Way out #3
further scale enlargement:
 megastables and agro-production parks
Views on future of pig production
Way out #4
diversification of income
Way out #5

increasing soil fertility & reducing costs
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (1):

Potential of building on farmers’ knowledge and experience – with support of research
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (2):
Restoring soil fertility and organic matter is highest priority
(by closing N and P nutrient cycles)
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (3): Focus on optimization of farm as a whole rather than maximization of one single product (milk or meat per year or lactation)
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (4):

Diversifying farmer’s work and income (now 40% of farmers)
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (5):

Potential of direct marketing (now 10% of farmers)
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (7)
Re-value local and dual-purpose breeds
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (6):
Need to re-establish link between farm and natural environment
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands (8)
Re-linkage between crops and livestock
Lessons learnt in the Netherlands
(9)

Revaluing medicinal plants (to reduce antibiotic use)

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Conclusions and Recommendations

• Dutch history shows that technologies based on ‘old’ practices are actually modern!
• The nine lessons learnt about side-effects of industrial livestock keeping need to be included into global livestock development policies
• Developing countries can learn from this experience and make ‘technology leap’ to effectively support their smallholder farmers
• Dutch farmers can also benefit from age-old knowledge that still exists in developing countries
We can inspire each other .... and prevent the repetition of mistakes that are now known!

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