

# Implementation of consulting service and knowledge transfer to the protein strategy – using the example of the federal state Hesse

## Workshop

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Session 2 – pulses production

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## Topics

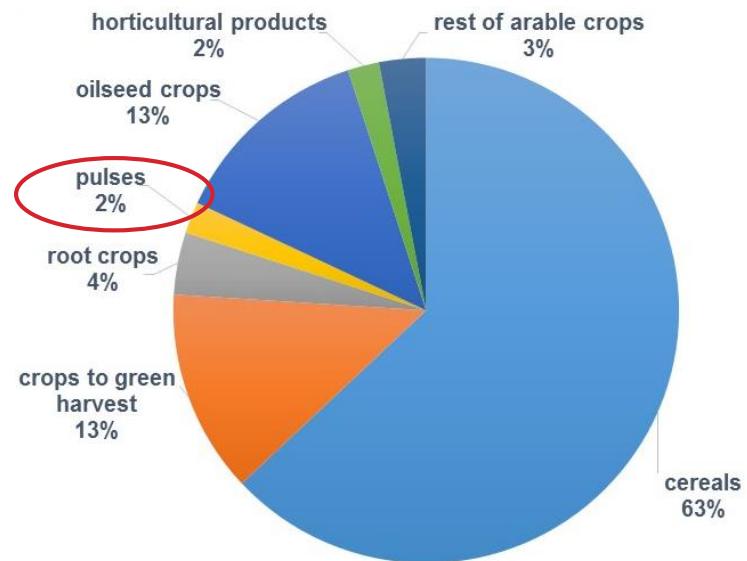
- Agriculture in Hesse
- What is the LLH?
- Protein strategy in Germany
- Protein initiative in Hesse
- Cooperation with the networks
- Knowledge transfer to peas and beans



# Agricultural structures in Hesse

key facts	
utilised agricultural area (ha)	773,200
- cropland (%)	61
- grassland (%)	38
agricultural holdings (n)	16,300
- full time (%)	40
- part time (%)	60
average size of farms (ha)	47.2
part of organic farming	
- agricultural area (%)	13.5
- holdings (%)	12.8
part of livestock husbandry (%)	70

source: Department of agricultural affairs and department of statistic, Hesse, date: 2016, organic farming 2018



**crop production in Hesse**



LLH

# Board of agricultural and horticultural councelling

# Consulting Service

# Education

# Professional Information

# Orders and Aims

- foresight and stability for the farm business
  - implementation of legal requirements in the farm business
  - protection of resources and conservation of cultivated landscape



# Consulting Teams at the LLH

1. economics and process engineering
2. land tourism and combination of business lines
3. gardening
4. plant production
5. animal husbandry
6. organic agriculture
7. animal breeding and quality assurance



## Aims:

competent consultation  
based on trusting  
relationship

# The LLH consultation

**all topics of  
process engineering  
and business economics**

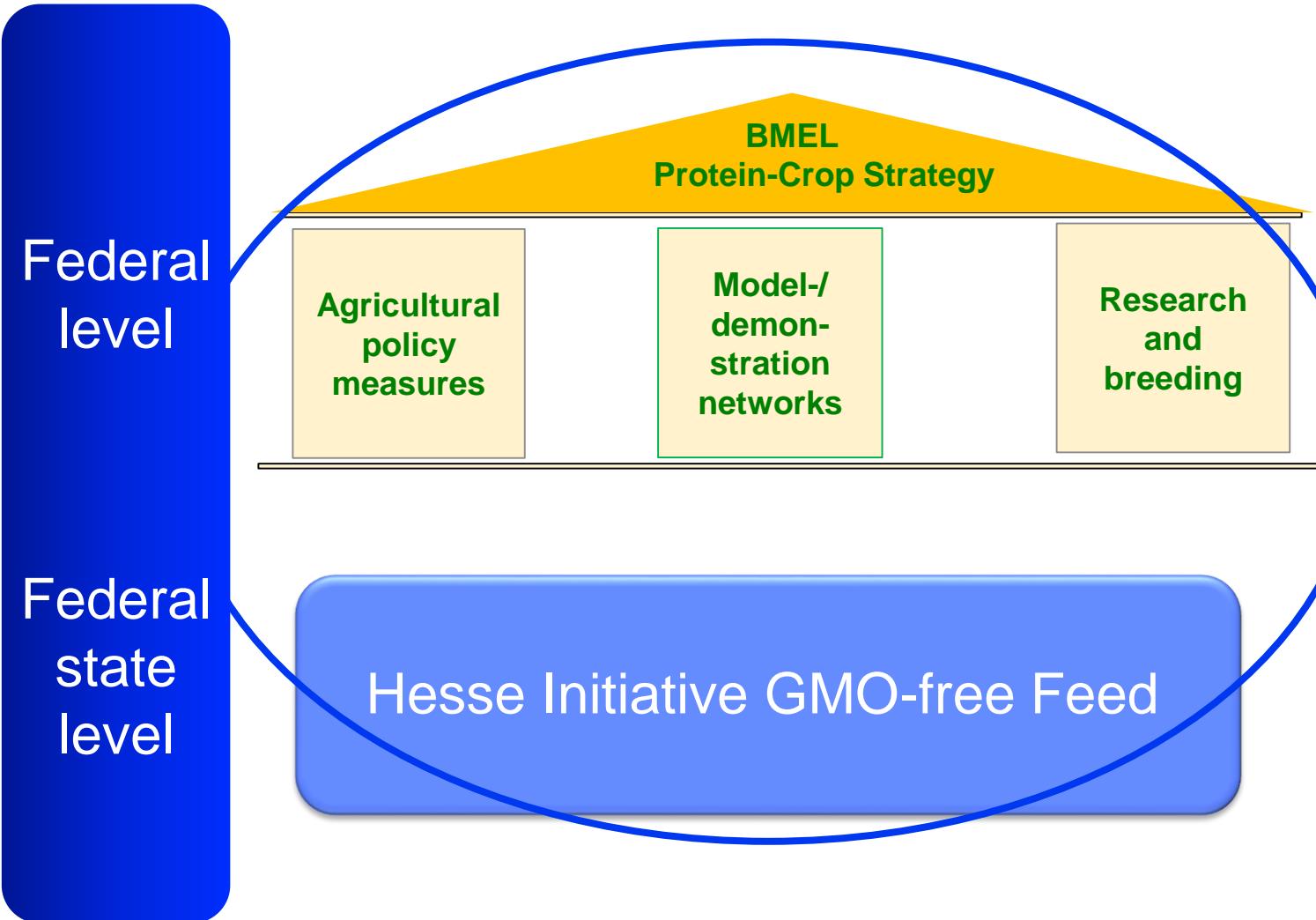
**integration of new topics**  
biodiversity, protein initiative,  
climate protection, animal welfare



**expert  
consulting  
with a  
holistic farm  
approach**



# Protein Strategy



Federal state	protein federal programme	started
Baden-Württemberg	Eiweißinitiative Baden-Württemberg	2012
Bavaria	Bayerische Eiweißinitiative	2011
Hesse	Initiative GMO-free feed	2013
Lower Saxony	Eiweißfutter aus Niedersachsen	2014
North Rhine-Westphalia	Vom Acker in den Futtertrog	2011

# „Hesse Initiative GMO-free Feed“ (Protein Initiative)

## background

- „protein deficit“ – reducing demand of protein imports
- GMO-free –consumer expectation
- improving the home-grown protein supply – contribution to biodiversity



## aims

- implementation of GMO-free feeding
- support for the cultivation of home-grown protein feedstuff
- use of alternative high-quality protein crops
- support to establish regional supply chains



## funding

- funded by the hesse ministry (*HMUkLV*) within the frame of „*organic action plan*“
- Hesse agri-environment measures (*HALM*)



# LLH-activities to the protein initiative

## consulting

- cultivation of legumes (grain and forage legumes)
- to show protein alternatives in feeding
- optimise grassland utilisation
- efficient feed utilisation

## professional information

- expansion of research program on grain legumes
- trials to increase legumes in grassland/pasture
- economic evaluation of adapted protein strategies

## education and further activities

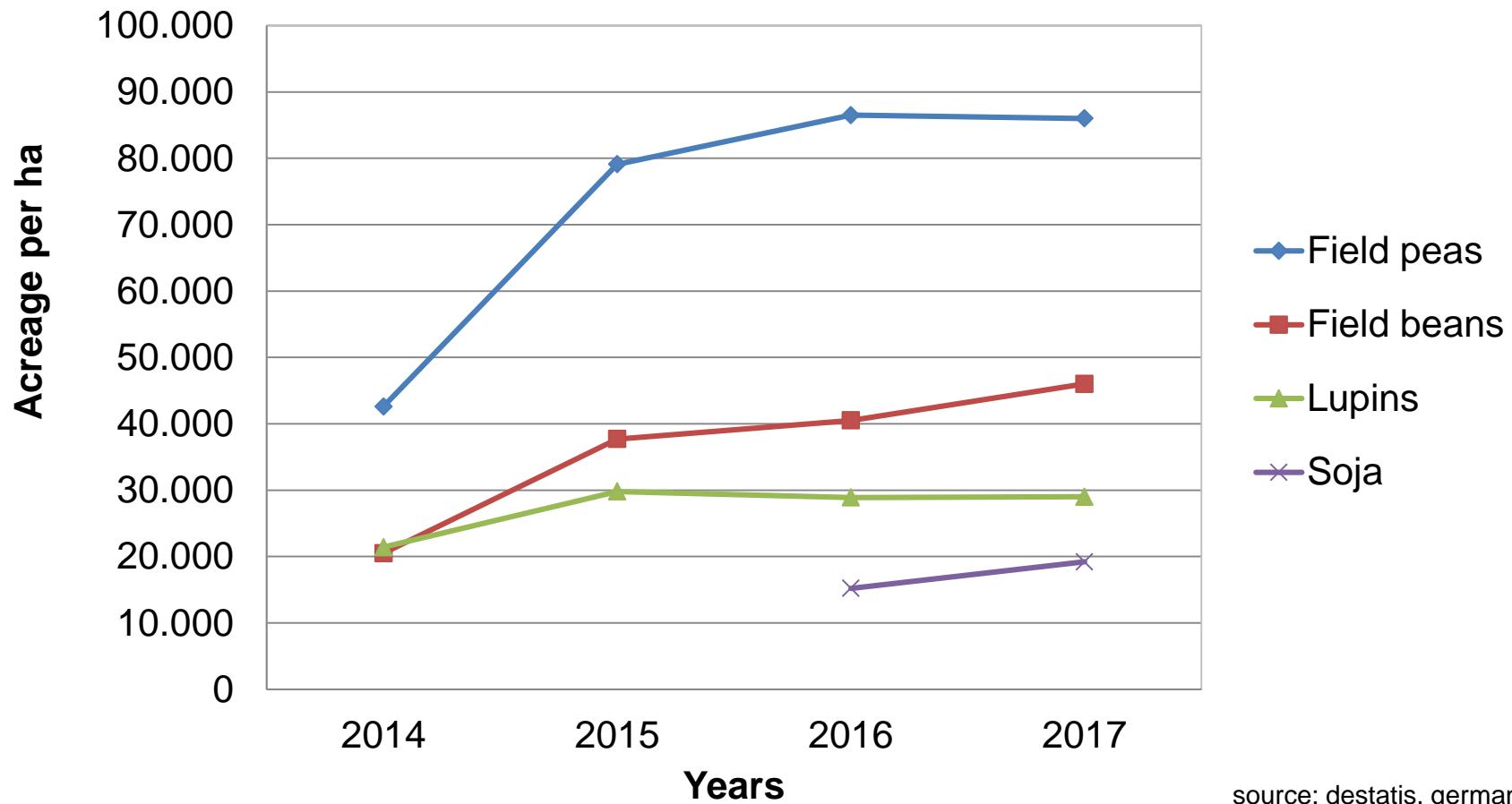
- specific themes for teaching and student projects
- establishment of regional manufacturing and processing facilities
- innovative concepts for the utilisation of regional protein



# What have we achieved so far?

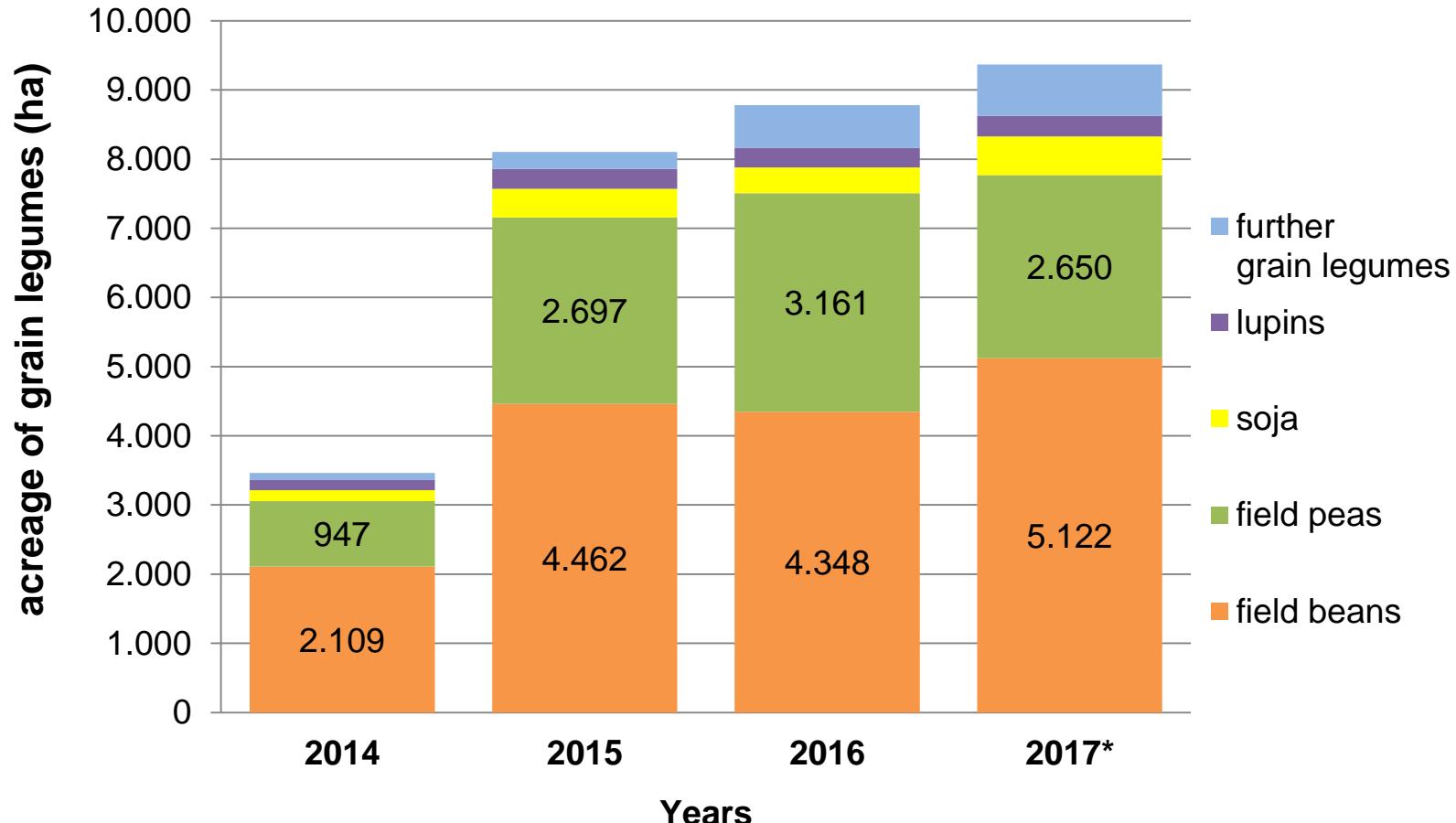
# Acreage of Grain Legumes in Germany

2017 - overall area: 180.200 ha

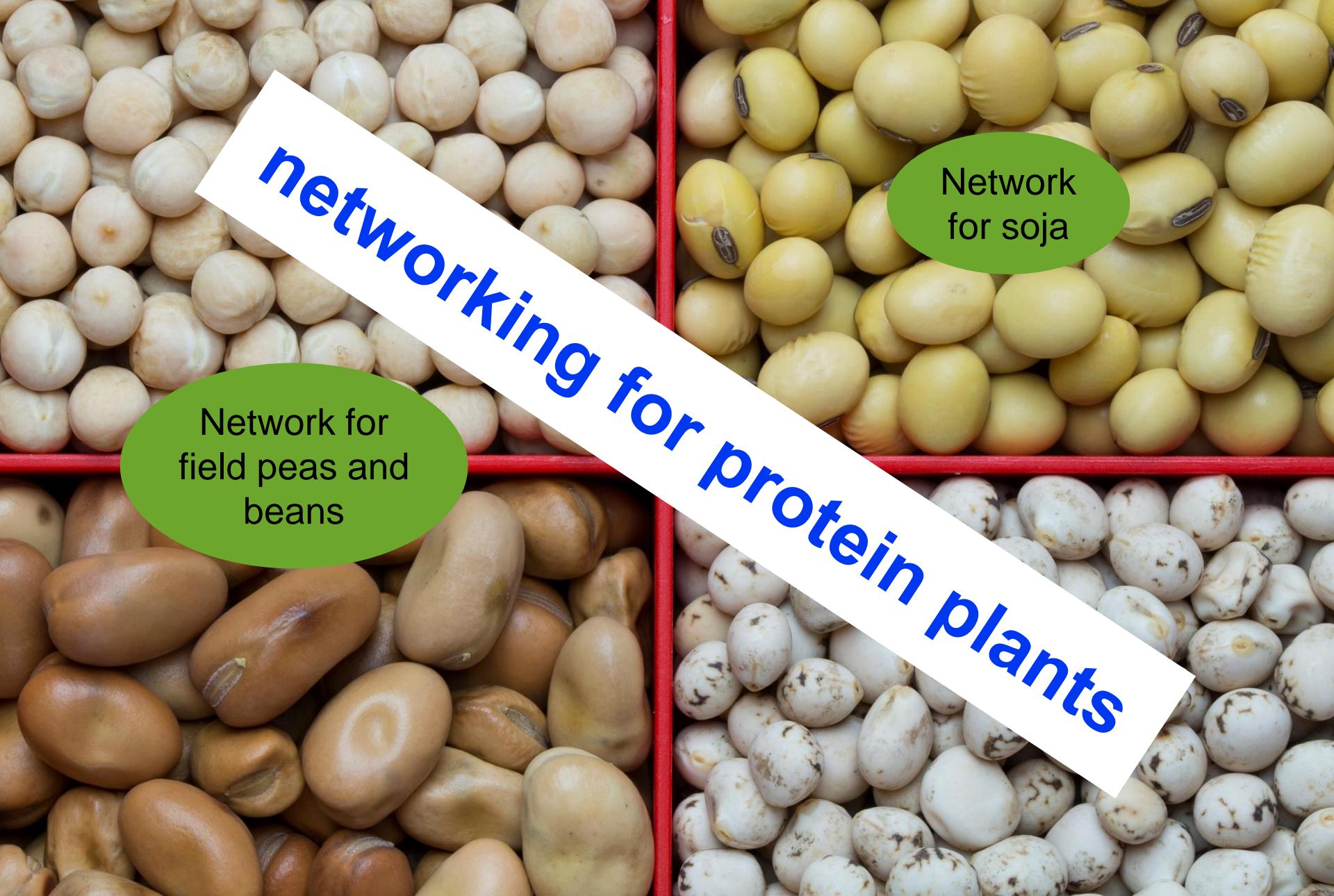


source: destatis, germany

# Acreage of Grain Legumes in Hesse



source: LLH, modified to the WI-Bank (\*date 09/2017)



# DemoNet Erbse Bohne



„Demonstration and knowledge transfer network  
for expanding and improving cultivation and  
utilisation of field peas and beans in Germany“



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# Farm Demonstration Network

- 75 farms throughout Germany
  - Experts of growing and using peas and beans
  - Testing and presenting new techniques
  - Economic and agricultural data collection
  - Field days, farm visits



# How we manage the knowledge transfer

field days,  
field trips

exact trials

fax, internet,  
mail, press

individual  
consulting

working groups

individual intensive  
consulting

lectures

events, training,  
seminars

excursions

projects



# Knowledge transfer about peas and beans

[www.demoneterbo.agrarpraxisforschung.de](http://www.demoneterbo.agrarpraxisforschung.de)



- **New media**
  - **blogs**
  - **explainer video**
- **Public relations**
  - **articles in series**
  - **portraits of farms**
- **Workshops**
  - **sourcing workshop**



# Protein activities at the LLH



Legume Day 2015



Legume Day 2016



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# Legume Day 2018



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# **Thank You For Your Attention**

