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Stellingen
Behorende bij het proefschrift
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1. Subsidising animal-sourced foods conflicts with the EU's own climate and public-health goals.
2. 12% of total CAP subsidies embodied in food products are exported outside the EU and therefore do not directly contribute to food security within the EU.
3. A just transition requires attention to the unequal regional costs of dietary change.
4. Preserving the "Common" in Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) requires common objectives and interventions tailored to different transition archetypes.¹
5. The EU encourages consumers to adopt more plant-rich diets while sustaining the production structures of animal-sourced foods.
6. Europe's stranded-asset problem extends beyond fossil fuels to infrastructure for animal agriculture.
7. The burden of stranded agricultural assets reflects a policy design failure rather than a market inevitability.
8. Spatial resolution affects policy conclusions, not merely how results are mapped.
9. Input-output analysis can trace socio-economic impacts as readily as emissions and resource use, adding insight into how the costs and benefits of food system transformation are distributed.
10. Scenario credibility depends on clear and transparent model assumptions.
11. Industrial Ecology has more to offer food policy than food policy recognises.
12. Mocking vegans is easier than accepting that they may be right.²

1. Inspired by *An uncommon CAP?* by Alan Matthews, published on CAP Reform on 16 February 2026 and the *No Security without CAP* petition, which argues for preserving the C in CAP.
2. Inspired by *Stop Mocking Vegans. They're right about ethics and the environment. If you won't join them, at least respect their effort to build a sustainable future* by Farhad Manjoo, published in *The New York Times* on 28 August 2019.