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I am a Uruguayan agricultural engineer raised in an urban environment but linked with rural life. I have been working in the Agronomy department of my University for ten years now, focusing on sustainability assessment of livestock farming systems. Currently I am doing my Phd studying the impact of intensification strategies on the sustainability of the livestock production in Uruguay, with emphasis on the native grasslands species diversity. My aim is that the results will be used for policy making, by applying strategies of intensification that consider both the farmer's livelihoods and the environment they working on in a context of global change.