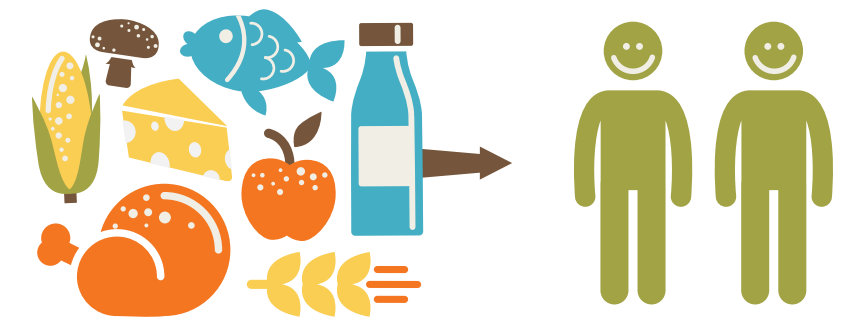


SOIL AND FOOD



1 hectare soil of medium quality can feed 2 persons - assuming an average Western European diet with meat and milk products.



In the European Union, urbanisation is by large the main threat to agricultural land, with at least some 1,000km² of land – mostly fertile soils – lost annually. This loss amounts to the size of Berlin and could feed 200,000 persons.



60% of agricultural products consumed in the European Union are imported, mainly from Africa and Asia where soil fertility is lower,