

## Supporting Information for

## Isotopes prove advanced, integral crop production and stockbreeding strategies nourished Trypillia mega-populations

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**Fig. S1.** Detailed scatter plots of  $\delta^{13}$ C vs.  $\delta^{15}$ N by animal groups bone collagen, crop (grains/seeds, \*glume bases) and *Stipa* awns by archaeological phase and region.



**Fig. S2.**  $\delta^{15}$ N values of pig bone collagen for the early, agglomeration (agg), and dispersal (disp) phases in the western (WR, Prut–Dniester), middle (MR, Dniester–Southern Bug), and eastern (ER, Southern Bug–Dnepr) regions.



**Fig. S3.** Selected laboratory data from a long percussion-drilling core near Maidanetske including 1) a (pre-)Trypillia paleosoil and 2) lower part of a Trypillia colluvium. TOC Total organic content, TN Total nitrogen,  $\delta^{15}$ N of TN,  $\delta^{13}$ C of TOC, OSL optically stimulated luminescence. For details see (1).

1			N	R			1	MR					ER															
	early		ag	agg.	agg.		agg.		agg.		agg.		agg.		sp.	ea	rly	ag	g.	dis	sp.	ea	rly	ag	lg.	dis	disp.	
	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N	d13C	d15N										
Cattle	1		e 1		attle 1		5	6		-	2	7	3	1	1	.7	1	1	8	6	1	.6						
mean	-20.50	5.70	-20.23	8.28	-		-21.10	7.84	-20.43	10.73	-20.71	8.46	-21.70	10.60	-20.23	10.20	-20.34	8.82										
SD		-	0.31	0.93	-		0.74	0.92	0.80	1.35	0.82	1.39	-	-	0.69	1.89	0.29	1.13										
Sheep/goat			2	6		-	1	3				-		-	3	1		1										
mean			-20.37	7.96		-	-20.38	8.44	-20.77	10.15	-		-	-	-20.48	8.81	-20.40	8.60										
SD	2		0.47	1.09	-	2	1.34	1.05	0.82	1.63	1		-	-	0.79	2.02	-	-										
Sus	-		1	1		-	4	1		2		-		-	1	3	4	1										
mean			-19.89	9.06			-21.03	7.68	-20.20	12.65	-		-	-	-20.21	11.49	-19.75	9.43										
SD			0.35	1.00	-		0.22	1.18	1.13	0.92			-		0.59	0.85	1.03	0.80										

 Table S1. Statistics of animal bone collagen by animal groups, regions and phases.

**Table S2.** Barley yields estimated based on the mean  $\Delta^{13}$ C of sites with barley (2) applying formula and correction factor (3, 4).

site with barley	∆ <sup>13</sup> C ‰	yield tons/ha
Stolniceni	19,4	2,0
Bilyi Kamin	18,4	1,6

**Table S3.** Detailed results of protein proportions when animals are divided into extensively pastured animals (Ae) and intensively pastured animals (Ai) for Kosenivka, Stolniceni, and Maidanetske calculated in FRUITS v. 3.1 (5), including mean, standard deviation (sd), median, 68% and 95% value ranges, and p-values for of the models. C cereals, P pulses.

	1	n	mean	sd	median	16pc	84pc	2.5pc	97.5pc	p-value
	С	14	0.8145	0.1025	0.8273	0.7136	0.9167	0.5767	0.97	0.806
Kosenivka	Ae	3	0.09346	0.08288	0.07042	0.0185	0.1724	0.003086	0.309	
	Ai	2	0.09201	0.07704	0.07227	0.0194	0.1660	0.00287	0.2861	
	Ρ	3	0.4358	0.1216	0.4389	0.3141	0.5575	0.1843	0.6642	0.715
Chalminani	С	20	0.3288	0.1848	0.3237	0.1215	0.5233	0.02124	0.6919	
Stoiniceni	Ae	42	0.1155	0.0972	0.09074	0.0242	0.2098	0.003327	0.3598	
	Ai	1	0.1199	0.09525	0.09826	0.0267	0.2170	0.004068	0.349	
	Ρ	16	0.5411	0.1886	0.5629	0.3440	0.7274	0.111	0.8545	0.788
No.: Jan Andrea	С	20	0.2756	0.202	0.2346	0.0719	0.4881	0.0123	0.752	
Maidanetske	Ae	8	0.09431	0.08434	0.07054	0.0188	0.1733	0.002957	0.3073	
	Ai	7	0.08902	0.07117	0.07263	0.0201	0.1598	0.003334	0.2623	

**Table S4.** Detailed results of protein proportions when animals grouped together as one source (A) for Kosenivka, Stolniceni and Maidanetske calculated in FRUITS v. 3.1 (5), including mean, standard deviation (sd), median, 68% and 95% value ranges, and p-values for of the models. C cereals, P pulses.

		n	mean	sd	median	16pc	84pc	2.5pc	97.5pc	p-value
	С	14	0.8818	0.09433	0.9033	0.7881	0.9728	0.6527	0.996	0.760
козепічка	A	5	0.1182	0.09433	0.0967	0.0272	0.2119	0.004012	0.3477	
Ś.	Ρ	3	0.3813	0.132	0.383	0.2467	0.5134	0.1167	0.632	0.658
Stolniceni	С	20	0.475	0.1902	0.4863	0.2757	0.6651	0.0774	0.8243	
	A	43	0.1438	0.112	0.1189	0.0331	0.2598	0.004713	0.4112	
Maidanetske	Ρ	16	0.5356	0.2106	0.5533	0.3126	0.7518	0.08246	0.8932	0.742
	С	20	0.347	0.2271	0.3195	0.1035	0.5902	0.01723	0.8398	
	A	15	0.1173	0.09548	0.09439	0.0264	0.2134	0.004197	0.3496	

**Table S5.** Mean protein proportion of crops and animals in the human diet of the Trypillia settlements of Kosenivka, Stolniceni, and Maidanetske from two different source approaches, performed in FRUITS v. 3.1 (5), for cereals (C); pulses (P); extensively pastured animals (Ae); intensively pastured animals (Ai); and animals grouped together as one source (A).

	Kose	nivka	Stolr	niceni	Maidanetske		
	А	Ae, Ai	A	Ae, Ai	А	Ae, Ai	
	Proteins	Proteins	Proteins	Proteins	Proteins	Proteins	
Р	-	-	38.1	43,6	53.6	54.1	
С	88.2	81.5	47.5	32.9	34.7	27.6	
∑ P, C	88.2	81.5	85.6	76.5	88.3	81.7	
Ae	-	9.3	-	11.5	-	9.4	
Ai	-	9.2	-	12.0	-	8.9	
(Σ)A	11.8	18.5	14.4	23.5	11.7	18.3	

**Table S6.** Isotope values of humans as target and crops and animals as sources applied in the food web models as calculated in FRUITS v. 3.1 (5).

	Humans		Pulses		Ce	Cereals Anim		Animals, undiff.		Animals, extensiv		Animals, intensiv	
	δ <sup>13</sup> C	δ <sup>15</sup> N											
Kosenivka	-19.9	12.2	-	-	-23.47	6.54	-20.4	9.57	-20.38	8.8	-20.55	10.75	
Stolniceni	-19.8	10.3	-25.17	1.21	-23.44	7.21	-20.22	8.27	-20.23	8.09	-20.11	10.08	
Maidanetske	-19.9	12.2	-24.25	5.55	-22.97	7.99	-20.31	9.01	-20.43	7.44	-20.10	11.65	

**Dataset S1 (separate file).** Isotope values of animal bone collagen used in this publication. Data of Nebelivka from (6) and Maidanetske from (7).

**Dataset S2 (separate file).** Isotope values of soils used in this publication from the (pre-)Trypillian palaeosoil (s) and the late Trypillian colluvium (c) (1).

Dataset S3 (separate file). Isotope values of humans used in this publication (8, 9).

Dataset S4 (separate file). Isotope values of plants used in this publication. Data from (2).

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