

Alumni News | April 2022 | With spring season tips!



WUR again best agricultural university in the world!



Critical role agriculture in solving climate issue

Deforestation and non-sustainable farming methods are catastrophic for the climate. Thus states the latest report on mitigation in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Wageningen scientist Gert-Jan Nabuurs, the lead author of the chapter on Land Use and Agriculture, says that major changes are needed on a global scale in order to limit the greenhouse gases that cause climate damage.

[News article on IPCC](#) 



Cocoa farmers stay poor

Chocolate is a popular product, consumption even shot up during the covid pandemic. Meanwhile, in Africa, most small producers of raw cocoa are not benefitting from rising sales. They often earn little which renders there is little left over to invest in the much-needed improvement of farming methods.

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A raft of measures is essential



Ban on disposable plastics

Europe bans the use of single-use plastics. But can we stop using fossil plastics? WUR researchers are looking at alternatives and developing new materials. Read all about it in Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations. Want to stay informed? Sign up for a free [subscription](#) or change your subscription from a paper to a digital edition: 'go green go paperless'. ©ANP

What are the alternatives?





Wageningen Integration For Impact (WIFI) 13-14 June

You are kindly invited to join the hybrid event on international science policy in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). WIFI consists of two connected but parallel events: 13 June focuses on science policy and 14 June on research exchange. On the website, you can find the programmes and call for contributions.

Register now, seats are limited [➤](#)



WUR alumna won FoodShot Global Groundbreaker Prize

Hannah van Zanten, associate professor at Farming Systems Ecology, has won the 2nd GroundBreaker Prize for developing the CiFoS model, securing a research budget of \$150,000. The prize was created in 2020 by FoodShot Global, a worldwide investment platform that serves as a catalyst for food chain innovation. The internal nominations were organised by [University Fund Wageningen](#). ©Bart van Overbeeke

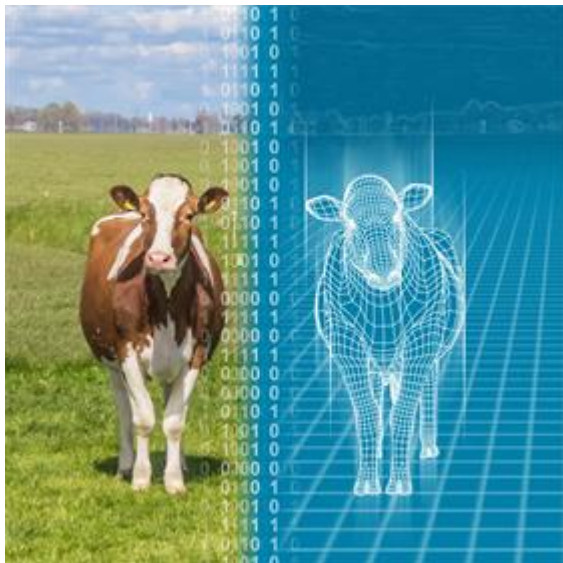
Circular Food System Model [➤](#)



Did you already fill out the Career Monitor?

The results of this labour market survey provide good insight into the labour market position of 'Wageningers'. This is one of the reasons why WUR can better inform (prospective) students. But the results are also important to improve education, alumni policy, and courses for professionals. Enough reasons to fill in the monitor. If you did not receive a link in your inbox, you can request one at info@iva-onderwijs.nl.

To results of previous monitor 



Keep on learning | WUR delivers outstanding professional education

The research community and industry are showing a growing interest in making optimal use of data. So keep up and subscribe for the online course [Drones for agriculture: prepare and design your drone \(UAV\) mission](#), the MOOC [Big data for agri-food: principles and tools](#) or the on-site course [Data analysis for metabolomics](#). Curious about the other WUR courses?

To all programmes per theme 

Spring Season Tips

Digital puzzles

Puzzle | [17th-century tulips](#), click on the image and put the 198 pieces in place

Puzzle | [Bantams](#), a bit easier with 120 pieces

Puzzle | [Black-tailed godwits](#), a bit more difficult with 140 pieces

For bookworms 📖

Book | [A new theory about an ancient mystery](#), Henk van Oosten

Book | [Soil Science Americana](#), Alfred Hartemink

Magazine | [Wageningen World](#) of April 2022 is out now

WUR Library collection | [WURLit](#), a collection of non-scientific literature written by alumni

Got reading tips yourself? Let us know via alumni@wur.nl!

Watch 📺

Exhibition | [Drawings of Alida Withoos](#) at view on museum Flehite

Exhibition | [Chef's special](#), (partly online) display of historical collections of the WUR Library

Professor portraits | [carefully restored and relocated](#) to the auditorium in the new Omnia building

Active 💡

Course | [MOOCs](#), subscribe now and follow a free online WUR-course. Develop yourself in your own time from your own home. Where and whenever you want.

Course | [MOOC Macronutrients & overnutrition](#) is e.g. a very popular online course worldwide

Broadcasts | [Interviews with WUR Researchers](#) on TV & radio

Online college | [What happens when you're allergic?](#) Cell phones can test food on allergens

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