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# The worldwide potential of quinoa as a new climate-proof crop

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## Agriculture's contribution to climate changes

- Water:
  - Agriculture 70%, meat>50%
- CO2 and other GGE:
  - Agriculture 30%, meat 70%





## Solutions for agriculture















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# **PROTEIN 2 FOOD**

Development of high quality food protein through sustainable production and processing

Global food security Environmental and socio-economic sustainability

# The way we work to create climate proof cropping systems

- Improved cropping systems
- New technologies
  - Ancient
  - Irrigation
  - Water harvesting
- New genetic material
  - New varieties
  - New crops





Rice, maize and wheat > 60% global food

#### **Agro-biodiversity**



## **BioFach Trends**

#### KEYWORDS

- Focus on protein
- Quinoa
- Amaranth
- Petfood
- Vegan lifestyle
- Cocktails









#### Number of species and cvs. tested

Species	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Quinoa	10	2	10	7	7
Amaranth	19	12	6	6	6
Buckwheat	3	3	3	12	14
Millet	10	9	10	15	15
Tef	3	0	0	0	0
Рорру	1	1	1	0	0
Kanahua	1	9	0	0	0
Chia	1	0	0	0	0
Lentil	32	38	12	10	10
Chickpea	51	15	6	5	5
Faba bean	5	4	4	4	4
Bean	0	0	0	1	0
Pea	1	3	0	10	10
Lupin	5	5	4	4	4
Soybean	6	8	2	2	4
Oat	2	2	2	2	0
Sorghum	(200)	16	6	6	0
Camelina	0	0	22	8	8
Total	150	127	88	92	87







#### Nutritional profile

- High protein, 15%
- Amino acids, all nine essential, close to complete
- Glutenfree
- Flavonoids (antioxidants) including quercetin
- B-vitamins such as riboflavin and folate
- Functional food, due to its high protein, fiber, antioxidant, vitamin, and mineral content, that may help reduce the risk of many diseases beyond cardiovascular disease and diabetes.
- Dietary fiber, soluble 1.5 g/100g
- Fatty acids, 83% unsaturated (omega6 50%, omega9 25%, omega3 5%)
- Minerals, high in Fe, Cu, Zn, Ca, Mg

"high nutritive value," impressive biodiversity, and an important role to play in the achievement of food security worldwide (FAO).

## Crop production

Cultivar improvement	Crop management
Screening	Crop rotation and tillage strategies
Marker technology and transcriptomes	Nutrient management
Cooperation with breeders	Abiotic stress tolerance
	Biotic stress tolerance



#### Activities

Screening in field;

Agronomic practices (density, date and depth of sowing, fertilization) and response to abiotic stresses (drought and salinity);

Extension and training activities with farmers;

Methodology for quantification of 3D internal morphology of the seeds by Xray micro-tomography, and 3D image analysis of the appearance, location and type of seed structure;

Protein analyses;

Protein extraction;

Product development;

Consumer studies;





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FIGURE 1 | Percentage of UN countries with quinoa experimentation or cultivation (1900-2015) (Bazile et al., 2016)



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## Most recent highlights

- Salt enhances antioxidant enzymes activity (Amjad et all 2015)
- Non-enzymatic antioxidant rutin level were increased by over 25<sup>th</sup> fold in quinoa leaves under salinity stress (Ismail et al., 2016)
- Saline irrigation significantly decreases the growth of quinoa, whereas inoculation of plants with bacterial strains mitigated the negative effects of salinity by improving plant water relations and decreasing Na+ uptake (Yang et al., 2016)
- Quinoa can be used as a model crop for understanding salttolerance mechanisms (Ruiz et al. 2016)
- Both yield and protein content of seed can be manipulated by N level and application strategy (Jacobsen & Christiansen, 2016)





scorbate mg<sup>-1</sup> prot. min<sup>-1</sup>)





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# The Queen





## Farmers ´yield, Denmark

Host	JB	Year	Yield, tha-1	<sup>1</sup> Emerg ence	<sup>2</sup> Weed control	Nutrients	Comments
КК	1-2	2012	0	* * *	*	25tha-1	Deer
		2013	1.2	* * * *	* *	20tha-1 + 5tha-1	Ekstremely dry summer
		2014	0.4	* * *	* * *	Mapuro 29tha 1 (95N)	Desouving
		2015 0		* *	*	tranversal starfish	Failed weeding
TW	3	2012	0	* *	* *		Broad sow
	2013	0	* *	* *	Slurry, 20tha-1 (90 N)	Broad sow	
		2014	0	* *	*		Broadsow
		2015	1.2	* * * *	* * * *		Rows in highbeds
SB	3	2012	0	*	*	Slurry at sowing	Deep sowing, frost
		2013	0	*	* *	Slurry (25tha-1, 75N)	Grassweeds
		2014	0.2	* * *	* * *	Slurry (30tha-1, 90N)	Late sowing (10/5)
		2015	0	* * *	*	40 kg N slurry	Failed weeding
КР	3	2012	-	-	-		
		2013	1.8	* * *	* * *	0 (after clovergrass)	Good development
		2014	1	* * * *	* *	0 (after clovergrass and	Skjoldbillelarve
		2015	-			041)	
PBH	3	2012	-	-	-		
		2013	0	*	*	80N	
		2014	0	*	*	80N	
		2015					

#### Quinoa in fancy kitchens



#### Knabstrup

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