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Switzerland's Experience with Systemic and Holistic Approaches to Climate Action on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security

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A food systems approach is crucial for strengthening food security

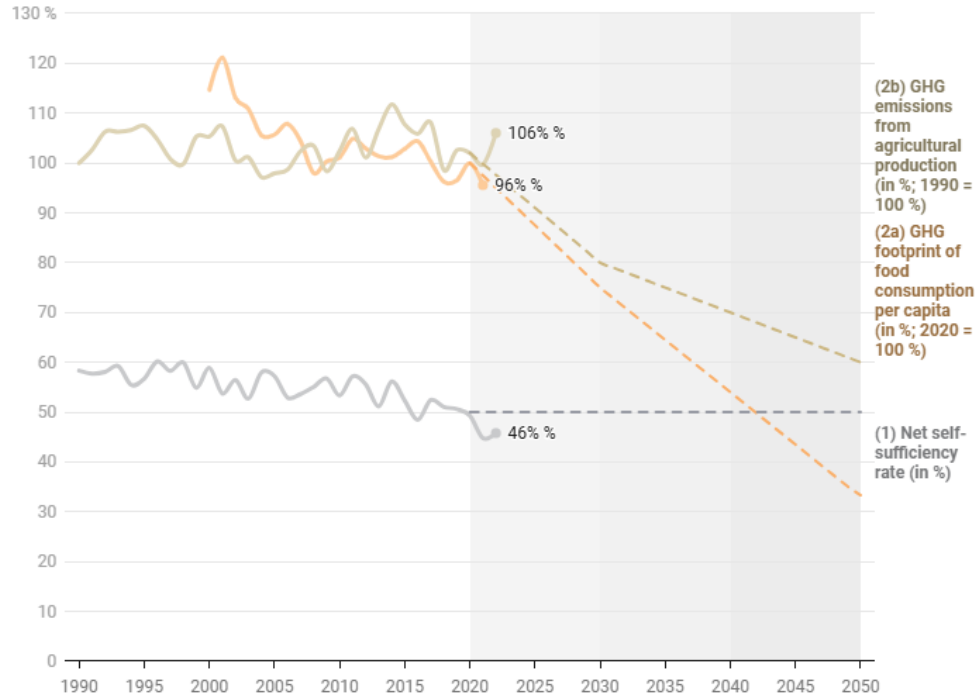


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Switzerland applies a food systems approach

Overarching goals and progress



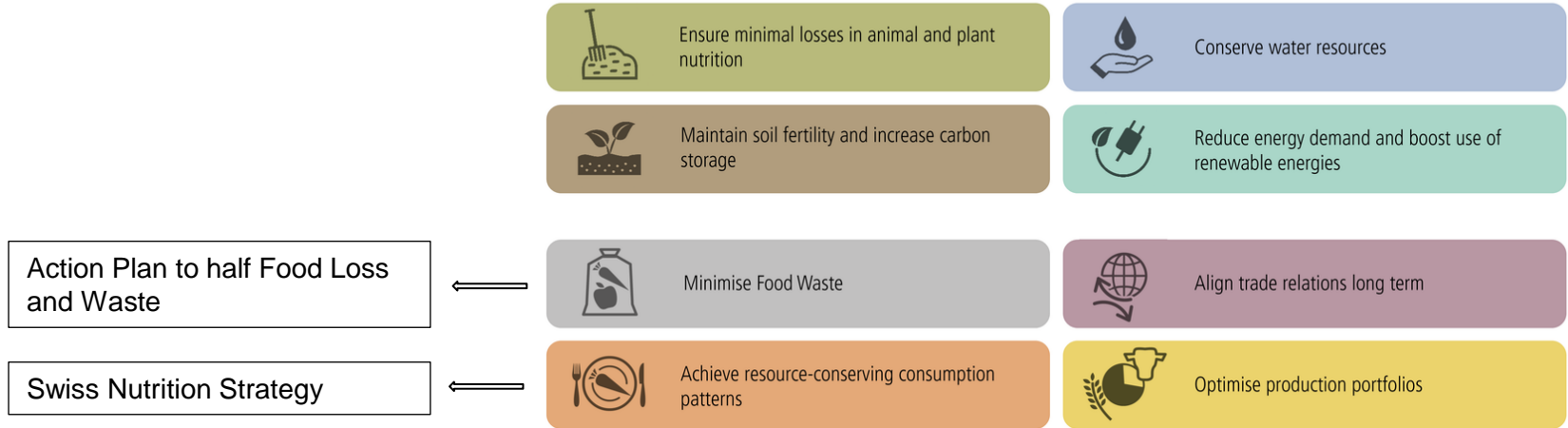
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- The Climate Strategy for Agriculture and Food combines mitigation and adaptation and aims at building a resilient food system.
- Integrated in Switzerland's updated NDC's 2031-2035 and long-term climate strategy for net zero GHG emissions by 2050.



Implementation: 8 sub-goals and 2030 action plan

Climate-friendly and resilient food system



- The implementation and further development of the action plan is being led by a committee consisting of three Federal Offices.



A food systems approach is essential for achieving the objectives of the joint work

- Systemic and holistic approaches are especially needed for achieving the objectives a) to c)

Systemic and holistic approaches...

- ...**Promote a holistic approach** to addressing issues related to agriculture and food security, by supporting **adaptation, mitigation, and food security** in an integrated way
 - ...enhance **coherence, synergies, coordination, communication and interaction** across stakeholders, sectors and institutions
 - ...**Promote synergies and strengthen engagement, collaboration and partnerships** at national, regional, and international levels
- ...deliver multiple SDG co-benefits