



Rice straw seminar

Cairo, Egypt

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Organisation

Embassy of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands in Egypt

Wageningen University &
Research Center

In co-operation with EAGA

Policy supporting research

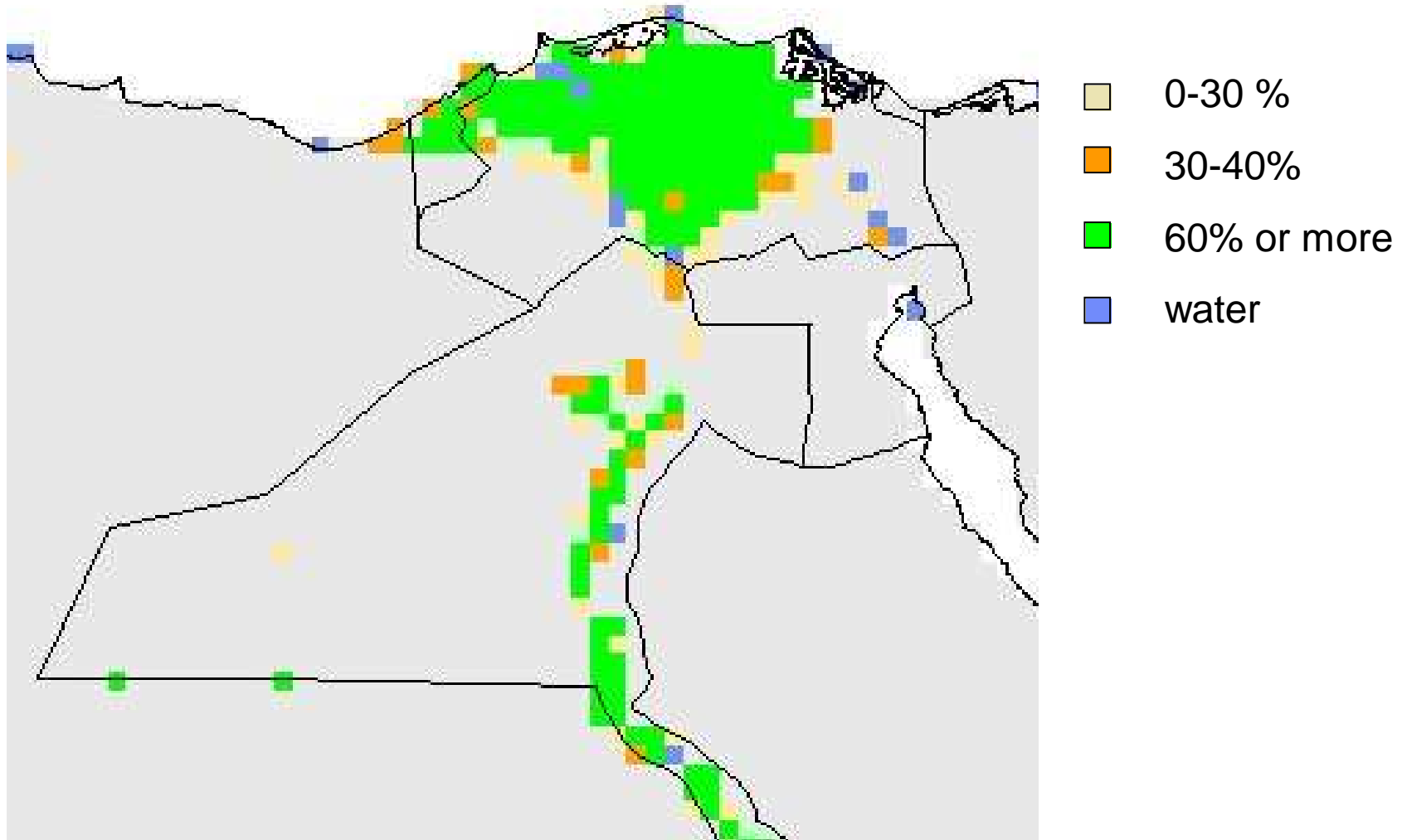
- Along policy line of Dutch government
- Grants from Dutch Ministry of Agriculture
- 1 – 2 year grants
- As seed money to initiate larger projects

Seminar goal

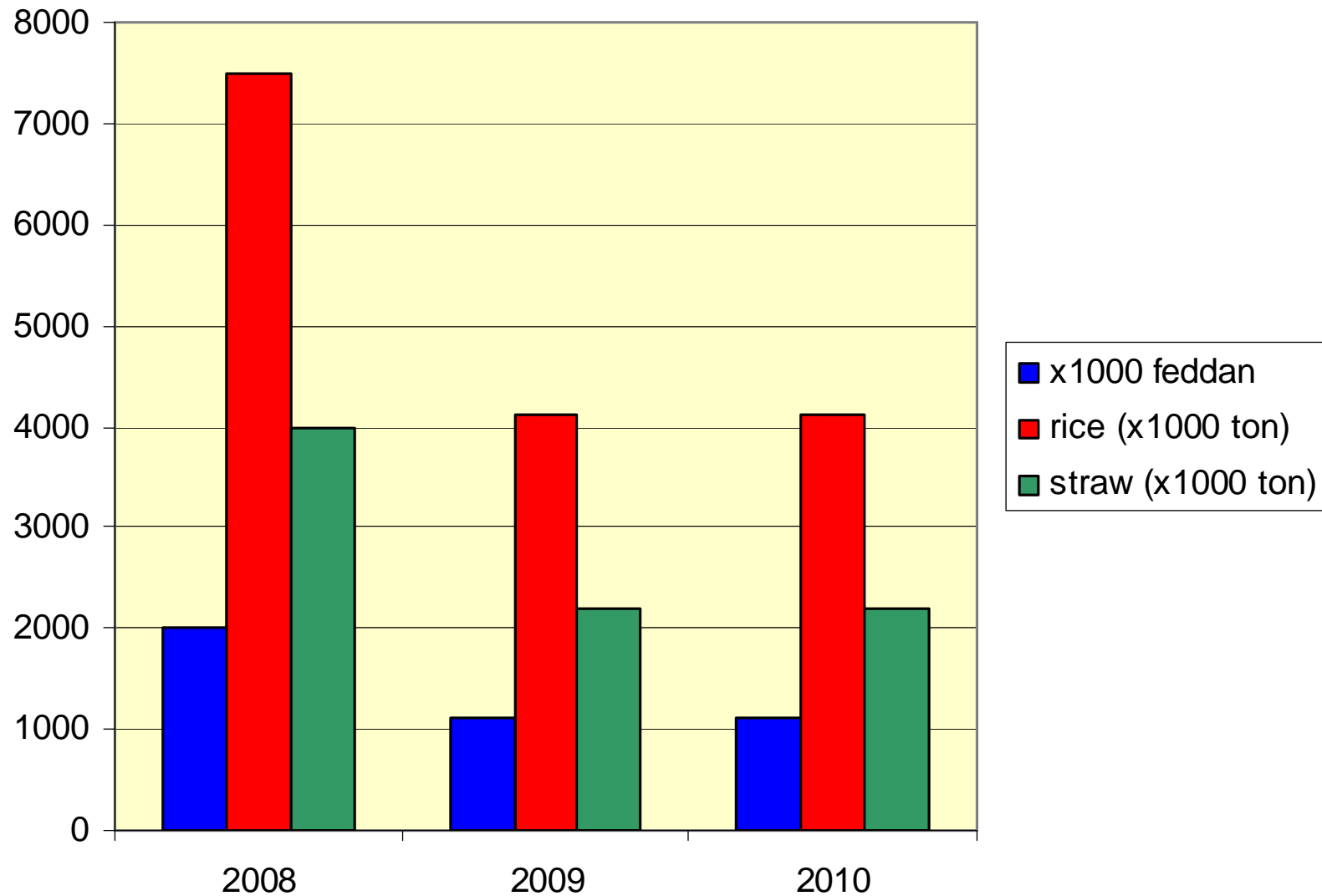
- Current initiatives in beneficial use of rice straw in Egypt
- Other applications in rest of world
- Discuss pro's and con's
- Looking to the future



Percentage cropping intensity



Egypt: Reducing the area of rice in 2009 / '10



Agricultural
export from
Egypt
(1000 ton)

(Source:
GOIEG)

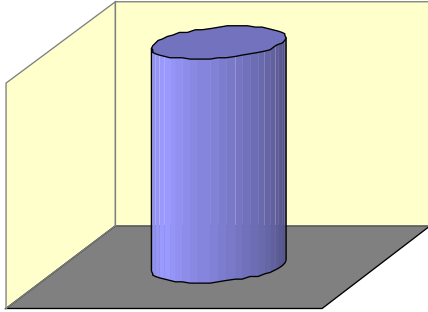
<u>Value (\$ mn.):</u>	
2005/6	971
2006/7	1,375
2007/8	1,749

Commodity	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8
Orange	636	793	852
Potato	338	487	455
Onion	271	211	241
Peanut	31	29	30
Rice	1,009	1,296	820
Garlic	2	6	4
Grapes	28	64	80
Strawberry	13	21	25
Beans	33	38	43
Cutflower	2	2	1
Other	438	314	411
TOTAL	2,802	3,261	2,961

The issue



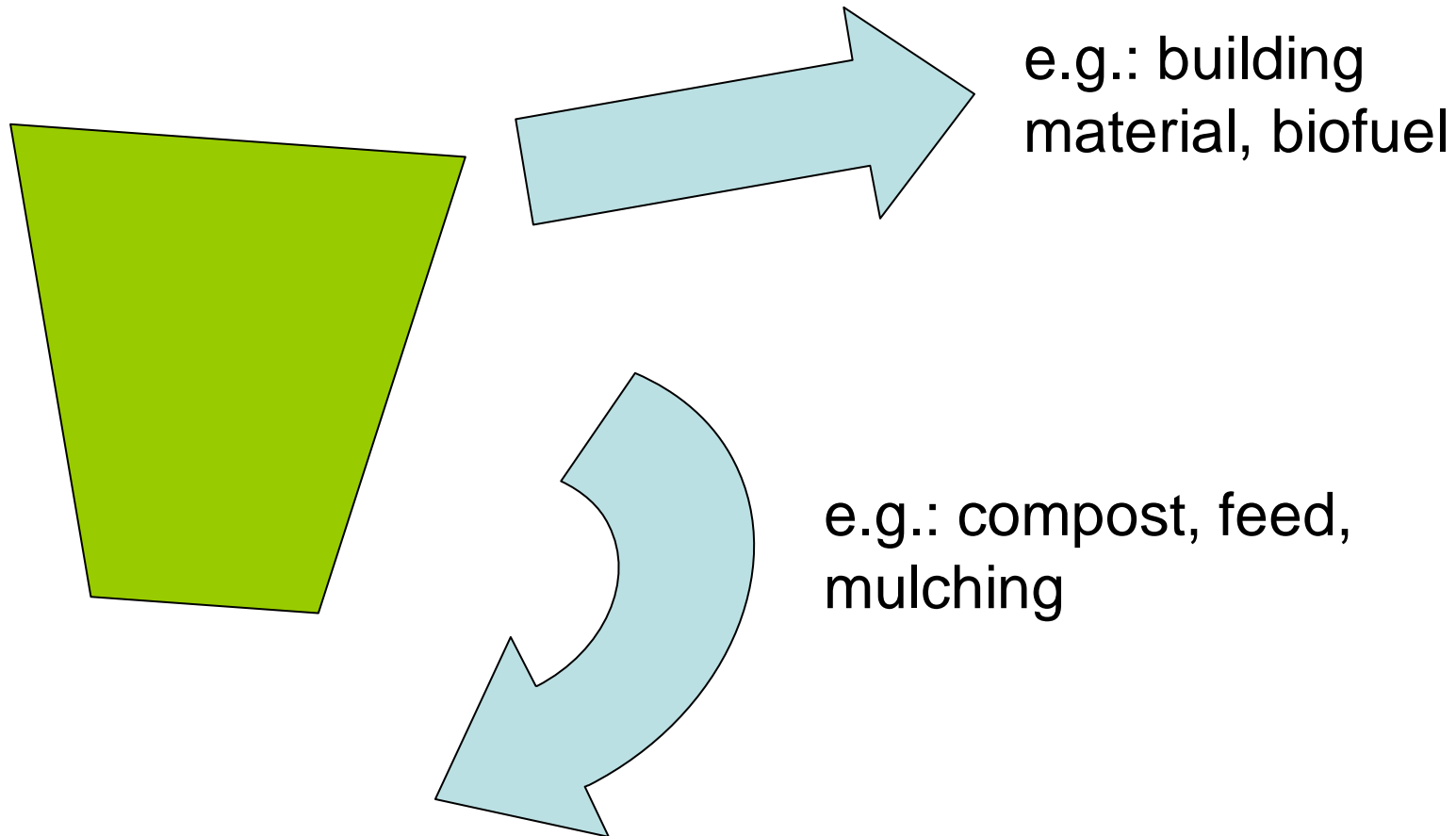
RICE



REST



Sustainable and durable solutions for straw



- **The Netherlands: reliable partner**
- **The Netherlands government provides business assistance, e.g. Match Making Facility and Private Sector Investment**



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Cairo, Egypt, showing a wide river (the Nile) flowing through the center. The foreground is dominated by older, multi-story residential buildings with flat roofs and some balconies. In the middle ground, the river is flanked by modern high-rise buildings and skyscrapers. The background shows a hazy cityscape under a clear blue sky. The text "Wishing you a fruitful seminar" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

Wishing you a fruitful
seminar