

Emissions of greenhouse gases from energy use in agriculture, forestry and fisheries: 1970-2019

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Abstract. Fossil-fuel based energy use in agriculture leads to CO₂ and non-CO₂ emissions. We focus on emissions generated within the farm gate and from fisheries, providing information relative to the period 1970-2019, for both energy use, as input activity data and the associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Country-level information is generated from UNSD and IEA data on energy in agriculture (including forestry and fisheries), relative to use of: gas/diesel oil, motor gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas, fuel oil and coal. Electricity used within the farm gate is also quantified, while recognizing that the associated emissions are generated elsewhere. We find that in 2019, annual emissions from energy use in agriculture were about 523 million tonnes (Mt CO_{2eq} yr⁻¹), while including electricity they were 1,029 Mt CO_{2eq} yr⁻¹, having increased 7% from 1990. The largest emission increase from on-farm fuel combustion was from LPG (32%), whereas significant decreases were observed for coal (-55%), natural gas (-50%), motor gasoline (-42%) and fuel oil (-37%). Conversely, use of electricity and the associated indirect emissions increased three-fold over the 1990-2019 period, thus becoming the largest emission source from energy use in agriculture since 2005. Overall, the global trends were a result of counterbalancing effects: marked decreases in developed countries in 2019 compared to 1990 (-273 Mt CO_{2eq} yr⁻¹) were masked by slightly larger increases in developing and emerging economies (+ 339 Mt CO_{2eq} yr⁻¹). The information used in this work is available as open data at: <https://zenodo.org/record/5153241> (Tubiello and Pan, 2021). The relevant FAOSTAT (FAO, 2021b) emissions database is maintained and updated annually by FAO.

1. Introduction

Agricultural production more than doubled over the period 1990-2019, with additional increases of more than 50% expected by 2050, to meet projected increases in food demand (FAO, 2018; Calicioglu et al., 2019). Historically, productivity increases were achieved through transitions from traditional, extensive agri-food systems to modern, intensive production systems, characterized by greater energy use within the farm (Sims et al., 2014; Smil, 2008). Direct on-farm energy inputs include fuel to power tractors and other agricultural field machinery, irrigation pumps, heat to warm greenhouses and animal shelters. Other uses beyond the farm may include power for forestry

1 machinery and fishing vessels (Dubois et al., 2017). On-farm energy use is a significant component of agricultural
2 production and growth (Sims et al., 2014; Utz, 2011), however, it often attracts less attention in food-related
3 emissions analysis relevant to National Determined Contributions (Tubiello et al., 2021) as the on-farm energy use
4 emissions are reported instead under the ‘Energy’ sector of the national GHG inventories. In fact, countries
5 regularly submit to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), containing only non-CO₂
6 emissions from crop and livestock bio-physical processes. For instance, enteric fermentation in ruminants or
7 nitrous oxide from fertilizers on cropland (IPCC, 2006; Tubiello 2019). Within the UNFCCC context, emissions
8 from agriculture are currently about 5 Gt CO₂eq yr⁻¹, having increased by roughly 50% since 1961 (Tubiello,
9 2019). They are dominated by livestock processes and are fairly equally split between CH₄ and N₂O components,
10 in single gases units corresponding to annual emissions in 2019 of 140 Mt CH₄ and 7.7 Mt N₂O respectively (FAO,
11 2021b; Tubiello et al., 2021).

12 Energy use in agriculture, forestry and fisheries deserves more attention than paid in current reporting and
13 associated studies, because it is an important food production component deserving analysis in its own right
14 alongside the biophysical crop and livestock processes mentioned above. Additionally, it offers significant
15 opportunities for on-farm mitigation actions directly focussed on CO₂ (Dyer et al., 2014).

16 Information on energy consumption in different agricultural operations is available from the literature, albeit there
17 is a lack of consistent global data with country detail provided over relevant time series. Available information
18 indicates that in-farm energy demand in OECD countries is mainly for crop cultivation, harvesting, heating
19 protected crops in greenhouses, crop drying and storage, water pumping and livestock housing (OECD, 2008).
20 On-farm use in high-GDP countries (20 GJ/ha) is almost double the use in low-GDP countries (11 GJ/ha) (FAO,
21 2011). Fossil fuel energy inputs have reduced labor inputs, or around 152 MJ for every man-hour of labor inputs
22 in high-GDP countries, and 4 MJ in low-GDP countries (Sims, 2014).

23 Smil (2008) and FAO (2011) estimated global direct and indirect energy use in agriculture in the early 2000s using
24 available literature and global estimates at 17 EJ, of which 5 EJ to power machinery; 4 EJ for animal husbandry,
25 aquaculture, and fisheries; 2 EJ to manufacture and maintain agricultural machinery; 5 EJ to extract, synthesize
26 and distribute fertilizers; 0.5 EJ to manufacture pesticides and herbicides; and 0.3 to manufacture irrigation
27 systems. Direct energy use in agriculture was a bit more than half this total, about 9 EJ. In addition to these
28 amounts, energy use in agriculture includes electricity from the grid, decentralized renewable sources including
29 bioenergy, conventional technologies, mechanical and thermal energy and biodiesel/biofuels.

30 As opposed to GHG emission estimates from global analysis (top-down analysis), this paper focuses on quantifying
31 the GHG emissions that arise from the combustion of fossil fuels for energy use in agriculture, forestry and fisheries
32 (i.e. capture fishing and aquaculture) with a “bottom-up” approach, i.e. using official statistical data reported by
33 countries to the UN Statistics Division. It also provides an overview of total emissions and key trends at the global,
34 regional and country level.

35 The dataset and the related analysis in this paper refers to one single ‘agriculture’ sector, which covers the three
36 agricultural sub-sectors: agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Some additional disaggregated information is provided
37 for fishing alone.

38 As detailed in the methods section, our quantification focuses mostly on farm and fishing activities, assuming that
39 emissions associated to energy used in forestry is negligible—i.e., it is limited to energy use for farm operations,
40 for aquaculture and for powering fishing vessels. We include additional estimates of the emissions associated to

1 the off-site generation of electricity used on the farm, tracking results both separately for electricity and on-site
2 fossil fuel use, as well as in the aggregate. The analysis does not include all other indirect energy uses that are
3 typically addressed in life-cycle analyses, such as embedded energy for manufacturing of agriculture machinery
4 (FAO, 2011; Sims et al. 2015; FAO, 2018).

6 **2. Materials and methods**

7 Data on energy use in agriculture (including forestry and fisheries), by fuel type, over the annual time series 1970-
8 2019, were available from UNSD and IEA. These Agencies regularly collect energy data from member countries,
9 including for use in agriculture, forestry and fishing. Biofuels, renewables, and other energy carriers derived from
10 biomass, were analyzed but not considered for calculating GHG emissions, since they were assumed to be carbon
11 neutral (IPCC, 2006). In particular, UNSD energy consumption data were used to estimate GHG emission from
12 agriculture as a whole, while IEA data were used to provide a breakdown for GHG from fisheries for information
13 purposes. UNSD data are publicly available through the UNDATA portal, while access to IEA data is restricted,
14 and the latter was kindly made available by IEA for this analysis. Energy use data from the UNSD Energy Statistics
15 Database (UNSD, 2020) included the following fuels, over the period 1970-2019: Diesel oil; Motor gasoline;
16 Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG); Natural gas, including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG); Fuel oil; Hard coal. Energy
17 use data from the IEA Energy Statistics included Diesel oil and Fuel oil used in fisheries.

19 **2.1 Gap filling**

20 The energy use data sourced from UNSD were gap filled for both improving the quality of available time series
21 by country and generating data for missing countries. The original set had several missing data points especially
22 for Africa (FAO, 2021b). First, a simple linear gap-filling method was applied to estimate data points missing
23 within intervals with data points, over the time period 1970-2019. Conversely, gap-filling of values for carrying
24 backward and forward values without an available interval was performed by applying sub-regional trends. Finally,
25 time series for countries with no data were generated with a multivariate approach, i.e., by computing the sub-
26 regional energy use in agriculture divided by the sub-regional total energy use, and applying the coefficient to the
27 time series of national total energy use, which was available in the UNSD database without major gaps. We
28 validated our gap-filling method by performing random substitutions of existing values and computing the
29 associated error, which was on average below 5%.

31 **2.2 Emissions Estimates**

32 The activity data on energy use described in previous sections served as input for estimates of GHG emissions,
33 made following the Tier 1 method of the Guidelines of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC,
34 2006). In particular, we used default fuel-specific CO₂ emission factors for off-road mobile combustion sources
35 (e.g., tractors, harvesters and other mobile machinery) and stationary combustion sources (i.e., irrigation pumps,
36 space heating), within the following formula:

$$38 \quad E_i = AD_i * EF_i \quad (1)$$

1 Where E_i are the emissions (in $t\ CO_2\ yr^{-1}$) for energy carrier i , computed by multiplying the amount of fossil fuel
2 type AD_i ($GJ\ yr^{-1}$) by the relevant emission factor EF_i ($t\ CO_2\ GJ^{-1}$). The default emission factors applied to relevant
3 fuel categories were those for stationary combustion in the residential and agriculture/forestry/fishing farms
4 categories, assumed by IPCC to be used for power generation (heat and/or electricity) (Tab. 2). Fuels reported in
5 metric tons were converted to GJ by assuming a net calorific value of 43.0 GJ/t for diesel, 44.3 GJ/t for gasoline,
6 47.3 GJ/t for LPG, 44.2 Gg/t for natural gas liquids, 40.4 GJ/t for fuel oil, 25.8 for coal¹ (IPCC, 2016).
7 Finally, country-specific grid emission factors needed to estimate CO_2 emissions from electricity used were taken
8 from IEA (2014) and imputed from 2013 to 2019. They were complemented with CH_4 and N_2O country-specific
9 grid emission factors estimated by the authors on the basis of the default emission factors for stationary combustion
10 in the energy industries, according to IPCC (2006). As our calculations (not shown) indicated, CH_4 and N_2O
11 emissions, calculated as a proportion of CO_2 emissions, are only a minor share ($< 5\%$) of total GHG emissions
12 from electricity.
13 Emissions from fisheries were estimated as a separate item (until 2018), using dedicated IEA data, and for
14 information purposes only, i.e., they were assumed to represent additional information, since energy used in
15 agriculture (including forestry and fisheries) are already included in the UNSD energy statistics. Fisheries statistics
16 from IEA were limited to OECD countries. Only diesel and fuel oil for powering fishing vessels and aquaculture
17 were reported under fisheries, since these two fuels represent the bulk of energy used in the sector (followed by
18 heat).
19 Uncertainties were derived by applying ranges for GHG emission factors provided by IPCC 2006 to fuels
20 considered and an error of 5% for emissions associated with electricity consumption (calculated based on the global
21 energy mix for electricity generation in the IEA database).

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23 **2.3 Limitations and uncertainty**

24 There are limitations and uncertainties associated with the estimates presented herein. First, we note that the input
25 data on energy refers to use in agriculture (including forestry and fisheries) without further breakdown. While we
26 refer often to the associated emissions as generated within the farm gate, they include components of unknown
27 relative magnitude that are in fact generated through forestry and fisheries activities. For the latter, we have
28 provided a partial and incomplete breakdown in the database, using IEA fisheries data. Second, the underlying
29 data on energy use have significant geographical gaps, especially in Africa, as well as temporal gaps, particularly
30 before 1990. Out of 233 countries and territories, 51 were imputed in the energy emissions FAOSTAT database.
31 However, these are all small countries and their total share of global GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture
32 is less than 1%. As mentioned above, the error associated with activity data gap-filling was on average below 5%.
33 The uncertainty in the original energy consumption data is much smaller for some countries than for others,
34 depending on whether the activity data are collected using specific surveys, where a sense of the uncertainty can
35 be measured, or whether national statistical offices use proxies and/or assumptions. The uncertainty also varies by
36 product, depending on what administrative data may be available for them (sales, taxes, etc.), or even on whether
37 they are traded in the formal or informal sector (or not traded at all). According to the default uncertainty for
38 activity data set by IPCC energy guidelines, the uncertainty is measured mainly from two aspects: 1) the adequacy
39 of the statistical coverage of all source categories and 2) the adequacy of the scope of all fuels (both traded and

¹ We assumed that coal used in agriculture is mostly 'bituminous coal.'

1 non-traded). In our case, using the level of uncertainty for stationary non-energy intensive industries and ‘well
2 developed statistical systems’ (such as energy statistics), an uncertainty of $\pm 5\%$ can be assumed for activity data
3 (IPCC, 2006, Volume 2, Chapter 2, Table 2.6). Uncertainty in activity data was then combined with uncertainty in
4 fuel emission factors (-7 to 16%), computed by taking the IPCC lower and upper values of emissions factors by
5 fuel, weighted by their average world use. The resulting overall uncertainty was obtained by applying the IPCC
6 (2006) default error propagation method, resulting in the range -9 to +17%.

8 **2.4 Data availability**

9 The GHG emission data presented herein cover the period 1970-2019, at the country level, with regional and global
10 aggregates. Significant gaps in some countries and regions, especially Africa, imply that specific regional estimates
11 may be systematically underestimated. Additionally, statistics on energy consumption and emissions from fisheries
12 are highly uncertain and likely underestimates, considering that significant amounts of fuel consumed by small
13 vessels, constituting a majority of the global fishing fleet, are not typically reported in official statistics.

14 Data on energy use in agriculture and associated emissions used in this work are available as open data at:
15 <https://zenodo.org/record/5153241> (Tubiello and Pan, 2021). A thorough description of the dataset and metadata
16 information are available through FAOSTAT at <https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/GN>. The relevant
17 FAOSTAT (FAO, 2021) database is maintained and updated annually by FAO.

19 **3. Results**

20 Our estimates indicated that world-total GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture including electricity were
21 above 1 billion tonnes in 2019 (1,029 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹; 7% greater than in 1990). The average annual increase was
22 0.2% over the period 1990-2019 and was consistent with the overall growth in agricultural emissions within the
23 farm gate. Almost half of the estimated emissions (496 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹) arose from combustion of fossil fuels for
24 power generation of electricity used on the farm. The most important energy sources after electricity were
25 gas/diesel oil and coal, while motor gasoline, typically associated to field machinery and irrigation in developing
26 countries, contributed a mere 5% of the total (Fig. 1). Emissions from electricity grew rapidly over the study period
27 (mean annual growth rates of more than 6%), overtaking gas diesel oil and motor gasoline as the main emission
28 source by roughly the year 2012. This, together with an increase of LPG use, suggests a global transition towards
29 cleaner on-farm energy use, considering grid electricity is typically associated to lower emissions per energy
30 compared to single fossil fuel sources.

31 At the same time, use and hence emissions from natural gas, fuel oil and coal were rather constant over the period
32 1990-2019, about 38, 123, and 25 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ on average. While data for on farm energy use were rich in
33 coverage, trends in emissions from use of diesel oil and fuel oil in fishing vessels were limited by data paucity.
34 Within such limitations, we find a small, decreasing share of emissions from fishing vessels compared to world-
35 total energy use in agriculture, with a total contribution in 2018 (the breakdown of energy used in fisheries is
36 available only until 2018) of about 27 Mt CO₂eq (3%).

37 In terms of total emissions, the top 15 countries (out of 199 countries covered by the dataset) are responsible for
38 54% of global GHG emissions in 2019. No country from Africa or Oceania were among the top 10 GHG emitters.
39 As these are typically densely populated countries, an analysis of GHG emission per person (done on the basis of
40 population data also available in FAOSTAT) led to the same result. Of the 10 top emitters, three are from Asia,

1 two from North America, two from Europe, and three from Latin America. However, in terms of GHG emission
2 from energy use in agriculture per person, no Asian country appears in the top 10.

3 China and India were the largest emitters in 2019 in absolute terms. Although gas/diesel oil was responsible for
4 the most GHG emissions in Asia, in China and India, most of the on-farm emissions from on-farm energy use
5 originate from coal (50% and 88% respectively).

7 **3.2 Regional Distributions and Trends**

8 Our results indicate that on-farm energy use is an important and increasing component of GHG emissions in
9 agriculture, corresponding to 892 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ out of 6,604 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ on-farm emissions in 1990, and 962
10 out of 7,214 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ in 2019. Emissions declined in Annex I countries over the period 1990-2019, especially
11 energy from coal (-88%) and fuel oil (-77%). Such decline was more than counterbalanced by increases in energy
12 use in non-Annex I parties (NAI), with significant increases in emissions from electricity (three-fold increases
13 since 1990) (Fig. 2).

14 Asia and Europe were the largest emitters among FAO regions, although with starkly different trends over 1990-
15 2019. Indeed, while emissions in Europe decreased over the whole period, from 730 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ in 1970 to 410
16 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ in 1990, and further decreased to 145 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ in 2019, emissions in Asia nearly doubled over
17 1990 to 2019, from 380 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ to 629 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹, while they were 453 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹ in 1970. Africa
18 was a significant emission source in 2019, having more than doubled since 1990, from 18 MtCO₂-eq to 48 Mt
19 CO₂eq yr⁻¹. Emissions increased more than 55% in Latin America, but only 18% in North America. The smallest
20 contributor to global emissions was Oceania, despite increases by nearly 55% from 1990 (Fig. 4). Top emitting
21 countries in 2019 in terms of energy use in agriculture were China (233 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹), followed by India (212
22 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹) and the USA (79 Mt CO₂eq yr⁻¹). The top 10 emitting countries were responsible for nearly two-
23 thirds of the world total (Fig. 4).

24 Emissions from mobile combustion in agriculture (typically tractors or other field machinery) represent a large
25 share in most continents. In 2019, gas/diesel oil burning was the largest CO₂ on-farm emission source in all the
26 continents: 55% in Asia, 48% in Africa, Northern America (57%), Oceania (88%), and Latin America (76%). The
27 second-largest emitter is motor gas in Africa (21%), Ocean (7%) and North America (23%), coal in Asia (31%),
28 natural gas (13%) in Europe, and fuel oil (9%) in Latin America.

29 In countries dominated by fisheries as the main agricultural sub-sector, the result are significantly different, with
30 diesel oil and fuel oil as the main sources of GHG emissions. For example, in Faroe Island, gas diesel oil generated
31 75% of CO₂ emissions, followed by fuel oil (18%) and electricity (7%). Greenland had 63% CO₂ emissions from
32 gas/diesel oil, followed by fuel oil (20%) and motor gasoline (17%).

34 **3.3 Indicators**

35 We developed indicators by cropland area and by agricultural production value to help disentangle effects of
36 country agricultural size, both in terms of area and economy. We defined GHG emission intensity per unit of
37 cropland as the total GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture divided by total cropland area of a country.
38 Likewise, energy GHG intensity per production value was computed by dividing total GHG from national energy
39 use in agriculture by total agricultural value added. (Fig. 5). Data for the denominators of both indicators were
40 taken from FAOSTAT (FAO, 2021a, b).

1 Our results indicate that energy GHG emissions per unit cropland have been fluctuating but have been substantially
2 stable over the last two decades. Nonetheless, significant differences can be noted among regions (Fig. 6). While
3 Europe has decreased significantly its energy-related GHG emission intensity in agriculture (-57%) in the period
4 1990-2018, Africa, Central America and Asia have increased it substantially (+88%, +51% and +44%
5 respectively). This means that more GHG emissions are associated with the cultivation of one unit of cropland in
6 these regions. In absolute terms, the lowest energy intensity per unit of cropland in 2018 was achieved in Africa
7 (0.16 t CO₂eq ha⁻¹), followed by Oceania (0.38 t CO₂eq ha⁻¹), South America (0.42 t CO₂eq ha⁻¹) and Europe (0.48
8 t CO₂eq ha⁻¹). A clear diverging trend can be noticed between Annex I and non-Annex I countries, with the former
9 significantly decreasing the energy-related agricultural emissions intensity, and the latter significantly increasing
10 them (Fig. 6).

11 In terms of energy-related GHG emissions to agricultural value added, the picture is substantially different, with
12 Europe having significantly improved its energy intensity since 1990 (-68%), followed by Asia (-61%), Latin
13 America and the Caribbean (-54%), Northern America (-53%) and Oceania (-45%), while Africa's intensity
14 remained substantially stable over the last two decades.

15 This picture is significantly different when analyzing energy-related emission per capita (Fig. 7). Per capita, the
16 emission intensity is lowest in most African countries and India, while it is high in Canada, Australia and
17 Argentina, among others.

18 In 2019, high levels of GHG emissions per capita (from energy used in agriculture) were estimated for Faro Islands,
19 Greenland and Iceland. In those territories, emissions from gas/diesel oil take more than two-thirds of the total.
20 Fishing is one of the most responsible factors contributing to the high per capita emission from energy use in
21 agriculture in Faroe Island, as fishing vessels take almost one-third of energy use at national level. Fishing is also
22 the primary industry in Iceland. For Greenland, fishing is the second-largest industry by employment. Though
23 Greenland has the highest ratio of using renewable energy (70%), fishing remains a sector depending on traditional
24 fossil fuels.

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26 **4. Discussion**

27 Emissions from energy use in agriculture are only about one-fifth of the total in CO₂eq generated from crop and
28 livestock production (Tubiello et al. 2019), however they represent an important contribution in terms of CO₂ gas,
29 the other process emitting CO₂ on the farm being the drainage of organic soils. They are therefore of great
30 importance to GHG mitigation in agriculture. In terms of comparing these results with the existing literature, we
31 note that our approach covers only 7.2 of the 8-10 EJ usually estimated for total fuel consumption within the farm
32 gate (Arizpe et al., 2011; FAO, 2011; Smil, 2008). Additionally, our estimates of energy use in fisheries is
33 admittedly incomplete (0.3 EJ) compared to amounts reported in other studies (Buhaug et al., 2009; FAO, 2011).
34 The reason is that we focused only on electricity and on the most relevant fuels consumed in agriculture, but not
35 all. Specifically for fisheries, the relatively low coverage is also due to the fact that still few countries report
36 disaggregated energy consumption statistics for fisheries alone.

37 Electricity generation and gas/diesel oil used in agriculture were the two most important emissions sources,
38 responsible for roughly 40% of the total on average during the period 1990 -2019. Electricity is used for different
39 agriculture purposes: irrigation, processes that require heat or mechanical power, such as drying or milling. LPG,
40 natural gas, and heavy fuel oil are typically used for heat generation and, in some rare cases, for motive power.

1 Apart from some sharp variation of their total consumption in agriculture between consecutive years, mainly at the
2 beginning of the '90s, probably due to reporting issues of important consumer countries such as India and the
3 dissolution of the USSR, their emissions remained relatively stable. Compared to other emissions, coal and fuel
4 oil emissions decreased over the last few years, while agricultural production still increased. This can be explained
5 by updated energy use structure - the increased uptake of cleaner energy carriers such as electricity and LPG over
6 fuel oil and coal for heating. China, for example, one of the major emitting countries, decreased emissions from
7 fuel oil use by 48%, while increased emissions due to diesel use by around 59 % and emissions due to electricity
8 use by over 170% over the same period 1990-2019. There is anyway still a long way to go to decrease emissions
9 in the agricultural sector in China, due to its still very high reliance on coal as a heat source.

10 Unlike other regions, Europe's emissions went significantly down, partly because less energy was consumed by
11 primary production in absolute terms. Also, Europe has gradually moved from high GHG emitting energy carriers
12 such as coal and fuel oil towards cleaner ones, such as natural gas and electricity. This is confirmed by the
13 additional analysis done using the energy-related GHG intensity indicators. This analysis shows how Europe has
14 been steadily decreasing its agricultural GHG intensity (both in terms of unit of cropland and of unit of agricultural
15 production value), thus providing a good example for other regions.

17 **5. Conclusions**

18 This paper provides details of a new dataset added to the existing section of FAOSTAT, which contains
19 information about emissions due to agricultural activities, and which was just opened publicly online (July 2021).
20 It also provides an analysis of energy-related GHG intensity in agriculture, per unit of cropland and per unit of
21 agricultural production value, which has not been published yet. It complements the analysis with selected GHG
22 emission intensity indicators, which are derived directly from FAOSTAT. The calculation makes use of official
23 statistics as reported by countries to the UN, applying IPCC Tier 1 default emission factors for fuels and IEA
24 country-specific emission factors for electricity generation (considering the national energy mix) and relies on
25 official energy consumption in agriculture data reported by countries to the UNSD and the IEA. Further to the
26 above, the share of emissions on fisheries' energy use is estimated and reported separately as a subset. These
27 estimated emission shares provide references to their relevance compared with total emissions but should be used
28 with relevant uncertainties taken into consideration.

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Gas/Diesel oil	74100	72600	74800	4.15	1.67	10.4	28.6	14.3	85.8
Motor gasoline ²	69300	67500	73000	80	32	200	2	1	6

1 **Table 1. Fuel-specific emission factors for agriculture off-road mobile combustion sources and machinery applied**
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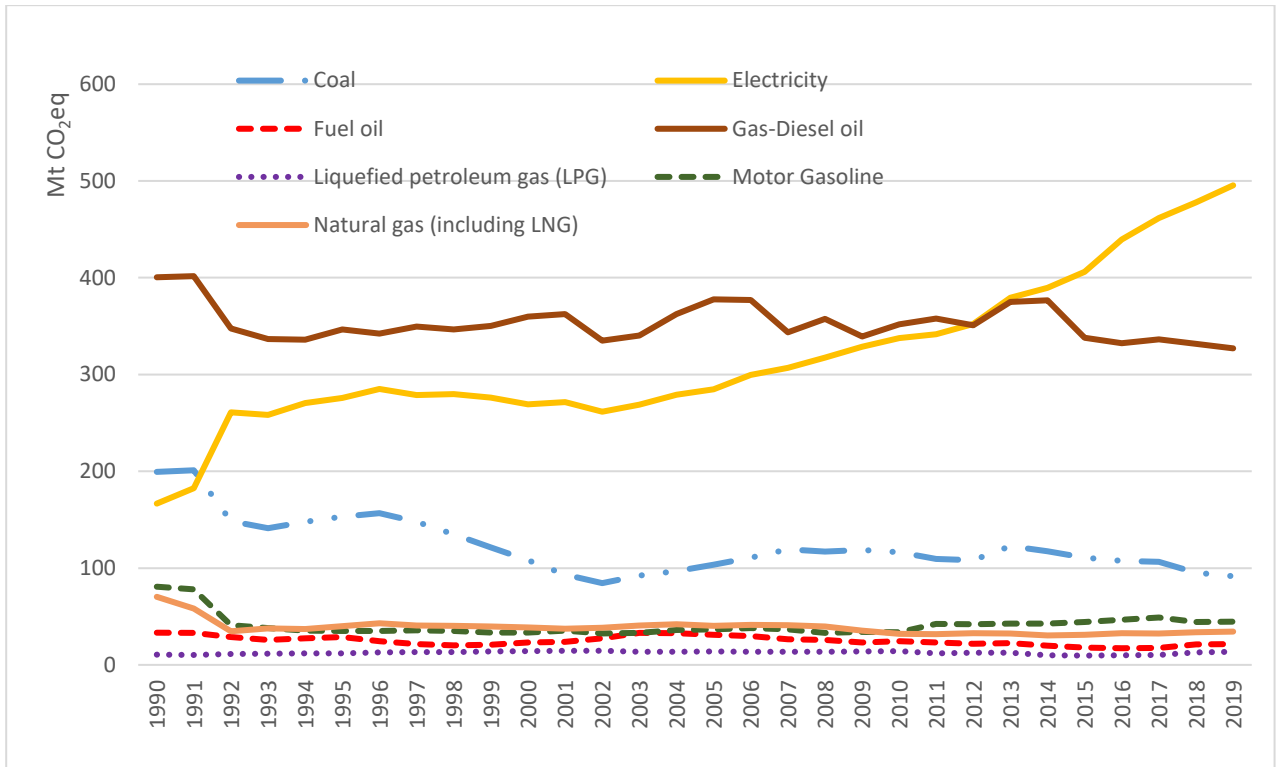
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Liquefied Petroleum Gases	63100	61600	65600	5	1.5	15	0.1	0.03	0.3
Natural gas	56100	54300	58300	5	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.03	0.3
Residual fuel oil	77400	75500	78800	10	3	30	0.6	0.2	2
Other bituminous coal	94600	89500	99700	300	100	900	1.5	0.5	5

4 **Table 2. Fuel-specific emission factors for stationary combustion in the residential and**
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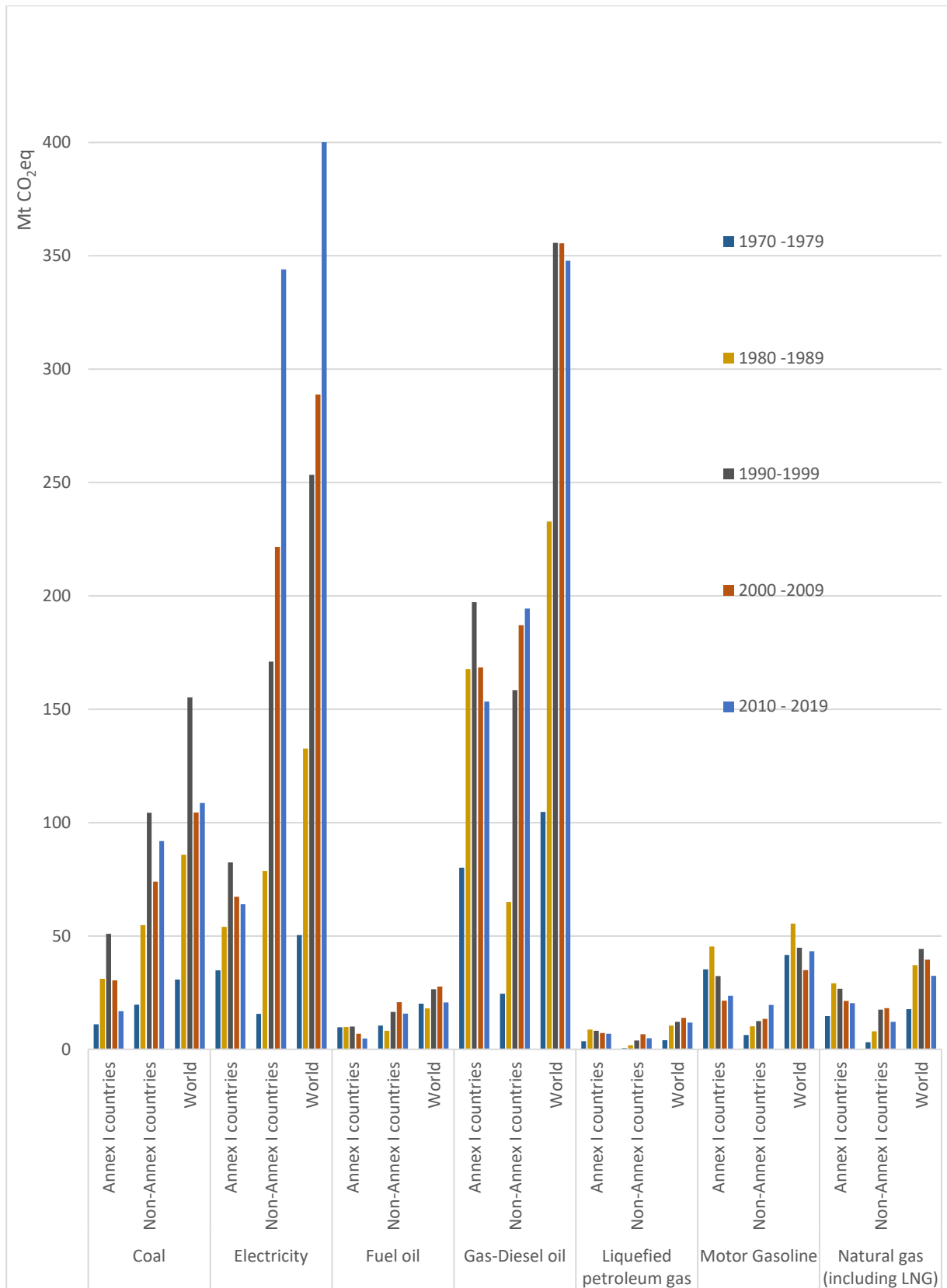


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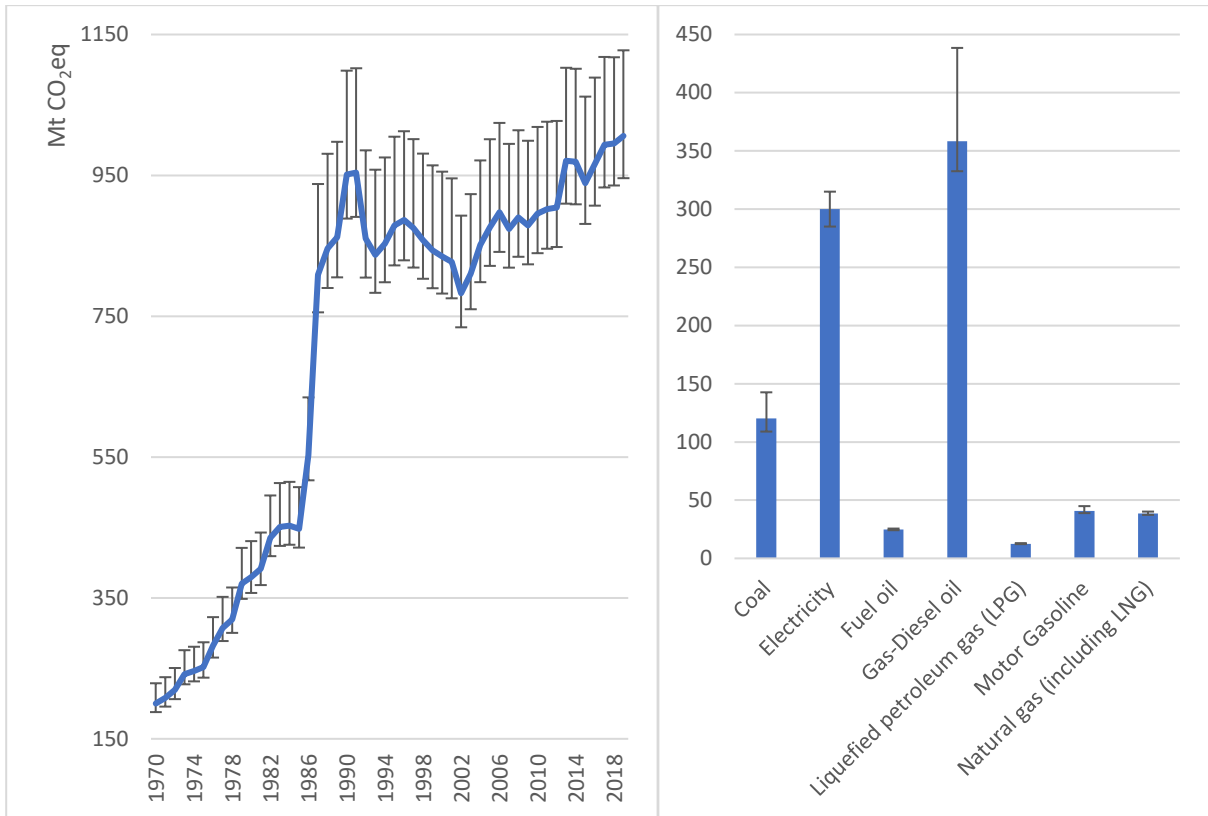
Figure 1. Global GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture from 1990 to 2019, by energy carrier (Mt CO₂eq).
Source: FAOSTAT, based on data from IEA and UNSD, 2021



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2 **Figure 2. GHG emission trends from 1990 to 2019 for Annex I and Non-Annex I by energy carrier (Mt CO₂eq). Source:**
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Figure 3. Trend in global GHG emissions (from 1990 to 2019) and global GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture by energy source (average 1990 – 2019) with uncertainty ranges. Source: FAOSTAT, based on data from IEA and UNSD, 2021

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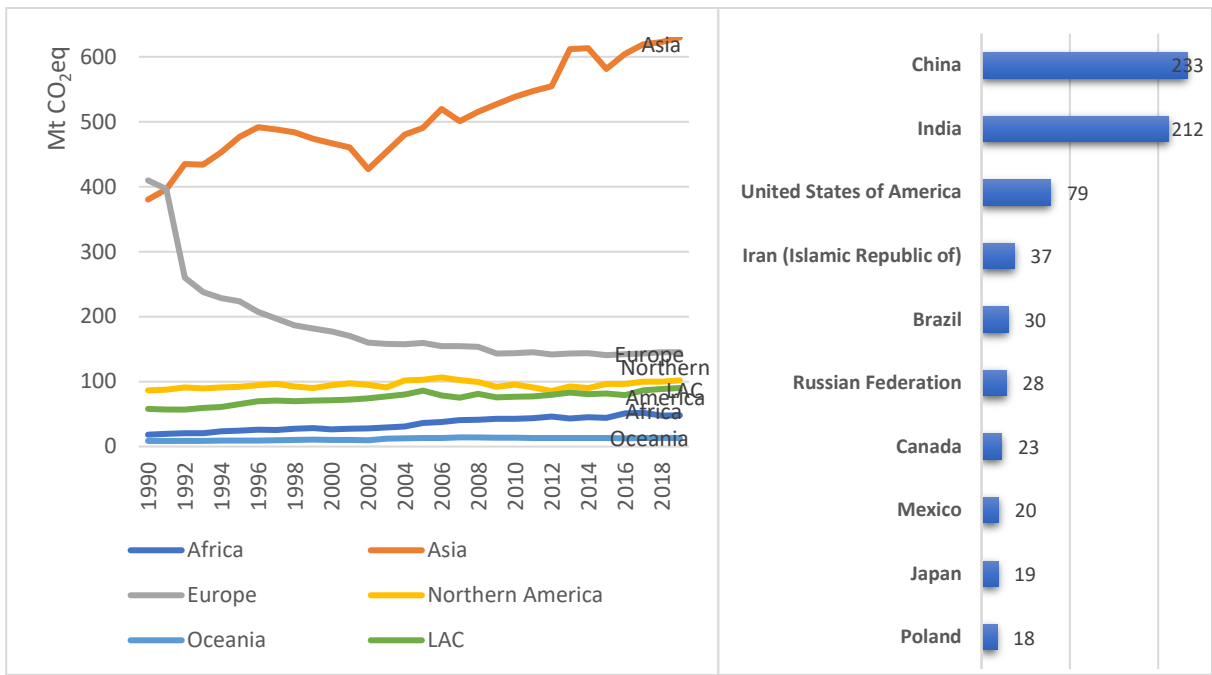
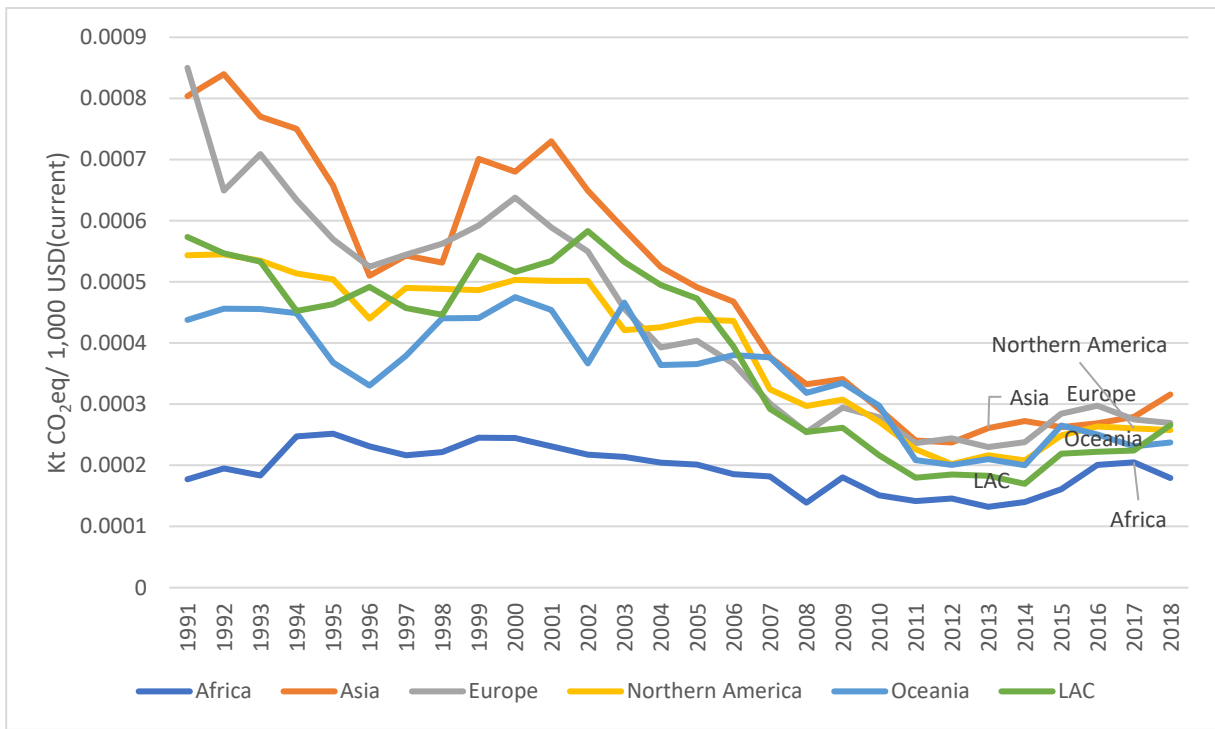


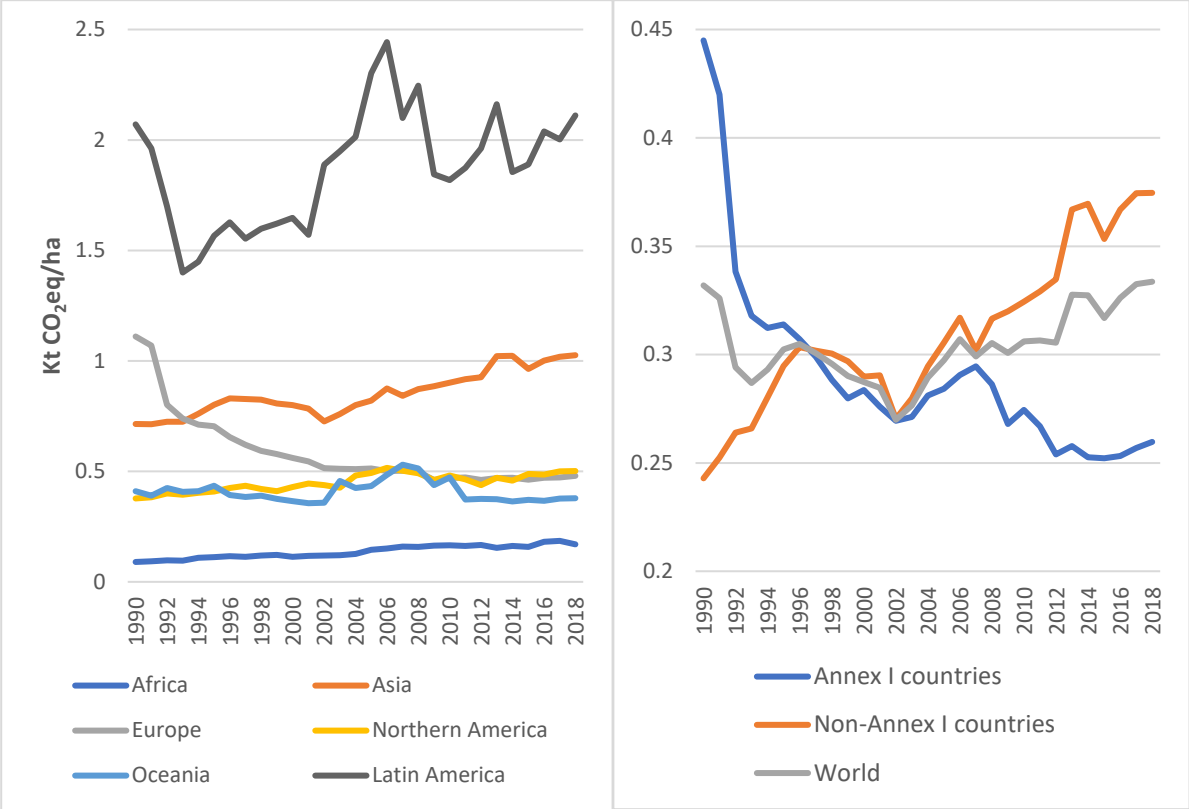
Figure 4. GHG emissions from energy use in agriculture from 1990 to 2019, by region (left) and top 10 emitting countries in 2019 (right) (Mt CO₂eq). Source: FAOSTAT, based on data from IEA and UNSD, 2021

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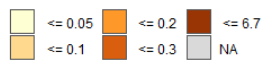
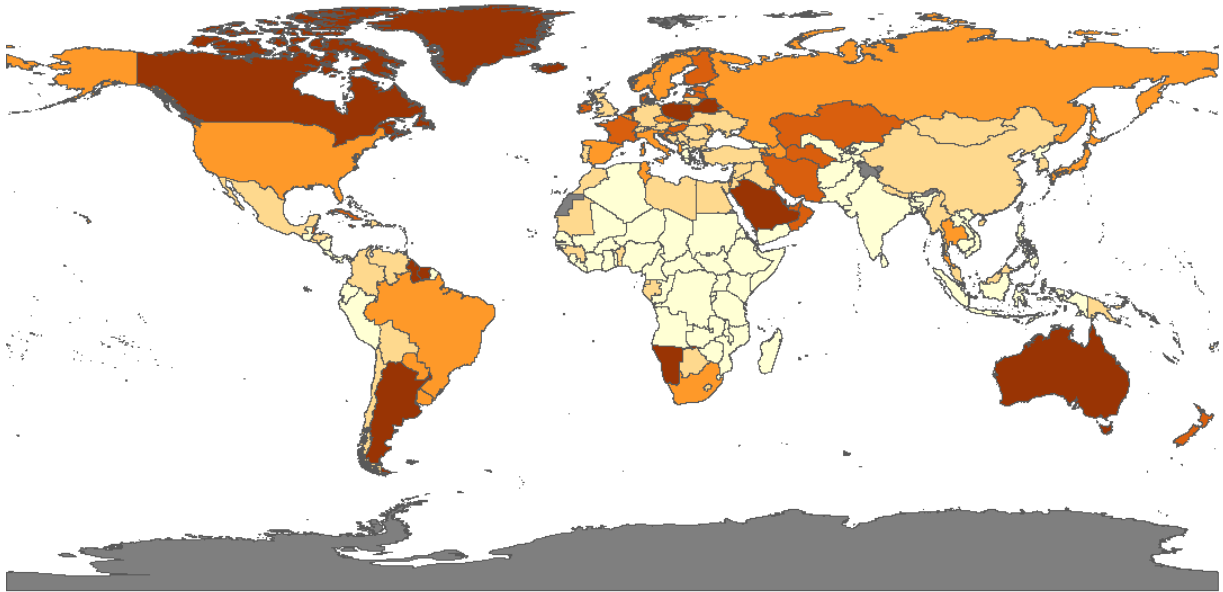
Figure 5. GHG emission from energy use in agriculture per gross agriculture production value 1991-2018 (Kt CO₂eq/1,000 current USD). Source: FAOSTAT, based on data from IEA and UNSD, 2021



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 2 **Figure 6. GHG emission from energy use in agriculture per unit of cropland by continent (left) and by Annex I and**
 3 **Non-Annex I countries (right) 1990-2018 (Kt CO₂eq/ha).**
 4 **Source: FAOSTAT, based on data from IEA and UNSD, 2021**

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Figure 7. GHG emission from energy used in agriculture per capita in 2019 (t CO₂eq/person). Source: Emissions data from FAOSTAT, 2021. Population data from the World Bank (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>), complemented with UNDESA population data for Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, Niue, Réunion, Romania, Palestine, Democratic Republic of the Congo.