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## ecoinvent 3.8 Dataset Documentation

'combine harvesting - CH - combine harvesting'

**Note:** This document contains only an extract of the information in the dataset. Additional data about properties of exchanges, mathematical relations, parameters, and contact information for authors and reviewers are available within the dataset, i.e. in ecoSpold format.

[Link to the dataset on ecoquery website](#)

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## Dataset Identification

Activity name	combine harvesting
Geography	CH (Switzerland)
Time period	1991-01-01 to 2021-12-31 - Valid for the entire period
ISIC rev.4 ecoinvent	0161: Support activities for crop production
Reference product	combine harvesting
CPC classification	86119: Other support services to crop production
Dataset type	Ordinary transforming activity
Technology level	Current
Version - system model	3.8 - Consequential



## Dataset Authorship

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## Exchange Summary

Reference product	Material for treatment	Amount
combine harvesting	no	1 ha

Inputs from technosphere	Amount
diesel	33.3 kg
harvester	6.3 kg
shed	0.00858 m <sup>2</sup>

Emissions to air	Amount
Ammonia	0.000666 kg
Benzene	0.000243 kg
Benzo(a)pyrene	9.99e-07 kg
Cadmium	3.33e-07 kg
Carbon dioxide, fossil	1.03e+2 kg
Carbon monoxide, fossil	0.32 kg
Chromium	1.67e-06 kg
Copper	5.66e-05 kg
Dinitrogen monoxide	0.004 kg
Methane, fossil	0.0043 kg
NMVOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.145 kg
Nickel	2.33e-06 kg
Nitrogen oxides	1.7 kg
PAH, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	0.00011 kg
Particulates, < 2.5 um	0.149 kg
Selenium	3.33e-07 kg
Sulfur dioxide	0.0336 kg
Zinc	3.33e-05 kg

Emissions to soil	Amount
Cadmium	8.82e-07 kg
Lead	3.78e-06 kg
Zinc	0.00238 kg

# Dataset Description

## General comment

This dataset represents an example of a typical combine harvesting. The working width is 4.5m. The functional unit (FU) is one ha harvested. The operation time is 1.3 h/FU.

This dataset was already contained in the ecoinvent database version 2. It was not individually updated during the transfer to ecoinvent version 3. Life Cycle Impact Assessment results may still have changed, as they are affected by changes in the supply chain, i.e. in other datasets. This dataset was generated following the ecoinvent quality guidelines for version 2. It may have been subject to central changes described in the [ecoinvent version 3 change report](#), and the results of the central updates were reviewed extensively. The changes added e.g. consistent water flows and other information throughout the database. The documentation of this dataset can be found in the ecoinvent reports of version 2, which are still available via the ecoinvent website. The change report linked above covers all central changes that were made during the conversion process. The original ecoinvent version 2 documentation can be consulted [here](#).

## Included activities start

From agricultural field foreseen to be processed.

## Included activities end

This activity ends with the delivery of harvesting by combined harvester. The dataset includes the diesel fuel consumption and the amount of agricultural machinery and of the shed attributed to harvesting. It was also taken into consideration the amount of emissions to the air from combustion and the emission to the soil from tyre abrasion during the work process. The following activities were considered part of the work process: preliminary work at the farm, such as attaching the adequate machine to the tractor; driving to field (with an assumed distance of 1 km); field work (for a parcel of land of 1 ha surface); driving to farm and concluding work, like uncoupling the machine. The overlapping during the field work is considered. The dataset doesn't include the grain production, straw treatment, dust other than from combustion and noise.

## Sampling procedure

Data on fuel consumption and emissions of CO, HC and NO<sub>x</sub> are expert estimations based on measurements for comparable activities. The other emissions were calculated basing on literature data and the measured fuel consumption.

## Extrapolations

This dataset has been extrapolated from year 2002 to the year of the calculation (2021). The uncertainty has been adjusted accordingly.

## Technology comment

The inventories are based on measurements made by the Swiss Federal Research Station for Agricultural Economics and Engineering of Taenikon (FAT). Fuel consumption and emissions were taken from recent literature of ART, expert's estimations or unpublished data.

## Geography comment

The inventory applies for Swiss Agricultural Field Work processes.

## Time period comment

Measurements were made in the last few years (1999-2001).

## Detailed Information For Exchanges

Reference product	Annual prod.vol.	Amount
combine harvesting	1.45e+5 ha	1 ha
<b>Production volume:</b> 1.45e+5 ha <b>Production volume comment:</b> FAOSTAT data year 2011 (total area of cereals)		

Inputs from technosphere	Amount
diesel	33.3 kg
<b>Activity Link:</b> market for diesel - CH <b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.23; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]	
harvester	6.3 kg
<b>Activity Link:</b> market for harvester - GLO <b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.23; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]	
shed	0.00858 m2
<b>Activity Link:</b> shed construction - CH <b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). This exchange has an activity link directly to the producing activity because the product is primarily consumed in the same geographical area where it is produced. <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.79; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]	

Emissions to air	Subcompartment	Amount
Ammonia	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.000666 kg
<b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.37; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]		
Benzene	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.000243 kg
<b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.37; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]		
Benzo(a)pyrene	non-urban air or from high stacks	9.99e-07 kg
<b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]		
Cadmium	non-urban air or from high stacks	3.33e-07 kg
<b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent ( <a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a> ). <b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]		

Carbon dioxide, fossil	non-urban air or from high stacks	1.03e+2 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.27; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Carbon monoxide, fossil	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.32 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.3; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		
Chromium	non-urban air or from high stacks	1.67e-06 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Copper	non-urban air or from high stacks	5.66e-05 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Dinitrogen monoxide	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.004 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.37; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Methane, fossil	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.0043 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.37; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.145 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.33; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		
Nickel	non-urban air or from high stacks	2.33e-06 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Nitrogen oxides	non-urban air or from high stacks	1.7 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.33; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		
PAH, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.00011 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.82; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		

Particulates, < 2.5 um	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.149 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.82; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Selenium	non-urban air or from high stacks	3.33e-07 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.37; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Sulfur dioxide	non-urban air or from high stacks	0.0336 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.27; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		
Zinc	non-urban air or from high stacks	3.33e-05 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 2.31; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 2, 5, 1, 3]</p>		

Emissions to soil	Subcompartment	Amount
Cadmium	agricultural	8.82e-07 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.33; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		
Lead	agricultural	3.78e-06 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.33; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		
Zinc	agricultural	0.00238 kg
<p><b>Comment:</b> Proxy, based on "Agricultural Field Work Processes" - pdf-document on the dedicated talk page of ecoinvent (<a href="http://www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages">www.ecoinvent.org/talk-pages</a>).</p> <p><b>Uncertainty distribution:</b> lognormal; <b>GSD2:</b> 1.33; <b>Pedigree matrix:</b> [1, 4, 5, 1, 1]</p>		

## Selected Impact Assessment Results

Method	Category	Indicator	Score
IPCC 2013	climate change	GWP 100a	1.66e+2 kg CO2-Eq
ecological scarcity 2013	total	total	2.81e+5 UBP
EF v3.0	material resources: metals/minerals	abiotic depletion potential (ADP): elements (ultimate reserves)	0.00693 kg Sb-Eq



## Direct impact contributions

IPCC 2013, climate change, GWP 100a: **1.66e+2** kg CO2-Eq

Exchange	Amount	Impact (kg CO2-Eq)	Impact %
<b>Carbon dioxide, fossil</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	1.03e+2 kg	1.03e+2	62.0%
<b>harvester</b> market for harvester - GLO	6.3 kg	47.4	28.56%
<b>diesel</b> market for diesel - CH	33.3 kg	11.8	7.12%
<b>shed</b> shed construction - CH	0.00858 m2	1.37	0.83%
<b>Carbon monoxide, fossil</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.32 kg	1.3	0.78%
<b>Dinitrogen monoxide</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.004 kg	1.06	0.64%
<b>Methane, fossil</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.0043 kg	0.128	0.08%

ecological scarcity 2013, total, total: **2.81e+5** UBP

Exchange	Amount	Impact (UBP)	Impact %
<b>harvester</b> market for harvester - GLO	6.3 kg	1.02e+5	36.48%
<b>Nitrogen oxides</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	1.7 kg	6.63e+4	23.63%
<b>Carbon dioxide, fossil</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	1.03e+2 kg	4.74e+4	16.88%
<b>diesel</b> market for diesel - CH	33.3 kg	2.90e+4	10.32%
<b>Particulates, &lt; 2.5 um</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.149 kg	2.09e+4	7.43%
<b>Zinc</b> soil - agricultural	0.00238 kg	6.66e+3	2.37%
<b>shed</b> shed construction - CH	0.00858 m2	3.37e+3	1.2%
<b>NMVOOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.145 kg	2.03e+3	0.72%
<b>Sulfur dioxide</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.0336 kg	7.06e+2	0.25%
<b>Dinitrogen monoxide</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.004 kg	5.60e+2	0.2%
<b>Cadmium</b> soil - agricultural	8.82e-07 kg	2.38e+2	0.08%
<b>Carbon monoxide, fossil</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.32 kg	2.30e+2	0.08%
<b>Benzene</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	0.000243 kg	1.97e+2	0.07%
<b>Zinc</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	3.33e-05 kg	1.86e+2	0.07%
<b>Cadmium</b> air - non-urban air or from high stacks	3.33e-07 kg	1.53e+2	0.05%

5 minor direct contributors have been omitted for clarity

EF v3.0, material resources: metals/minerals, abiotic depletion potential (ADP): elements (ultimate reserves): **0.00693** kg Sb-Eq

Exchange	Amount	Impact (kg Sb-Eq)	Impact %
<b>harvester</b> market for harvester - GLO	6.3 kg	0.0067	96.69%
<b>shed</b> shed construction - CH	0.00858 m2	0.000251	3.62%
<b>diesel</b> market for diesel - CH	33.3 kg	-2.1e-05	-0.3%

## Source

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