

Letter from a model, January 21, 2026

Dear Inputter

Thank you for the information,
numbers, parameters.

I weave a thread between these moving parts,
parade them as lines and graphs,

but overnight, I dreamt I was a body
cloaked in grass, chicory and clover,
woodland, peat and barley.

I swapped the pinks of bar charts for greens.
My silence gave way to the songs of birds,
the hum of combines, spades cutting into earth.

Then I dreamt myself as a map,
a tapestry of what's known, of possibilities,
of tatters, and the beginnings of repair.

Though I've been called 'fable', I am not the story.

I can be a guide
but you decide the pace,
you decide what happens next ...

... the diversity of thinking and action,
how to build resilience, your level of ambition
and where there will be radical acts of care.

The pathways you choose now
will spark the stories that will be carried
by people and written out in land.

Keep me close, but not too close I'm open to change.
I'm in your hands, as is this place.

I wish you a good journey.

Yours faithfully,

a model

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The FABLE (Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, land-use and Energy) calculator is a land-use model that simulates pathways towards sustainable land-use and food systems; and is updated regularly. Country-specific models are linked together to enable national teams to explore the part they can play in meeting national and global sustainability policy ambitions for food security, climate and biodiversity, whilst taking account of trade constraints.