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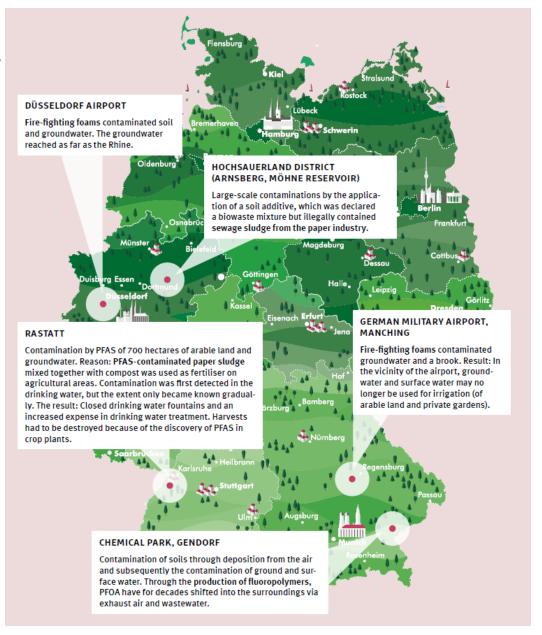
# PFAS Pollution and Agricultural Land Use – a German Example

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# **PFAS Hotspots in Germany**

- Airports
- (former) Military sites
- Fluorochemical industry
- Agricultural areas



https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/publikationen/what-matters-1-2020-pfas-came-to-stay

## **The Rastatt Case in Germany**

#### Starting point in 2012

Water provider detected PFAS in drinking water

#### **Investigations:**

- >8000 soil samples
- 9900 ground water samples
- >1240 surface water samples
- ~ 2200 plant samples

#### **Extent of the contamination:**

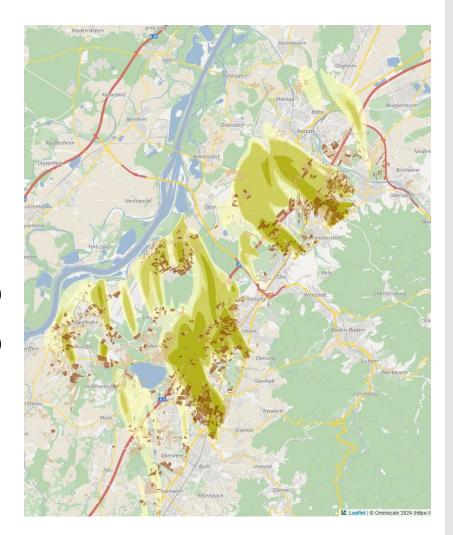
- 1105 ha contaminated agricultural area (ca 1500 soccer pitches);
- 58 km² contaminated groundwater (180 Mio m³)

#### Source:

most probably compost mixed with paper sludge beginning in 2006

#### Concern:

Human exposure via drinking water, feed and food



Source: PFAS-Jahresrückblick Mittelbaden 2023 (pfas-dilemma.info)

FC-Karten Online - Landesanstalt für Umwelt Baden-Württemberg (baden-wuerttemberg.de)

### **Goals and Measures**

Maintaining agricultural production opportunities



Ensuring consumer protection when farming on PFAS-contaminated land

High uptake potential	Low uptake potential
Strawberry	Onion
Wheat	Oats and barley
Asparagus	Rapeseed
Corn plants	Rye
Soy	Corn kernel
Tomato	Raspberry



#### **Measures**

- Pre-harvest monitoring
- Derivation of cultivation recommendations
- Individual farm advice
- Development of a management and minimization concept

# Thank you for your attention

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