



ROADMAP TO SILVOPASTURE

The silvopastoral system combines trees with livestock. Trees are placed in clusters to provide localised shade areas for the cattle. The cattle, in turn, enriches the soil with manure, which allows for better tree growth.

1 ORIENTATION

- Attend a silvopasture event or meeting
- Visit farmers who have already implemented silvopasture
- Determine ambitions and goals for the farm



2 LAWS & REGULATIONS

- Zoning & environmental plan of the farmland
- Sight lines
- Replanting obligation
- Number of trees on farmland
- Decrease in value of the land



3 THE DESIGN

- The process of design is continuous and is never finished in one go
- Gain more knowledge to refine the plan and clarify species, varieties, and planting distances
- Find out about suitable tree species and any possible relationships between them
- Consult with experts, landscape organizations, growers, and other farmers for suggestions



4 SUBSIDY

- Subsidy for planting in the province of Utrecht
- CAP subsidy per hectare
- Subsidy for machines and other assets (MIA/Vamil)
- Go talk to other farmers and stakeholders to find out which other subsidies are applicable

5 BUSINESS PLAN

- Decide the products that will be produced
- Assess the costs involved
- Determine the most suitable revenue streams
- Identify ways of reaching the customer



6 IMPLEMENTATION

- Start small and scale up over time
- Buy good quality crops
- Use advisors and network to reflect and learn





ROADMAP TO FOOD FORESTS

Food forests are human-designed ecosystems, which consist of different layers of plants. These plants all occupy a niche in the forest and allow for a self-sufficient biodiverse ecosystem that provides food for both animals and humans.

1 ORIENTATION

- Attend a food forest event or meeting
- Visit farmers who have already implemented a food forest
- Determine ambitions and goals for the farm



2 LAWS & REGULATIONS

- Zoning & environmental plan of the farmland
- Nature protection law
- Sight lines
- Replanting obligation
- Number of trees on farmland
- Decrease in value of the land

3 THE DESIGN

- Determine the amount of layers and their function
- Gain knowledge on the types of plants for each plant layer
- Combine knowledge on plant types with knowledge about the local ecological conditions
- The process of design is continuous and is never finished in one go
- Consult with experts, landscape organizations, growers, and other farmers for suggestions



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5 BUSINESS PLAN

- Decide the products and services that will be produced
- Assess the costs involved
- Determine the most suitable revenue streams
- Identify alternative revenue streams to supplement the main revenue stream
- Identify ways of reaching the customer



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