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# Fresh Danish grass can revolutionize our agricultural production – and maybe also your dinner in the future?

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# A need for green transition – people, climate, and environment



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Commission website. It includes the European Union flag and the text 'European Commission'. Below this is a blue navigation bar with the breadcrumb: 'Home > Strategy and policy > Priorities > The European Green Deal > Agriculture and the Green Deal'. The main heading is 'Agriculture and the Green Deal'. Below the heading is a sub-heading 'A healthy food system for people and planet'. The main text begins with 'The link between healthy people, healthy societies and a healthy planet puts sustainable food systems at the heart of the European Green Deal, the EU's sustainable and inclusive strategy. It is designed to boost the...' and is partially obscured by a news article snippet.



## President von der Leyen future of EU agriculture

25 January 2024 - President von der Leyen has today launched the Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture in the EU, a new forum to help shape a shared vision for the future of the EU's farming and food system. The Strategic Dialogue will bring together farmers, cooperatives, rural communities, consumer organisations and environmental groups, among others, to find together solutions to current problems facing farmers and the broader agri-food system.



# We need attractive solutions

Value creation from grass clover production



# The need and relevance of green protein

Generally:

- EU policy on European self sufficiency on proteins – Reduction of the soy import.
- Trend towards more plant-based food in the future.  
The need of more protein rich plant products of high nutritional value.
- More grassland for the reduction of nitrate leaching, and more carbon sequestration and biodiversity.
- Biobased raw materials for energy and products.



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## The need and relevance of green protein

### Organic farming:

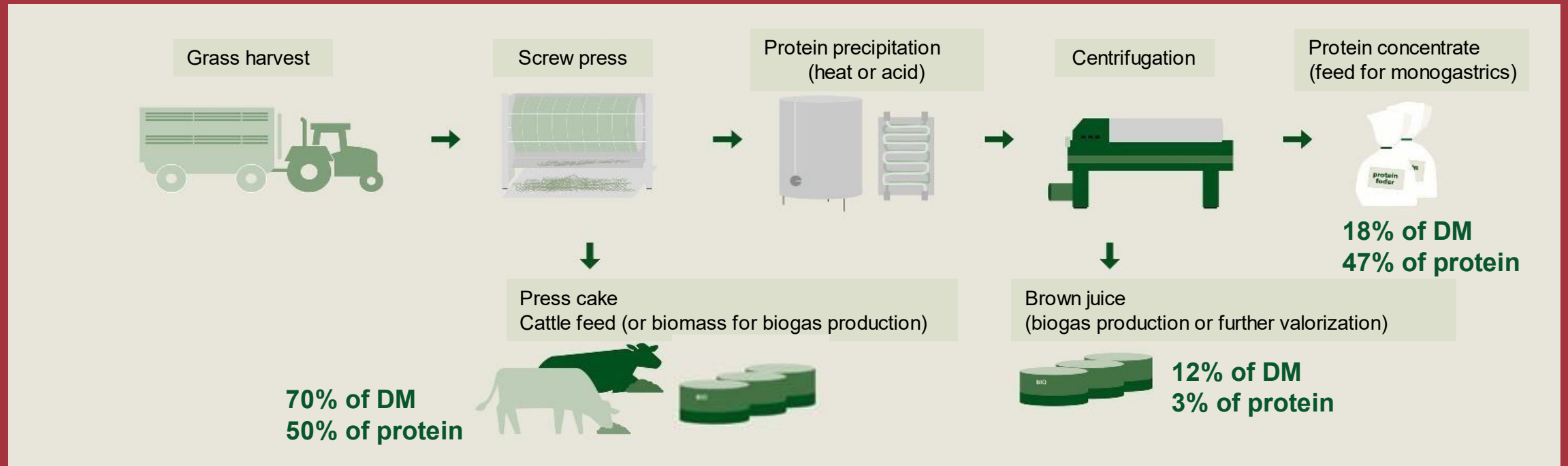
- Lack of local and organic protein feed with the right amino acid composition.
- Better economy in green manure crops.
- Improved crop rotations and higher crop yields.



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# The biorefining process



# Pictures from Ausumgaard



Harvest



Loading



Refining



Screw press separation



Heating of green juice



Decanter separation



Protein concentrate



Brown juice



Grass pulp

Photos: Erik Fog

# Green protein is a valuable feed



- About the same feed value as soy protein
- Approximately 50 % crude protein in dry matter with a high content of methionine.
- Feeding trials with egg layers: Same egg yield and darker yolk colour with increasing amount of green protein in the diet.
  - Problems after introduction in commercial feedmixtures.
- Trials with slaughter pigs: Unaffected growth and meat quality with up to 15 % of green protein concentrate in the diet.



# Status on grass protein development



16 feasibility projects + 2 applications for establishment grant

Installation price: 80-100 mio. kr.

# More possibilities under development



Biomass Proteins pilot plant, photo: Mette Lübeck



# Utilization of the side streams



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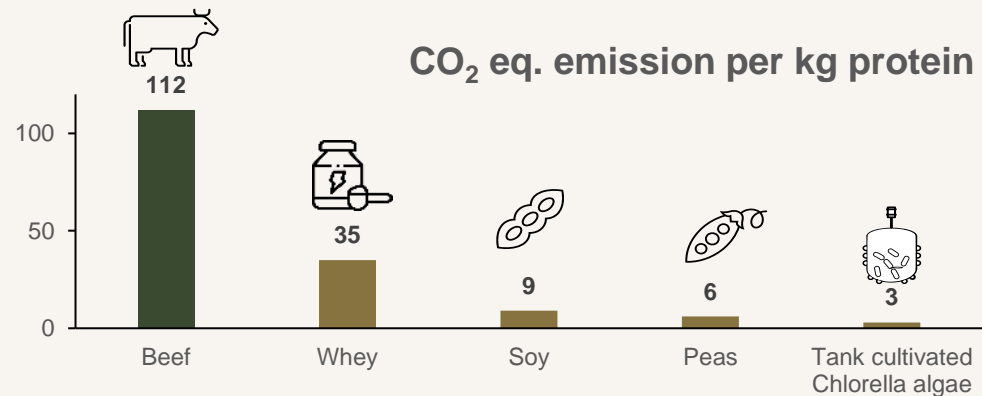
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## The EXTEND project

Sustainable food ingredients from Chlorella micro algae grown on substrate from grass protein side streams.

Huge CO<sub>2</sub> reduction potential in proteins from tank cultivated algae.



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## The EXTEND project

Development of growing media from pulp and brown juice.

Selection of the best algae strain.



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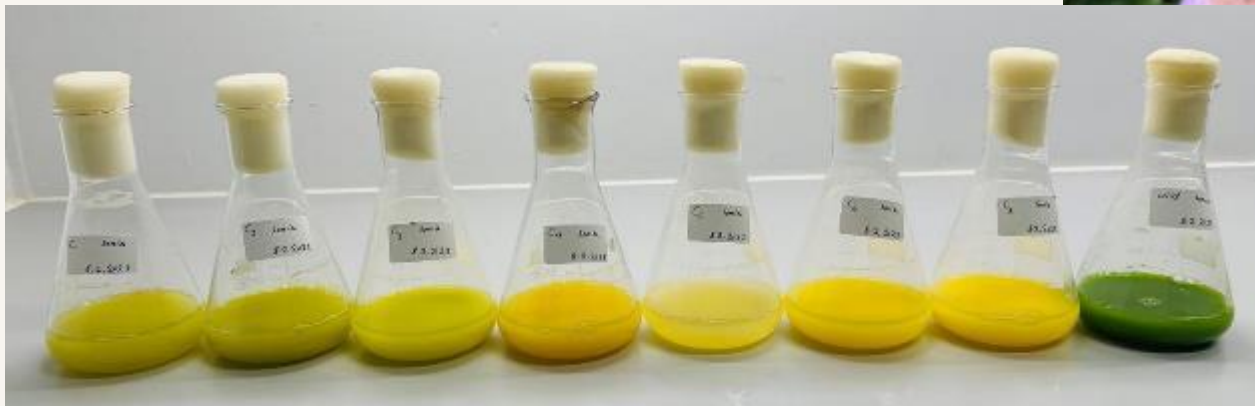
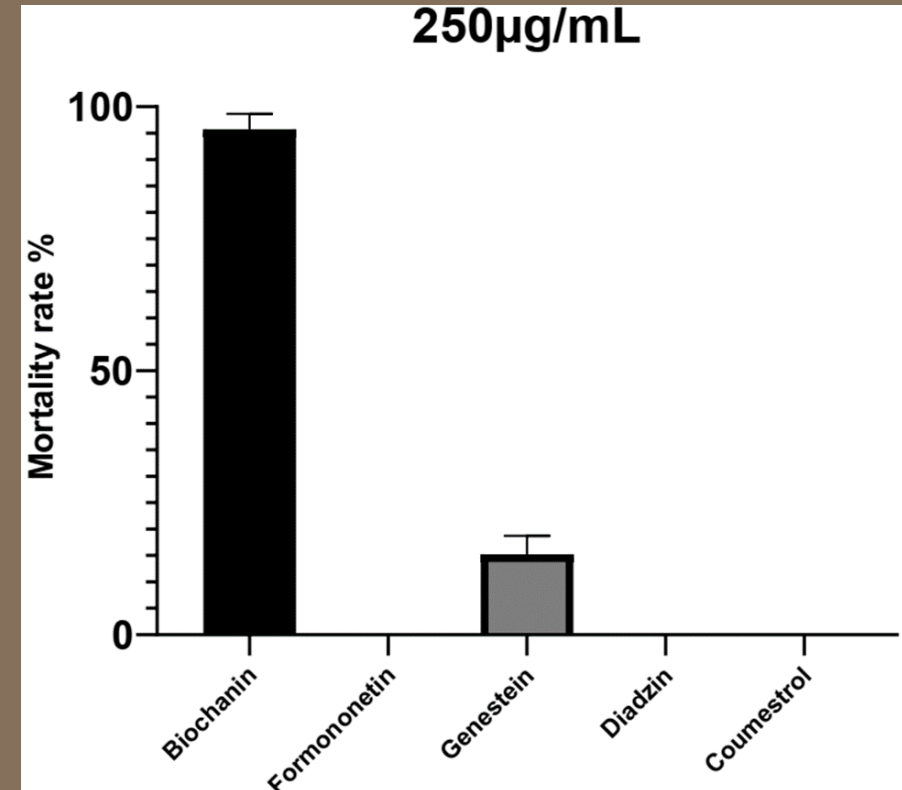


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# Extract from grass pulp as feed additive

High effect as treatment against intestinal worms



Copenhagen University



# “White protein” for food

Under development at Biomass Protein and  
Aalborg University



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# In your future meals

Grass protein hidden as ingredient



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