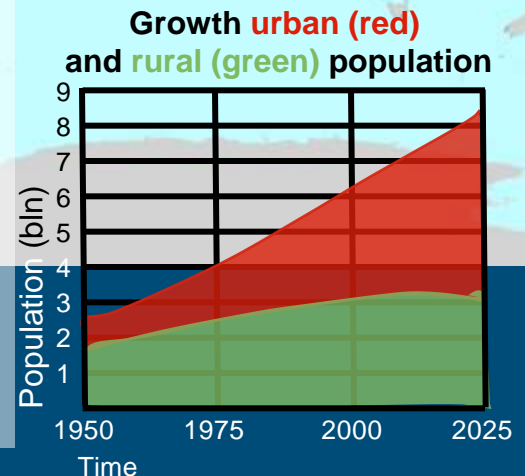


The world is urbanising

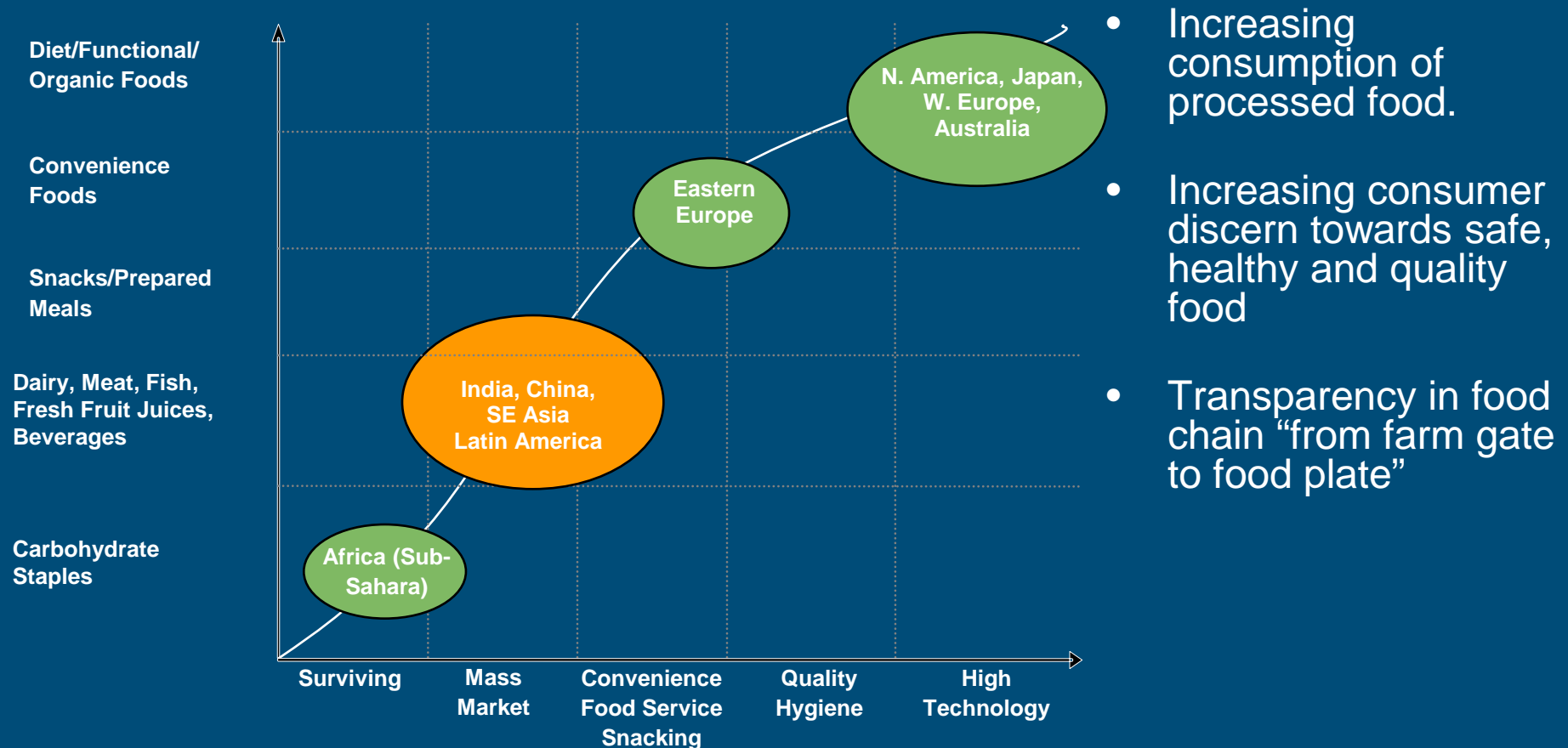
Population Density
Inh./km²



- Metropolises are the nodes of the 21st century network society
- Agro production takes a new shape in metropolitan foodclusters
- The distinction between urban and rural areas within metropolises is vanishing
- Spatial organization of industrial agro production systems is still based on traditional land dependant forms

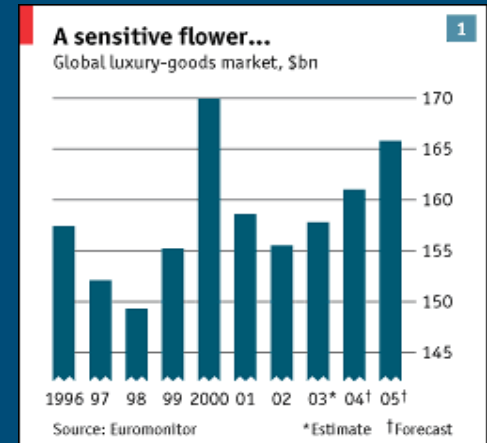
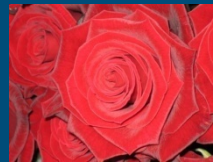


Urban people have more purchasing power: Shift in consumption basket

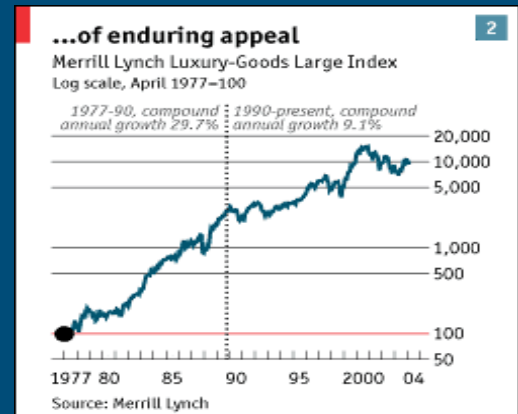


Diversification of demand in Metropolises: From food to fashion to pharmaceuticals

- Energy and building
 - Fuel
 - Fibers
- Food
 - Fodder
 - Food Crops
 - Vegetables
 - Fruits
- Fashion
 - Flowers
 - Flavours
 - Flagrances
- Pharmaceuticals
 - Functional Foods
 - Pharmaceuticals



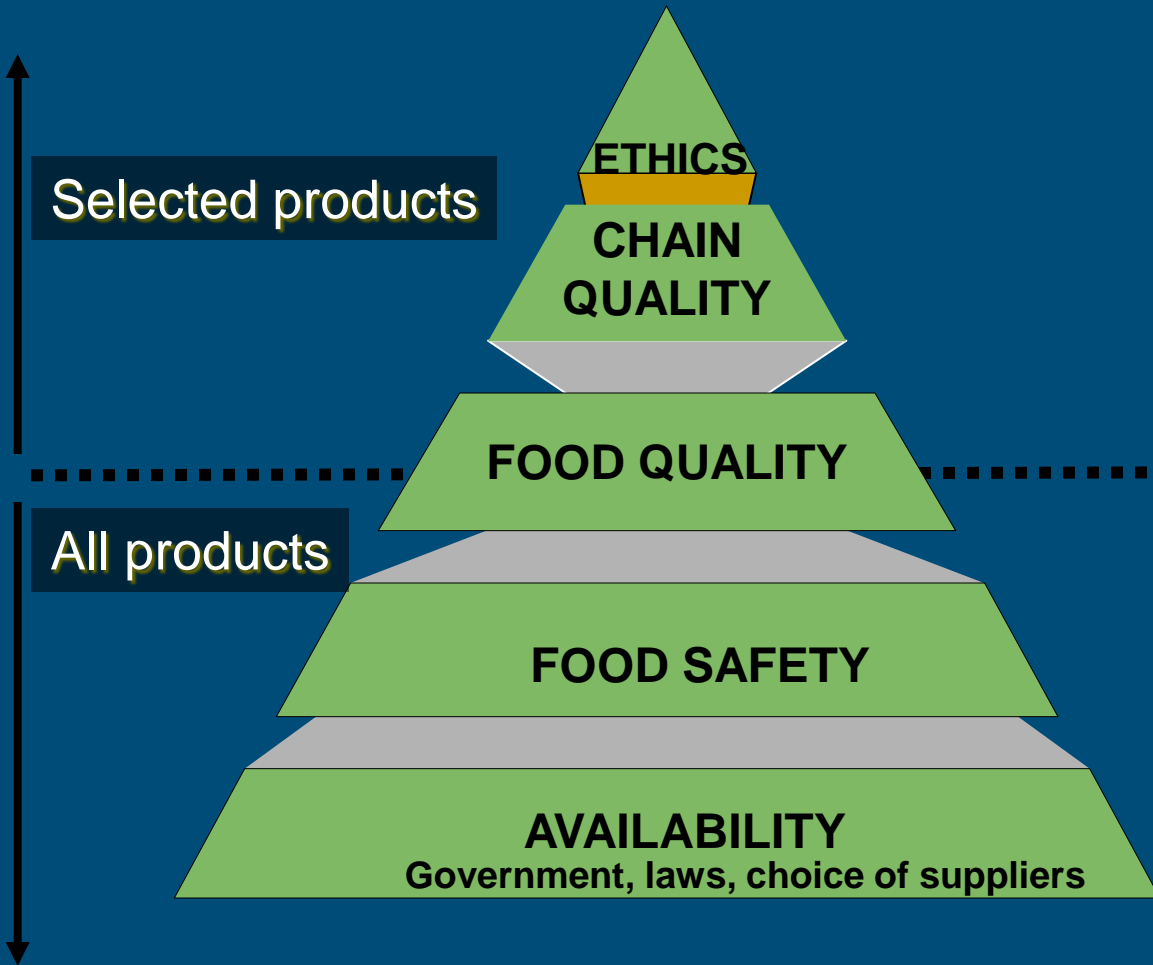
World spending on luxury goods in 2005: \$165 bln



Which is a 100-fold increase between 1977 and 2005

Consumers demand sustainable development

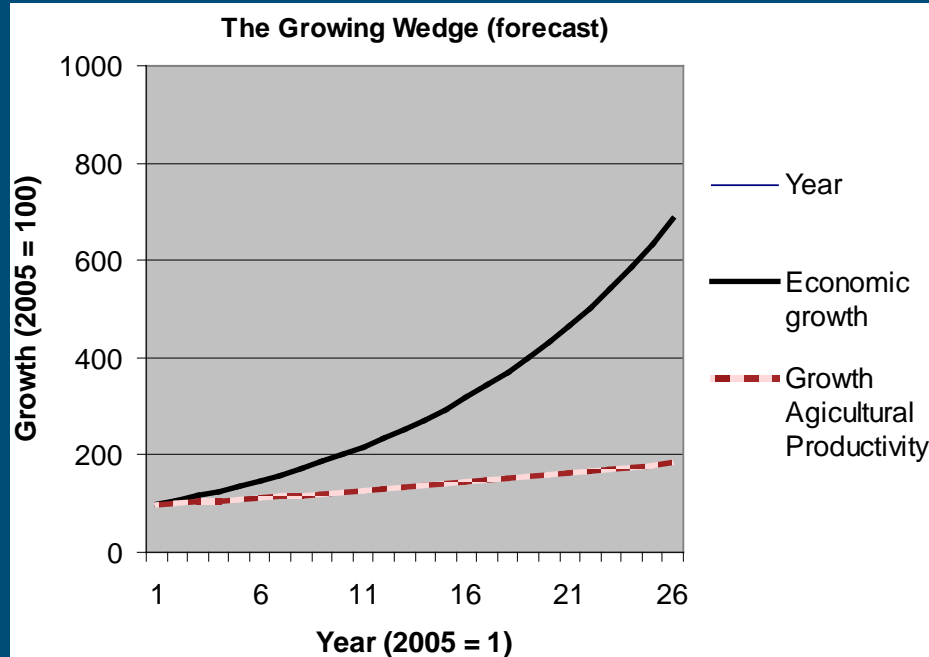
- From licence to produce towards licence to deliver based on triple P criteria
- From retail backwards quality management is forced upon every single link in the chain.
- Autonomous control i



Example of the growing wedge:

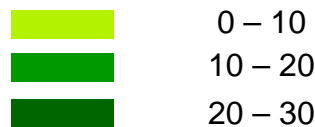
China's agricultural growth lags behind on economic growth

Many emerging economies show the same wedge

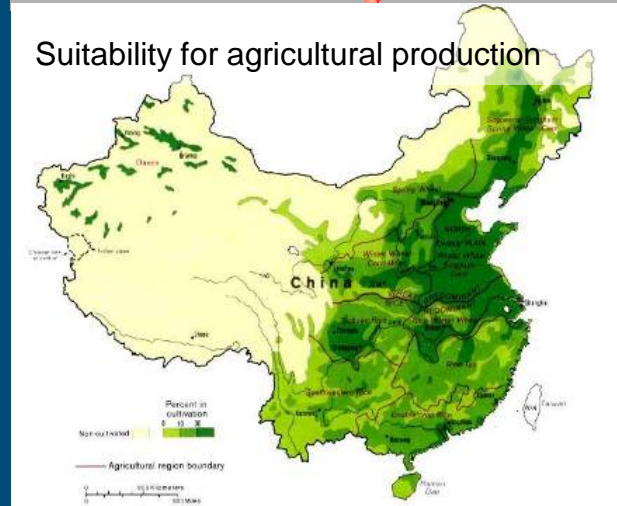
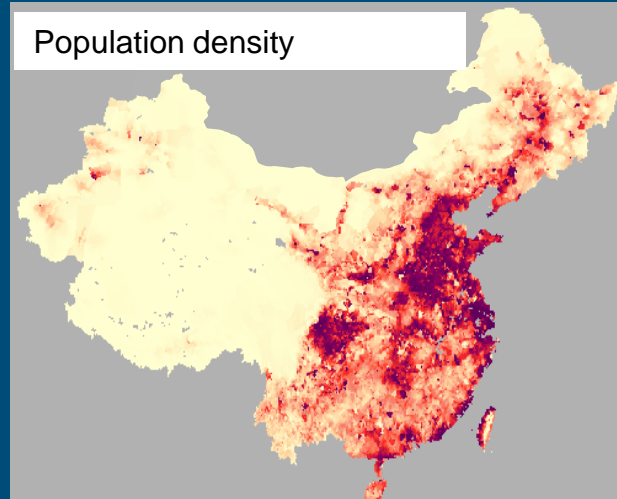


Jump in agricultural productivity is necessary to meet growing demand of middle class.
Still there will be growing import of agricultural products

Suitability for agricultural production



Total area suitable for agricultural production: 11%

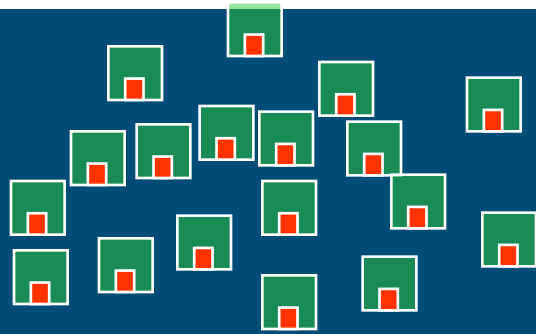


Agriculture in the 21th century is getting organised in the form of

metropolitan foodclusters

These are intelligent agrologistic networks with consolidation centres, agroparks and rural transformation centres surrounding a metropole.

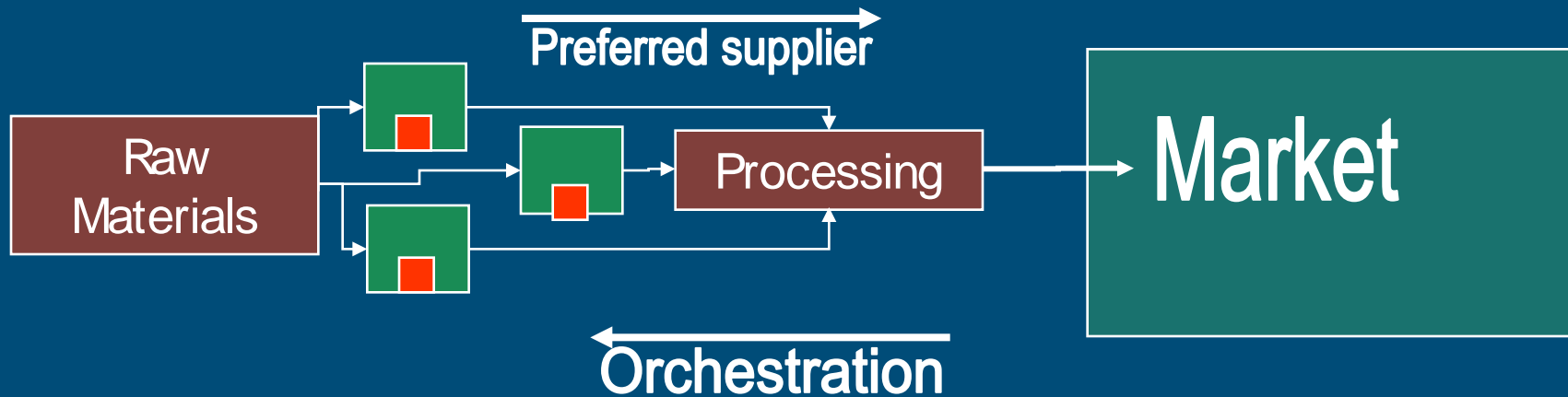
Agriculture: from traditional production towards chain production



Traditional production

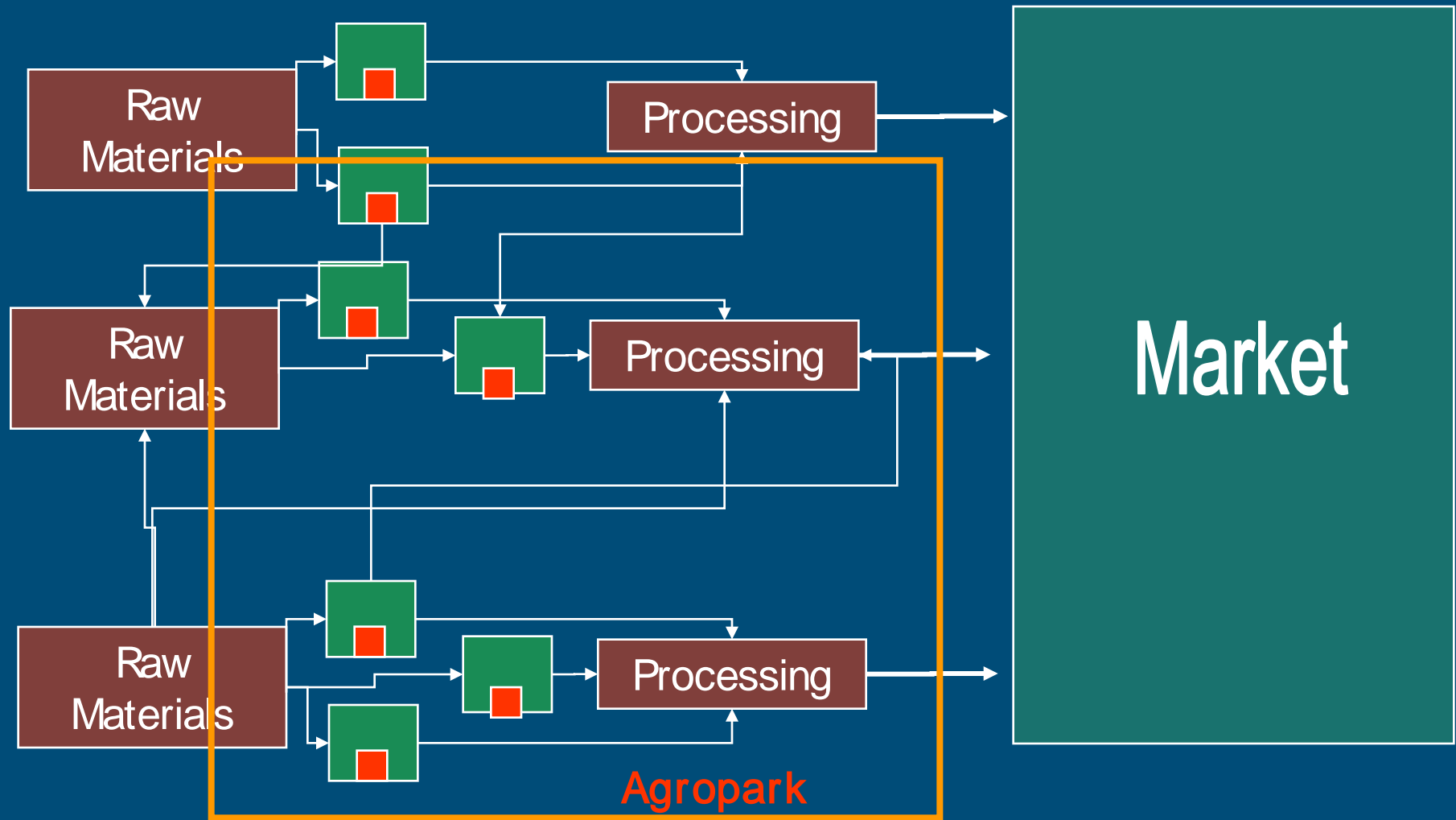


Cash crops for market



Chain development

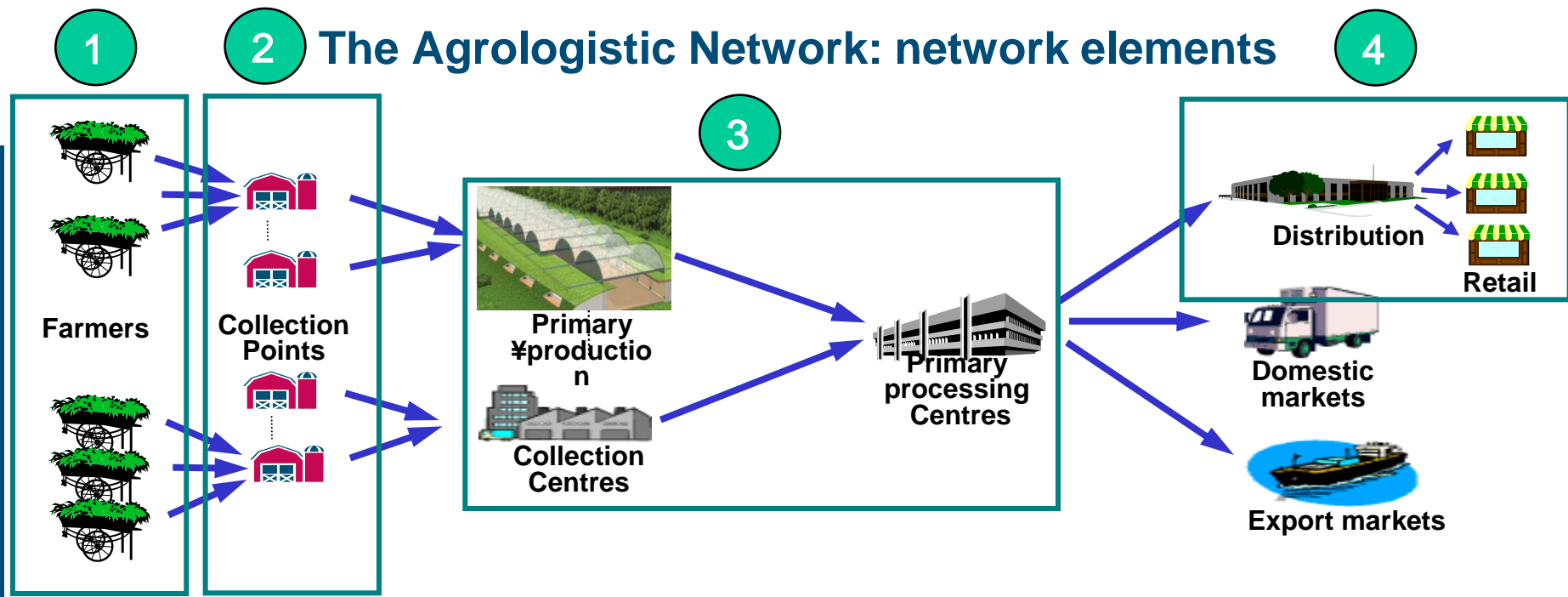
Future Agriculture: from chain production towards Agropark



Essential in Foodclusters

- Spatial clustering of different agro-production chains
- Spatial combination of agro-processing and non-agro functions (buildings, industrial waste)
- Increase of scale in production enables further industrial processing
- Application of principles of industrial ecology, i.e. re-use of waste and by-products
- Reduction of transport
- Reduction of veterinary risks
- CRUX: clustering provides context for sustainable innovations

2 The Agrologistic Network: network elements



1 Farmers

2 Rural Transformation Centre (RTC)

Combining collection and storage of farmers' products with rural development services

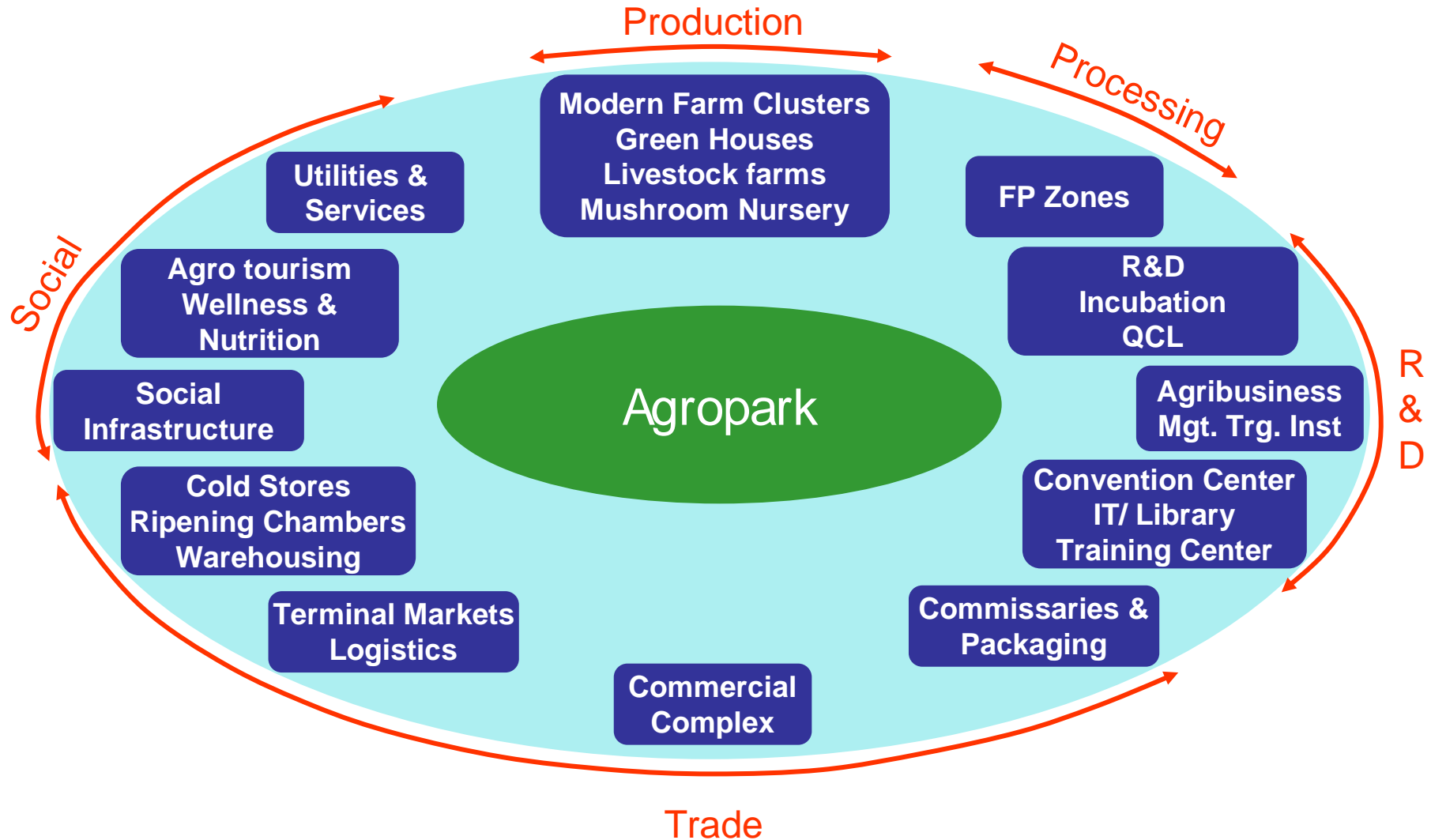
3 Foodcluster

Combining production, processing, R&D, education, training and showcase functions

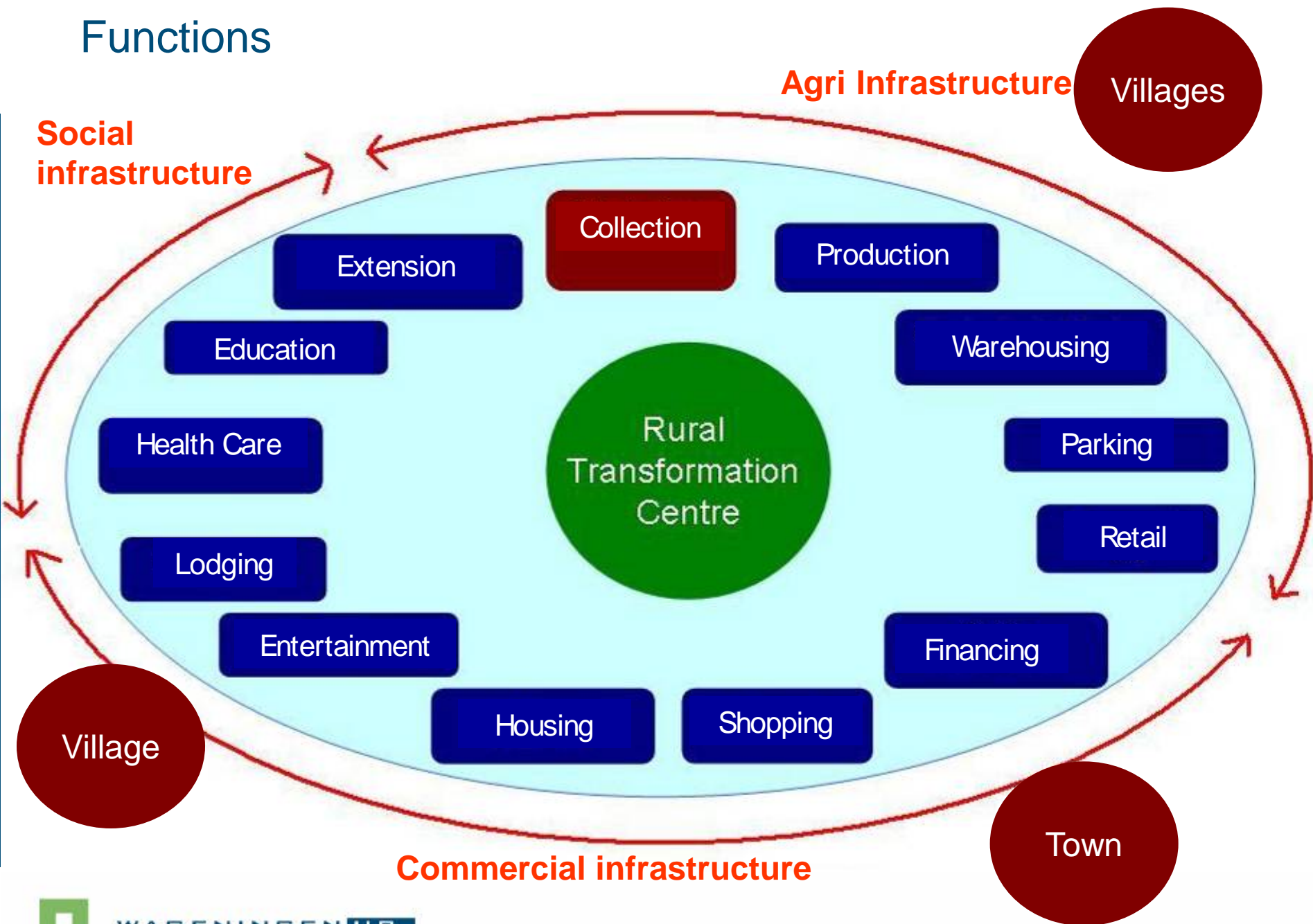
4 Distribution & Consolidation Centre

Serves a metropolitan market througout the whole year. Seasonal products not available from local producers are being supplied from storage or by trade

Foodcluster: Combining production and processing integrated through industrial ecology with R&D, Trade and Social Functions



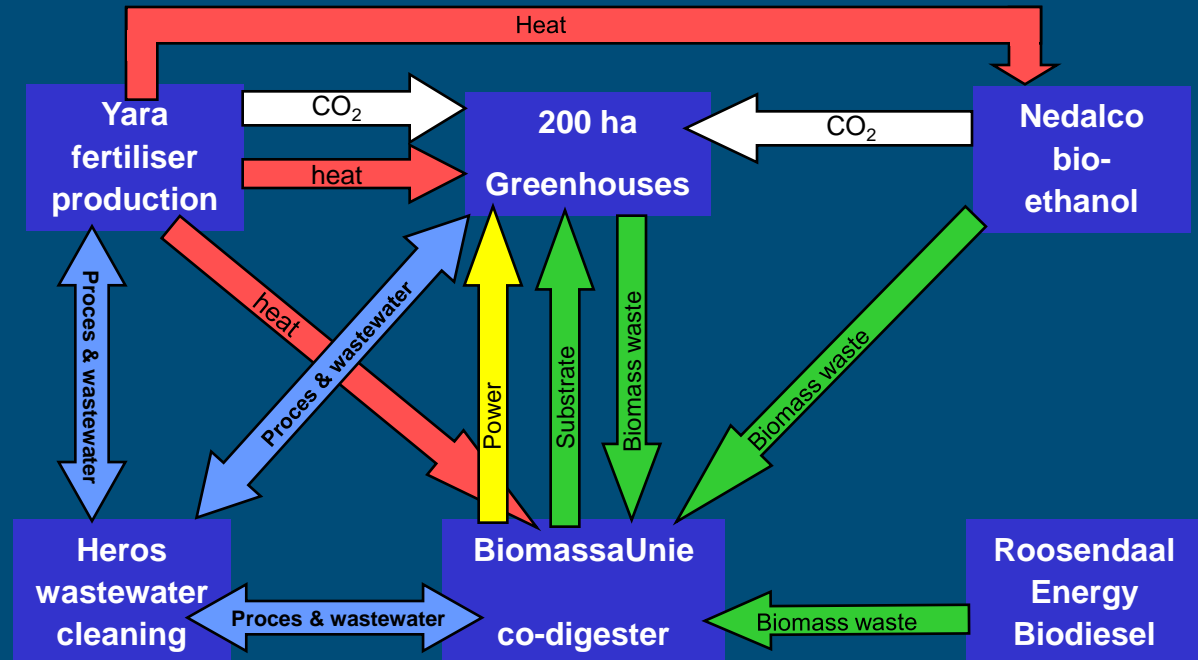
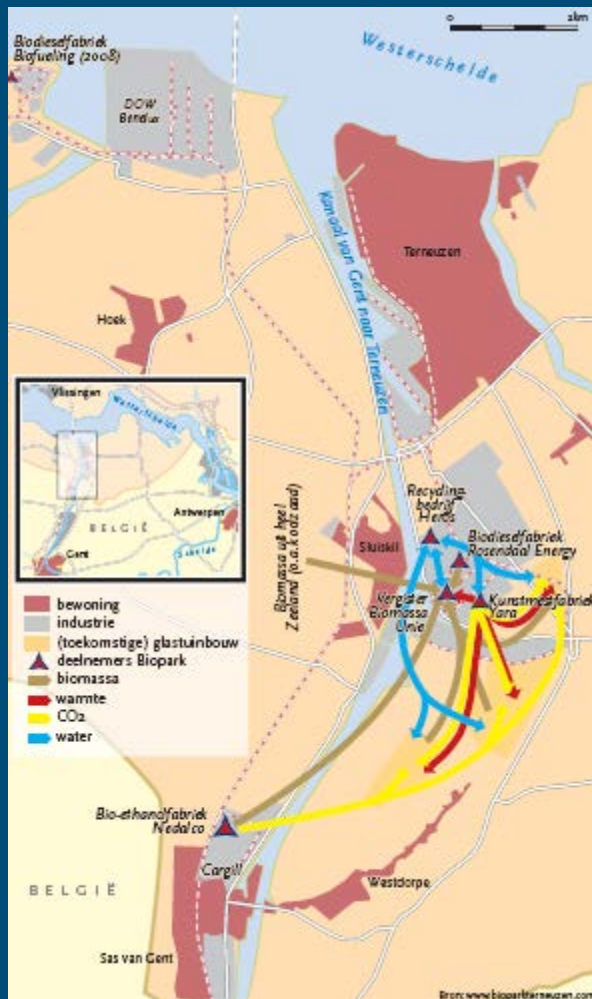
Functions



Implemented cases of metropolitan foodclusters

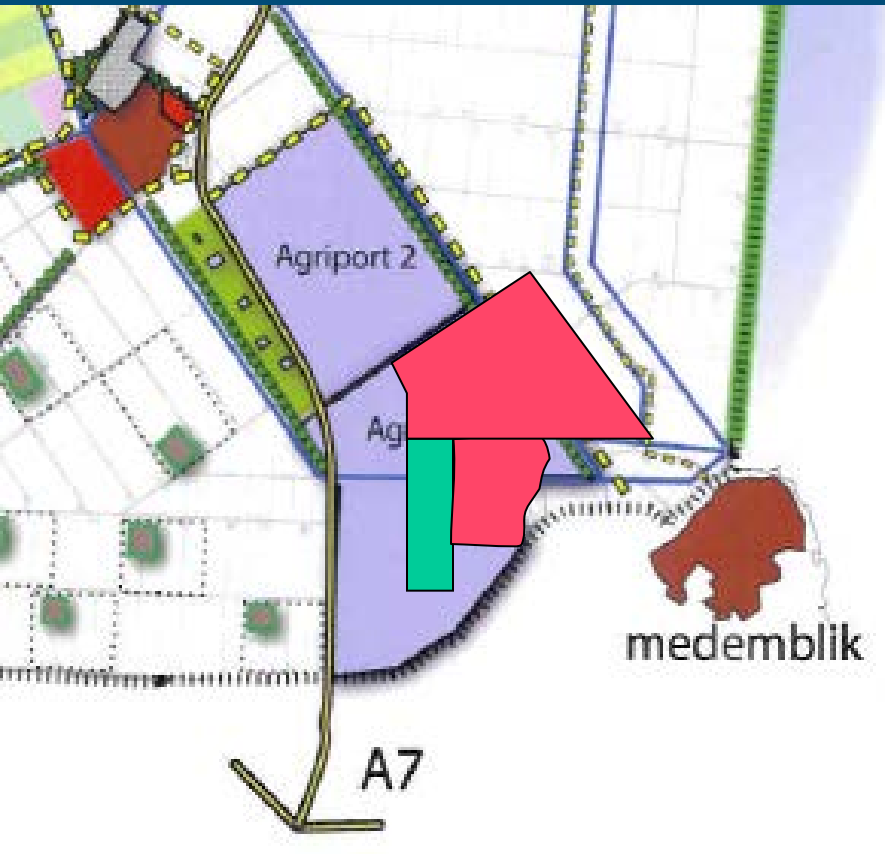
- Most implemented and operational cases of metropolitan foodclusters so far can be found in Northwestern Europe.
- These cases have developed out of existing agriculture during the last century. They have only partially been designed. Therefore their spatial organisation is sometimes suboptimal.
- We use the experience and knowledge that has been generated out of these practice cases, to design agroparks and foodclusters from scratch.
- But also in our design examples in China and other countries we have to take existing space use into account, resulting in concessions to optimal solutions.
- In China two designs in which Wageningen UR has been involved are being developed low key and are partly operational.

Merging between agro-industry and greenhouses: Foodcluster Biopark Terneuzen (operational)



- Agropark in sea harbour
- Primary agricultural production through industrial ecology connected to agro-industry
- Focus on sustainable development of bio-energy production
- In operation
- http://www.bioparkterneuzen.com/cms/publish/content/downloadaddocument.asp?document_id=420

Emerging from Greenhouse Cluster: Foodcluster Agriport A7



- <http://www.agriporta7.nl/>
- Centre for growing vegetables, agribusiness industry and logistics, 30 minutes from Amsterdam
- Primary production:
 - Large scale glasshouses : 300 ha growing to 1.000 ha
 - Field crops : 40.000 ha
- Vegetables industry, logistics and services
 - Business park: 70 ha
- To be added
 - closed fish production and processing
 - ICT-server centre

Area Agriport A7 august 2008



Greenhouses and
power generation

Warehouses and
logistics

Fresh Park Venlo: Distribution & consolidation



- Storage, distribution, processing, trade and services,
- Serves a metropolitan market, 7 mln consumers in German Ruhr Area
- In a consumer responsive way
- Throughout the whole year
- Seasonal products not available from local producers are being supplied from storage or by world wide trade



Agropark design: IFFCO's Kisan SEZ *at Nellore*

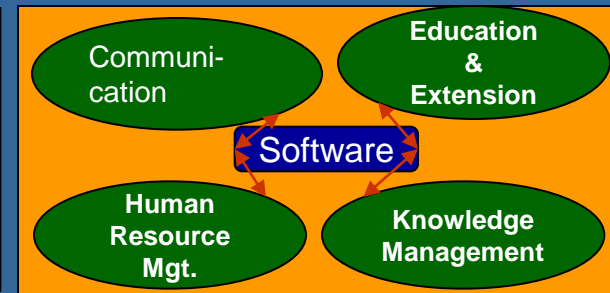
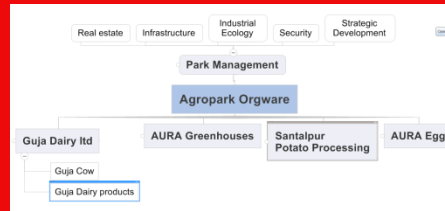
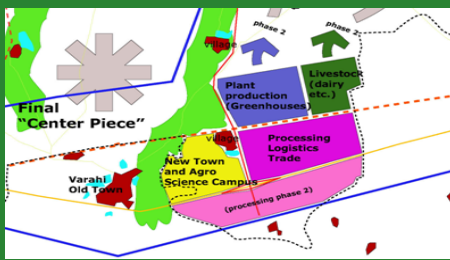
To empower the Indian farmer
by developing a
Farmer owned – Farmer managed
Multi Product *SEZ*



IFFCO Greenport Nellore – Campus (artist impression)

- Residential: 10,000 workers when fully operational
- Education: Multilevel education and R&D institutions
- Commercial Area
- Agro tourism area near the lake





Integrated design needed of:

Hardware

Contextual relationships
 Infrastructures
 Demonstration facilities
 Trade facilities
 Production facilities
 Processing facilities
 Industrial Ecology facilities
 Energy management
 Landscape and nature
 Recreation and leisure
 Routing

What you can hold

Orgware

Implementation & operation
 Acquisition of entrepreneurs
 Businessplanning
 Investments in infrastructure
 Consortium building
 Stakeholder network
 External relations
 Development policy
 Procedures and protocols
 Licences and permits
 Park management
 Risk management

What you can organise

Software

Knowledge management
 Team development
 Management of emotions
 Communication
 Marketing
 Quality management (ISO)
 HRM
 Education and Capacity
 building
 Events

What you feel & think

Our contribution, according to the Wageningen approach

- Develop solutions that work, based on sound science, tailor made to the local solutions:
 - Co-design, together with assigner, of systems-innovation
 - + the regional development
 - + the IAN and Agropark hardware
 - + the orgware and software
 - Orchestrating public private processes between government, entrepreneurs, knowledge institutes, NGO's & citizens
 - Matchmaking/ attracting companies/ investors

Our contribution, according to the Wageningen approach

- Trained experienced teams
 - + train the trainers
 - + learning to learn
 - + set up systems of quality control, monitoring and evaluation
- Build global partnerships
 - with knowledge institutes
 - Private sector
 - Governments



Metropolitan FoodClusters: Key stone for a sustainable development

Thank you

