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YEM ÜRETİMİNDE ÇEVRESEL FAKTÖRLER

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1. GİRİŞ

Günümüzde yem üretiminin çevresel etkilerinin kapsamlı analiz edilmesi, tarımsal sürdürülebilirlik açısından zorunlu hâle gelmiştir. Küresel nüfus artışıyla artan gıda talebi, tarım sistemlerinde köklü dönüşümleri beraberinde getirmiştir (1). Yem bitkileri, yalnızca hayvan beslenmesinde değil; doğal kaynakların korunması ve ekosistem dengesinin sağlanmasında da önemli rol oynamaktadır (2). Bu nedenle yem üretiminin çevresel boyutlarının değerlendirilmesi, sürdürülebilir tarım stratejileri açısından stratejik bir gerekliliktir (3). Yoğun tarımsal kullanım, toprak yapısını bozarak erozyon riskini artırırken (4); kimyasal gübre ve pestisitler, su kaynaklarının kirlenmesine neden olmaktadır (5-7). Ayrıca yem bitkilerinin yüksek su ihtiyacı, özellikle su kıtlığı yaşayan bölgelerde ciddi kaynak baskısı yaratmaktadır (8-10). Hayvancılık kaynaklı metan emisyonları ise iklim değişikliği açısından önemli bir tehdit oluşturmaktadır (11). Bu bağlamda, çevresel etkileri azaltmaya yönelik yeni yaklaşımların ve sürdürülebilir tarım modellerinin geliştirilmesi büyük önem taşımaktadır. Alternatif yem kaynaklarının kullanımı (12) ve yerel, organik üretim tekniklerinin teşviki, çevresel yükün azaltılmasına katkı sağlayabilir. Ayrıca yem üretimi ile hayvansal üretimin bütüncül bir yaklaşımla ele alınması, sektörel yeniliklerin teşvikine ve uzun vadeli çevresel sürdürülebilirliğe olanak tanıyacaktır (13). Bu çalışma, yem üretiminin çevresel etkilerini disiplinler arası bir bakışla inceleyerek tarım-çevre etkileşiminin daha iyi anlaşılmasına katkı sunmayı amaçlamaktadır.

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lemektedir. Özellikle bilgi temelli karar alma mekanizmalarının yaygınlaştırılması, politika ve uygulama arasında etkin bir köprü kurarak sürdürülebilirlik hedeflerinin gerçekleştirilmesinde stratejik bir rol üstlenmektedir. Geleceğe yönelik olarak, yem üretimi sistemlerinin dönüşümü ancak çiftçiler, araştırmacılar, politika yapıcılar, özel sektör ve tüketiciler başta olmak üzere tüm paydaşların aktif katılımı ile mümkündür. Bu çok aktörlü yapı içerisinde geliştirilecek kapsayıcı, dirençli ve çevresel olarak sorumlu stratejiler, yalnızca günümüzün çevresel problemlerine çözüm sunmakla kalmayacak; aynı zamanda gelecek kuşakların gıda güvencesi ve ekosistem hizmetlerine erişimi açısından da kritik bir güvence oluşturacaktır (21). Bu nedenle sürdürülebilir yem üretimi, gıda sistemlerinde dönüşümün temel eksenlerinden biri olarak ele alınmalı; multidisipliner, entegre ve uzun vadeli yaklaşımlarla desteklenmelidir.

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