

# Implementation of the Pilot Project on Integrated Straw Management in China

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## CSAM Pilot Project on Integrated Straw Management in China

### 联合国可持续农业机械化中心秸秆综合利用中国试点项目

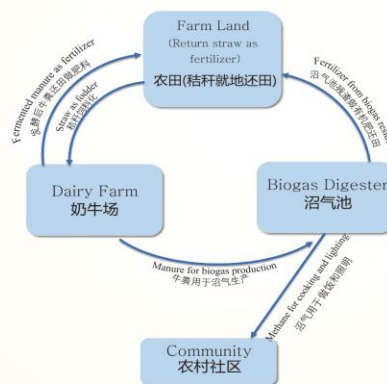
**Project Period:** 2018-2021  
**项目周期:** 2018-2021

**Project Objectives:**

1) to develop an innovative, circular and green model of integrated straw management for using straw residue as fertilizer, fodder and for green energy production; 2) to enhance awareness of farmers and other key stakeholders on technologies and models for integrated straw management; 3) to upscale the application of successful integrated straw management technologies and models.

**项目目标:**

1) 总结一套创新、可循环、绿色秸秆综合利用模式，将秸秆用于肥料、饲料和绿色能源生产；2) 提升当地农民及其他相关人员对试点秸秆综合利用模式的认识；3) 推广试点秸秆综合利用模式的应用范围。



**Technologies and models for pilot project**  
**试点技术模式:**

**Returning straw to the field:** straw chopping – straw mulching – decomposition of straw to serve as organic fertilizer.  
**秸秆还田:** 秸秆粉碎 – 秸秆覆盖 – 秸秆分解为有机肥

**Fodder for cattle:** collection of maize straw – straw composting and storage in ensilage digester – straw fermentation – mixing fermented straw with other ingredients – feeding cattle.  
**秸秆用于饲料:** 收集玉米秸秆 – 秸秆堆肥、存储于青贮窖 – 秸秆发酵 – 发酵秸秆与其他饲料混合为奶牛饲料

**Returning cow manure to the field:** collection of cow manure and composting – return of cow manure to field as organic fertilizer.  
**牛粪肥还田:** 收集牛粪并堆肥 – 发酵牛粪为有机肥还田

**Producing biogas:** collection of cow manure – manure fermentation in biogas digester – supplying biogas to farmers via pipes.  
**秸秆用于沼气生产:** 收集牛粪 – 牛粪沼气池发酵 – 沼气通过管道供给农民使用

**Returning biogas residue to the field:** production of organic fertilizer from biogas waste – returning of biogas waste to the field.  
**沼气池残渣还田:** 沼气池残渣生产有机肥 – 有机肥还田

**Project Partners**

Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (ESCAP-CSAM)  
 China Agricultural University  
 Conservation Tillage Research Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China  
 Qingdao Administration of Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 Laixi Administration of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Demonstration Site Partner (Laixi, Qingdao)**

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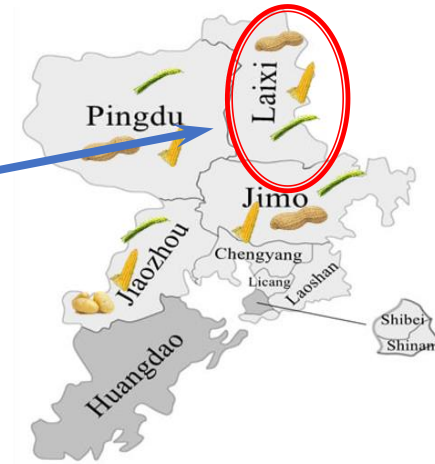
# Project objective

Objective 1: **Develop** an integrated straw management

Objective 2: **Establish** demonstration site in Laixi

Objective 3: **Technical trainings** on integrated straw management technology

# Demonstration site



During 2018 and 2022, the project was carried out with the support of CSAM and a pilot was established in Laixi, Qingdao. The three main crops (Wheat, Maize and Peanut) annually produce >800 thousand tons of straws. It's a **great challenge for Laixi!**



# Objective 1: **Develop** an integrated straw management



**1. Fertilizer**



**2. Fodder**

Integrated Straw  
Management

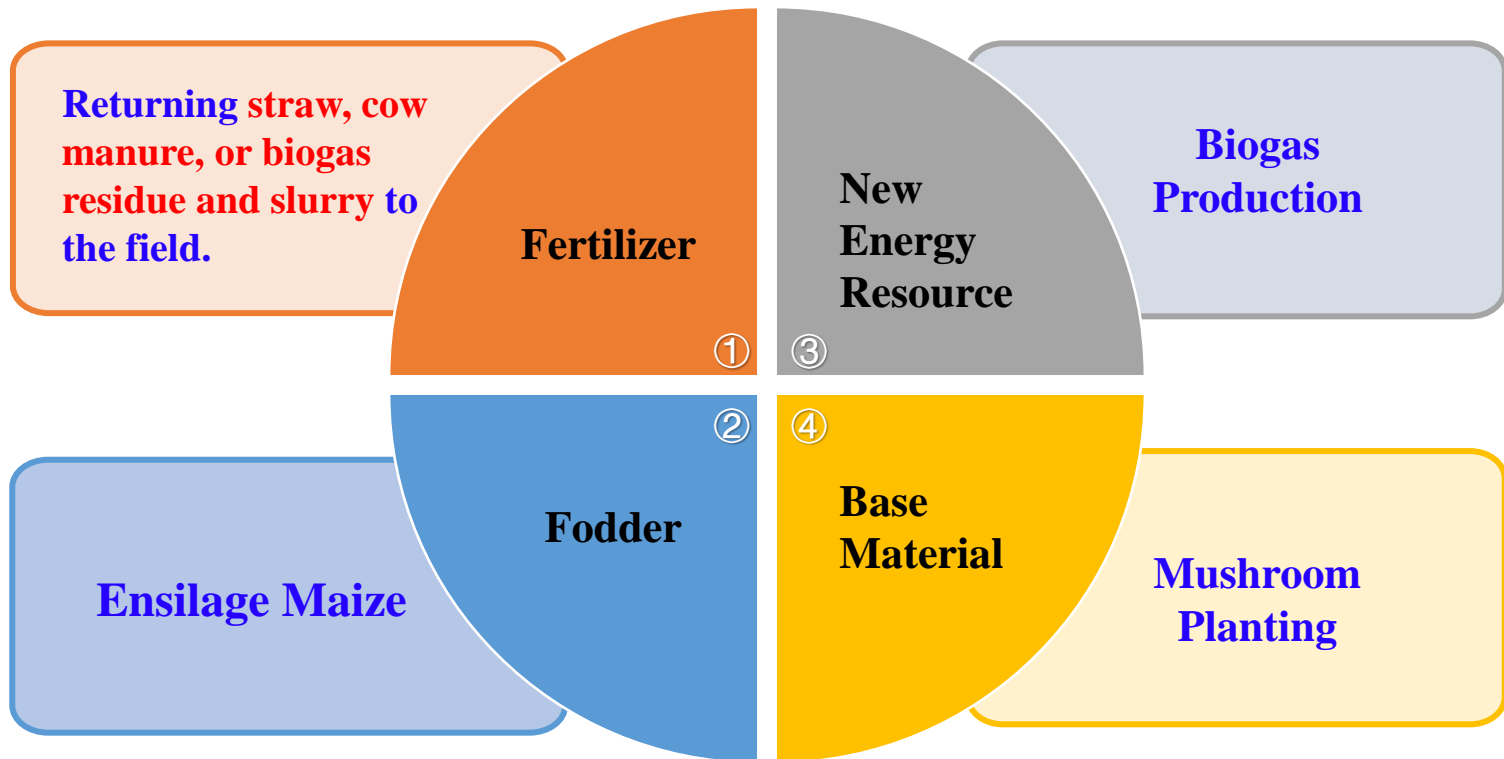


**3. New energy  
resources**



**4. Base material**

# Straw used as ...



# \*Fertilizer\*

## ① Returning straw to the field-*Straw cover*



Wheat harvesting and Straw chopping



No tillage seeding of maize



No tillage seeding of wheat



Maize harvesting and Straw chopping

# \*Fertilizer\*

## ② Returning straw to the field-*Straw mixing with soils*



**Wheat harvesting and Straw chopping**



**No tillage seeding of maize**



**Maize harvesting and Straw chopping**



**Wheat seeding**



**Maize straw mixing with soils**



# Improved technical mode of **returning straw to the field**

First year



Straw chopping

Second year



Straw chopping and  
mixing with soil

Third year



Improve maize no-till  
seeding quality

# **\*Fertilizer\***

## **③ Returning cow manure to the field**



**Maize ensilage harvesting**



**Feeding cows**



**Cow manure collecting and separation**



**Cow manure fermentation**



**Wheat seeding**



**Mixing cow manure with soils**



**Returning cow manure to the field**



# Improved technical mode of **returning cow manure to the field**

First year



Sewage disposal  
through cow manure

Second year



Addition of Dry-wet cow  
manure separation

Third year



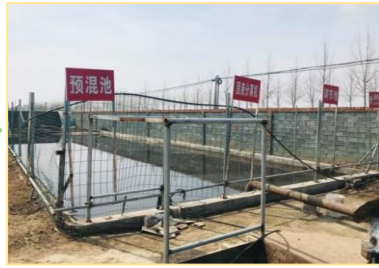
Addition of plastic film  
cover fermentation and Ten-  
stage sedimentation tank

# \*Fertilizer\*

## ④ Returning biogas residue and slurry to the field



**Straw (cow manure)  
preparation**



**Pre-mixing**



**Biogas fermentation**



**Separation of biogas  
residue and slurry**



**Wheat seeding**



**Mixing biogas slurry with soils**



**Returning biogas slurry to the field**





# Improved technical mode of **returning biogas residue and slurry to the field**

Second year



Pre-mixing

Third year



Addition of dry-wet biogas slurry and  
biogas residue separation

# \*Fodder\*

## Ensilage Maize



**Maize seeding**



**Maize ensilage harvesting**



**Straw fermentation**



**Milk production**



**Feeding cows**



**Processing fodder**



# Improved technical mode of **Ensilage Maize**

First year



Second year



Third year



Feeding cow



Addition of mechanized  
straw kneading



Addition of catalytic  
enzyme

# \*New Energy Resources\*

## Biogas Production



**Straw preparation**



**Biogas fermentation and production**



**Usage**



**Biogas transportation**



**Processing**

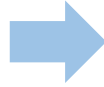


# **\*Base Material\***

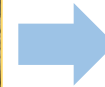
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**Base material preparation**



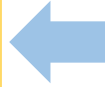
**Bagging**



**Sterilization**



**Harvesting**

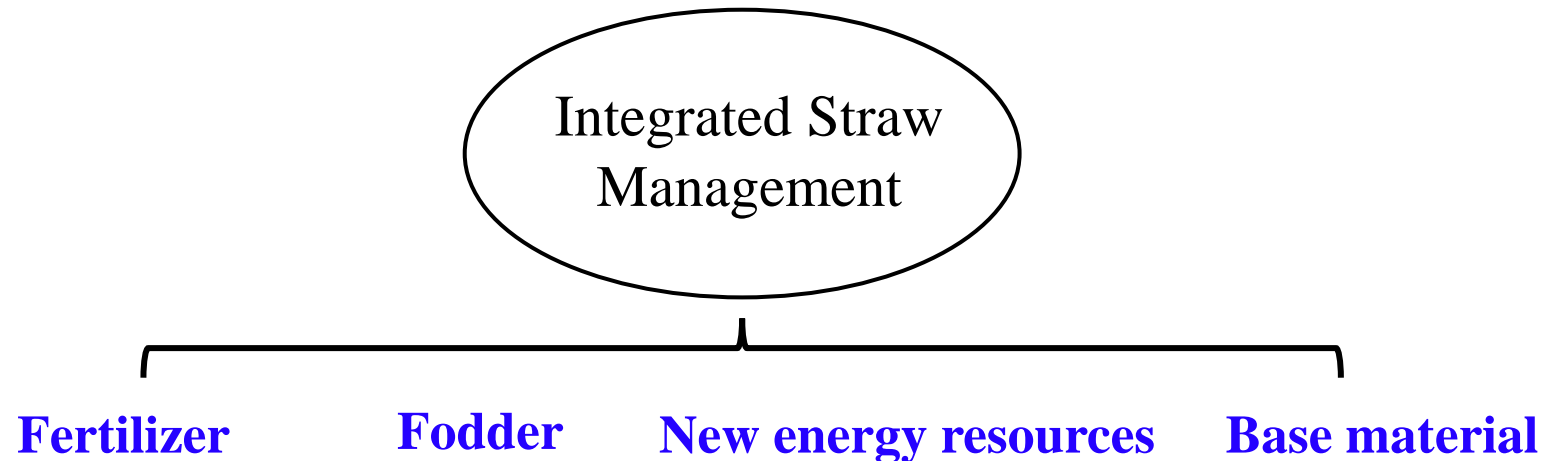


**Mushroom cultivation**



**Mushroom inoculation**

## Suitable technical pattern

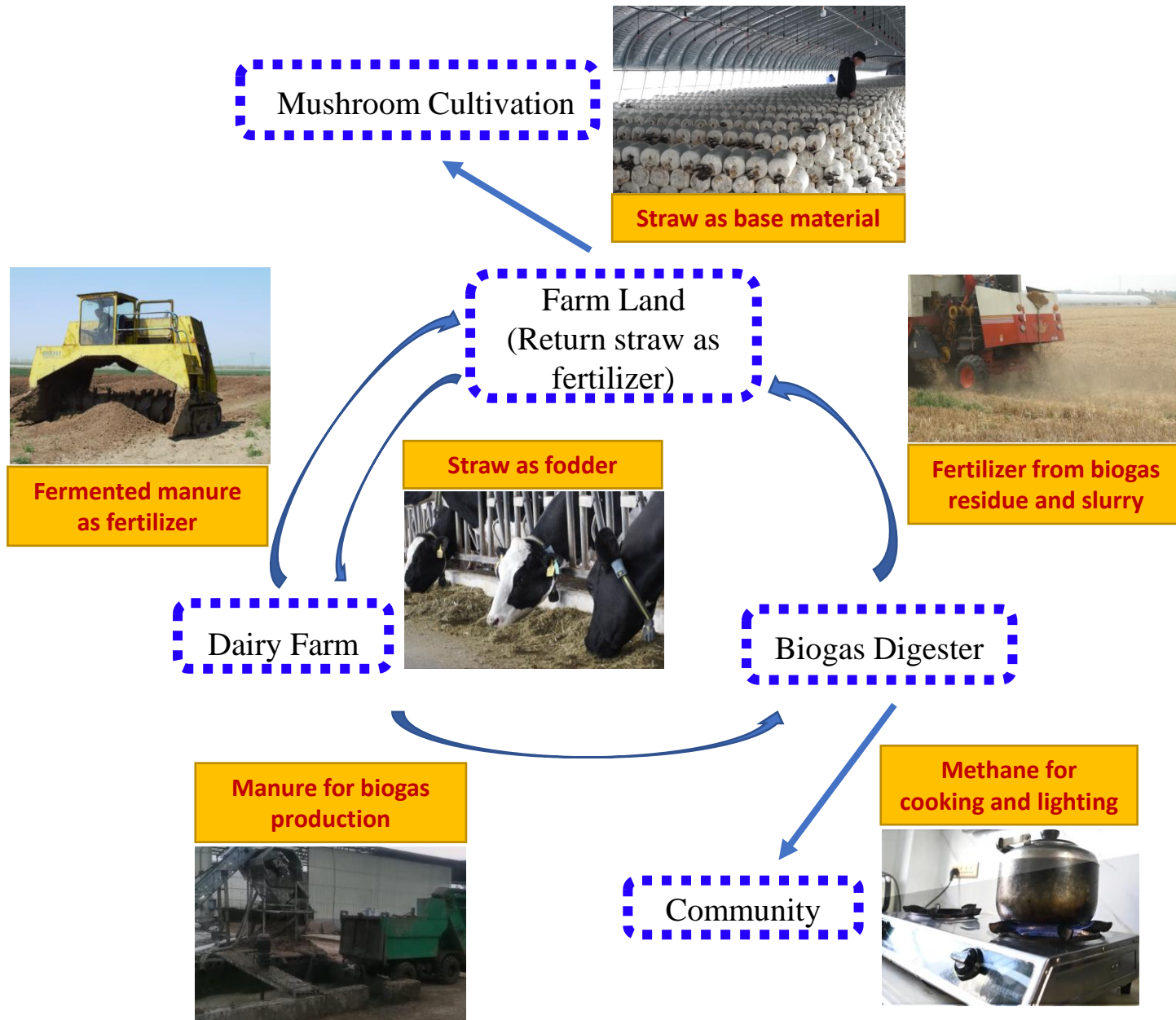


- Poor working performance
- Lower utilization efficiency of straw
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Improve performance of integrated straw management  
Optimization of technical pattern

# Circular agriculture model



# Demonstration sites



a) Maize



b) Wheat

**Demonstration site for returning straw to the field**



a) Maize



b) Wheat

**Demonstration site for returning cow manure to the field**



# Data measurement and collection



**Maize yield measurement**



**Wheat yield measurement**



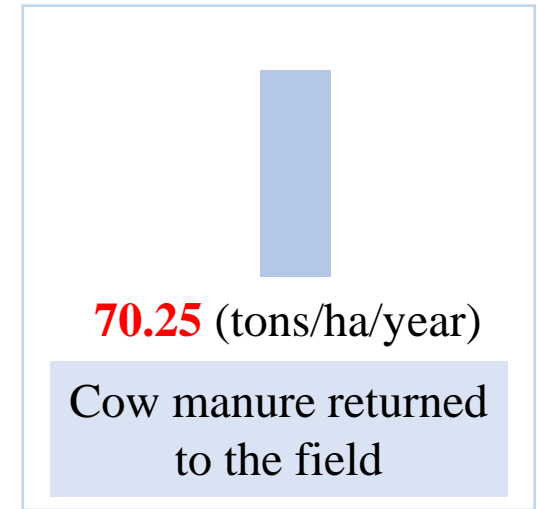
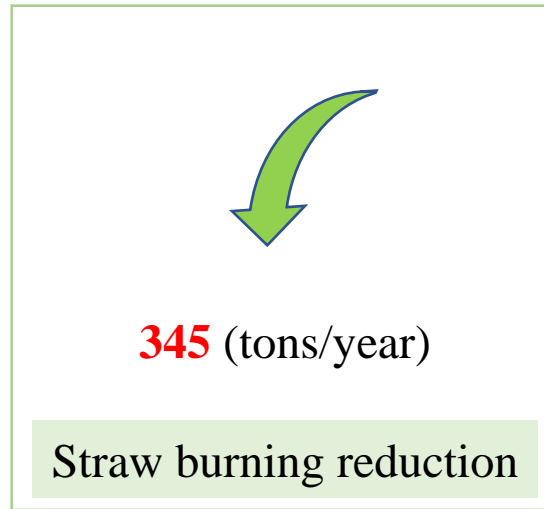
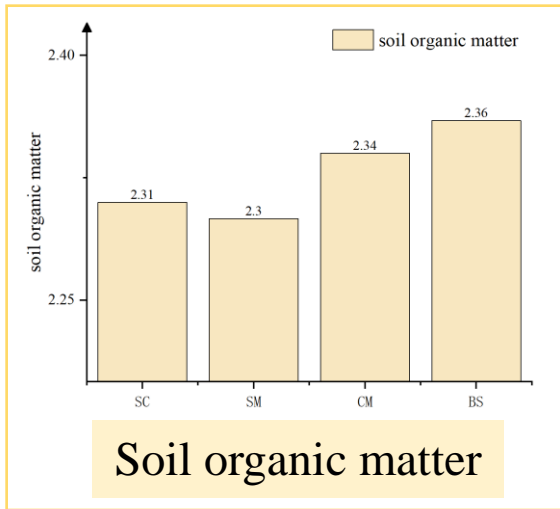
**Soil collection and testing**



**Mushroom production measurement**

# Results and Outcomes

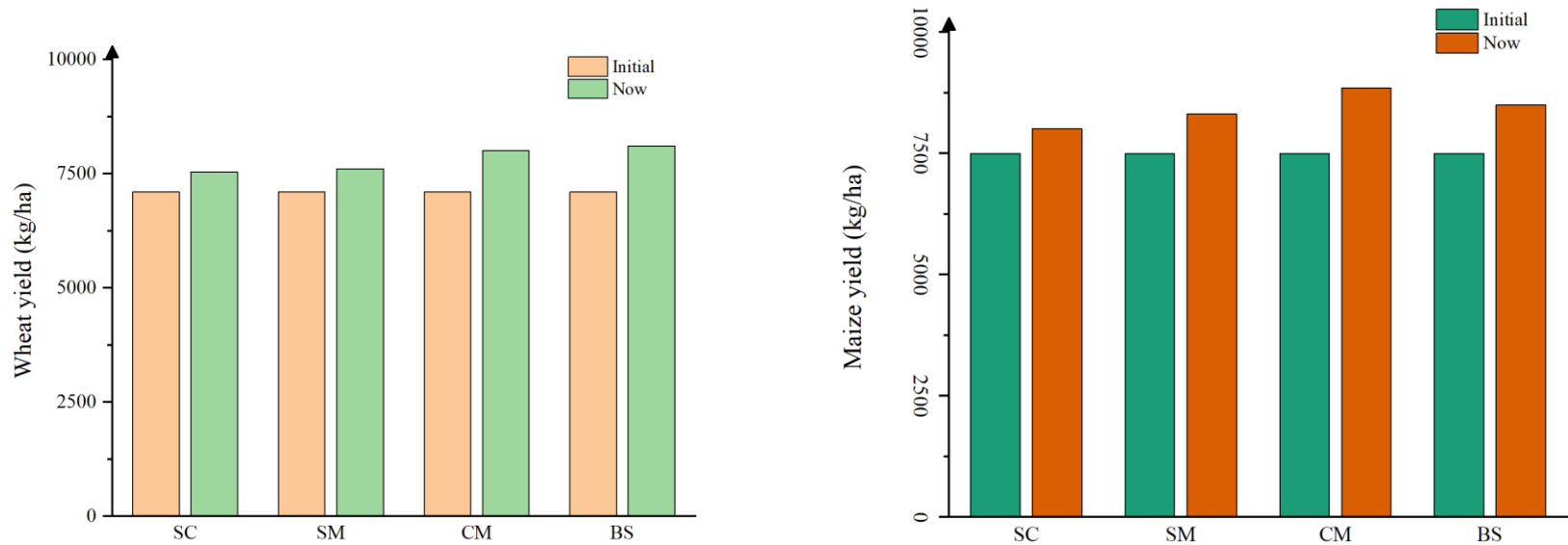
## Ecological Indicators



The demonstration achieved improvements in ecological aspects:

1. In the field with the management of straw cover, straw mixing, cow manure returning, biogas slurry/residue returning, **soil organic matter** was increased to 2.31%, 2.3%, 2.34%, 2.36%,
2. 345 tons of **straw were utilized per year** rather than burnt;
3. 70.25 tons of **cow manure** were returned to the field as organic fertilizer per ha.

# Economic Indicators



1. The maize and wheat **yields** were increased in the four treatments;
2. **Milk production** for the new fodder with catalytic enzyme was 3 ltr/day/cow (24.0 vs 21.0 ltr/day/cow) higher than the fodder in the first year;
3. 90,000m<sup>3</sup> of **biogas** were produced every year;
4. **Mushroom cultivation**: Each greenhouse can produce 18 tons of mushrooms every year, with a total revenue of 400 thousand yuan.

## Objective 3: Technical trainings



Improve the technical level of local technicians  
and farmers in integrated straw utilization



**Welcome to visit Laixi ,  
Qingdao demonstration site in  
China!**

***Thanks !***