

Mitigation option	% of respondents	Farming system ¹	Profitability ¹	Required level skills ¹	Main stimuli ²
1. Improving animal productivity by breeding (e.g. higher milk yield, number of calves per cow per year)	81%	Universal	Profitable	Medium-high	Knowledge and training, subsidies
2. Increasing animal efficiency (e.g. feed conversion rate, calving interval, days to slaughter)	74%	Universal	Profitable	Medium	Knowledge and training, technical assistance, subsidies
3. Improving diet composition (e.g. increasing digestibility, buying feed with low footprint)	70%	Universal	Majority indicates profitable	Medium-high	Knowledge and training, subsidies
4. Improving animal health (e.g. vaccination)	70%	Universal	Profitable	Low-medium	Knowledge and training, subsidies, technical assistance
5. Improving forage quality (e.g. earlier harvest, improved varieties)	70%	Universal	Profitable	Medium-high	Knowledge and training, subsidies
6. Reduction of calf mortality rate	61%	Universal	Profitable	Medium	Knowledge and training, subsidies, technical assistance
7. Reduction of manufactured fertiliser nitrogen application (e.g. planting clover, application of manure, composting, soil testing and nutrient planning)	60%	Universal	Profitable	Medium-high	Knowledge and training, subsidies
8. Optimise manure application timing (e.g. match crop nutrient demands, soil conditions)	58%	Universal	Profitable	Medium-high	Knowledge and training, subsidies
9. Use different manure application methods on land (e.g. dilution and injection)	58%	Half indicate option is universal	Majority indicate net extra costs	Low-medium	Knowledge and training, subsidies
10. Increasing longevity	56%	Universal	Profitable	Medium	Knowledge and training, subsidies