



# Farming in Sweden





	The Netherlands	Sweden
<b>Population, 2005:</b>	16 300 000	9 000 000
<b>Population density, 2003 (inh./km<sup>2</sup>):</b>	480	22
<b>GDP/capita, 2005 (PPS):</b>	28,900	27,700
<b>Share agriculture in total employment, 2002 (%):</b>	3	1.8
<b>Share Utilized Agricultural Area in total land area, 2003 (%):</b>	57	8
<b>Average farm size, 2005 (ha):</b>	24	42 (+43 ha forestry)
<b>Number of farms, 2005:</b>	81 800	75 800 17 000 full time
<b>Total area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	41 526	449 964





<b>Agricultural land:</b>	<b>3 000 000 hectares</b>
<b>Forest:</b>	23 000 000 hectares
<b>Type of farming (number of farms):</b>	Beef : 14 600 (17 suckler cows/farm)
	Dairy farms : 4 900, 70 cows/farm, (2,9 million tons)
	Pigs: 1 000
	Cereals: 27 400
	Poultry 3 900
	Sheep: 4 200
	Horticulture: 1 900
<b>Arable land use:</b>	Cereal 38 %, grass 39 %





# Miljöhusensyn – a self audit programme in Sweden

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## Why it started

- In early 1990s a proactive campaign started called ‘farmers towards world's cleanest agriculture’
- The sector wanted to go ahead
  - farmers should be familiar with the environmental requirements
  - avoid too much regulation disturbances
  - get consumers' approval and strengthen the market position by good environmental considerations





## Aim

- Create a volunteer system as a help for farmers to comply with laws and regulations
- Environmental legislations for self audit
- Avoiding farm sanctions and punishment
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## Miljöhusesyn today

- Extended with other farm regulations
- Summary of about 220 acts; EU legislation, laws, ordinances, regulations and guidelines
- In total the checklists have approx. 550 “Yes/No” questions
  - of which 230 are cross-compliance conditions



[www.miljohusesyn.nu](http://www.miljohusesyn.nu)

- Interactive web solution, pdf-download, print on demand
- Selects legislation applicable on the individual farm / business
  - legislative requirements for animals, the environment, health and safety, crop production, general farm requirements and cross-compliance
- Basic requirements for some market certification systems



A sister site called [www.regelhousesyn.nu](http://www.regelhousesyn.nu)

The rules for the most common business activities on the farms in addition to farming

Forestry - Machinery contracting - Rental housing - Fishing Tourist Accommodation - Farm Restaurant - Farm Shop - Food Processing - Hunting - Energy (biogas, local heating) - Rent land



## Some data about Miljöhusesyn

- Self Audit Scheme carried out by
  - 80 % of husbandry farmers
  - About 70% of the arable land is covered
- Approximately 10,000 registered web users (free)
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## Administration and updating

- The Web version is updated continuously
- SBA publishes cross-compliance solely on the site
- Several agencies are actively involved in the update + a Law Publisher and NGO's
- Print or purchase a hardback copy through print-on-demand
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## Some plus about Miljöhusesynd

- + voluntary, gives farmers an overview, easy to use
- + farmers are positive to self audit
- + almost all full time farmers are users
- + base for some market certification
- + an efficient tool to reach farmers
- + basis for many municipal, county administration and SBA inspections
- + easy system to administrate

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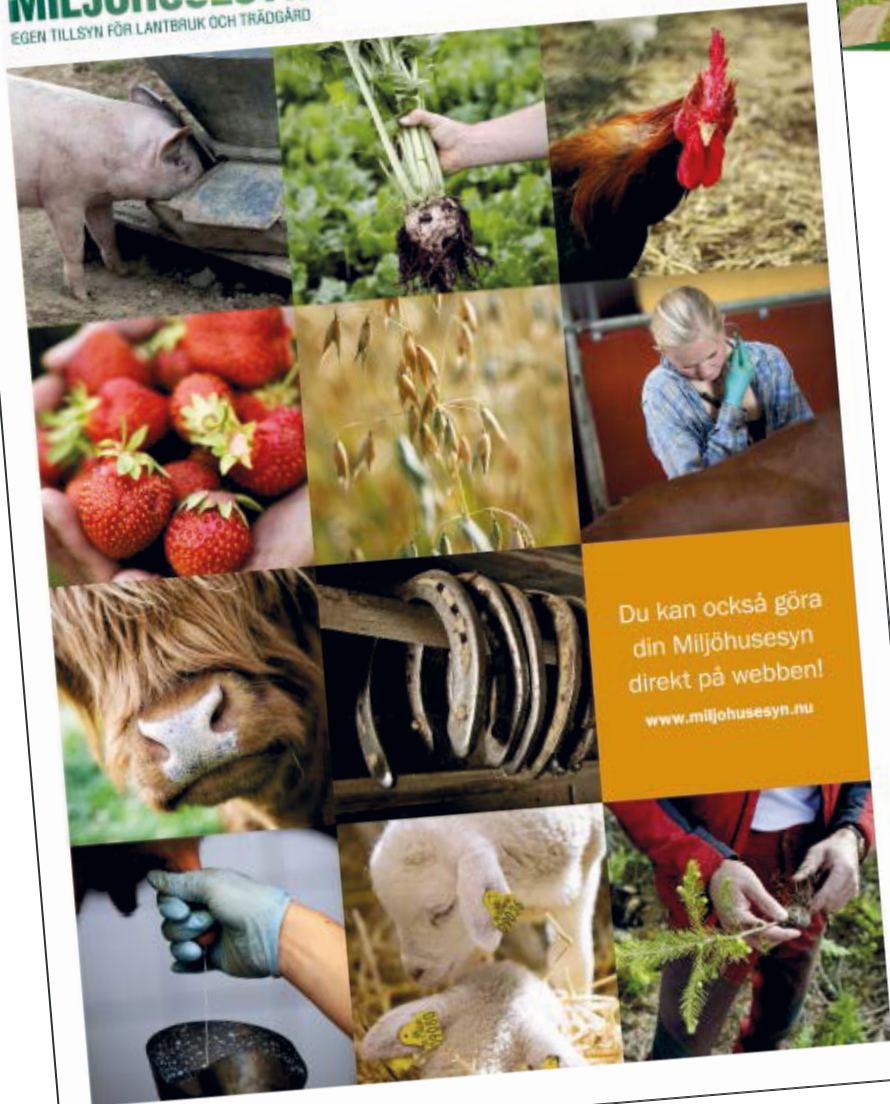






## Some minus about Miljöhusesynd

- A few farmers are negative
  - "LRF shall not tell us how to do"
  - "LRF shall not fabricate rules"
- To low coverage at part time farmers
- Optional for authorities to apply by inspections
- Bad Internet connections in some rural areas
- Still, some farmers are uncomfortable with web solutions
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[www.miljohusesyn.nu](http://www.miljohusesyn.nu)

# Thank you

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