



The 23rd

INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT CONGRESS

FIELD TRIPS OVERVIEW

26th of June to 1st of July 2022

in

Copenhagen

Field trips (Tuesday and Thursday) (Most tours are repeated)

1. Dairy and biogas

This tour will focus on dairy farming in Denmark. We will be looking at challenges for high yield dairy farms at a time when the size is increasing significantly. The tour will give insight to both production and marketing where Denmark has one of the largest organic milk productions in Europe. The leading Co-operative dairy is Arla which collects milk, not only in Denmark, but also in Sweden and the UK. We will visit a family farm with Jersey cows. The farm focuses also on communication with neighbours and enjoys a lot of visits from schools. Later, on this tour, we will visit a brand new Biogas Plant in Køng where slurry is used to produce green gas for the grid, which can then be used for heating or as fuel for lorries. We finish by looking at another dairy farm with Frisian cows where another feeding approach is used.

2. Pigs and alternative energy (Only Tuesday)

We will visit a large estate with a new finishers production, where we will discuss the piglet production in Denmark which is one of the key enterprises in Danish farming. Every year, 13-14 million piglets are exported to Germany and Poland. We will also hear how the old estate has moved strategically into alternative energy in a big way. We will hear more about the strategic considerations for this move as well as the economic aspects and the risk involved. There are 5 wind turbines producing electricity to 10,000 homes, and solar panels on almost 200 ha producing electricity to 40,000 homes. The visit gives an insight into how to select a very different path for a farm and the challenges it entails. We will also visit a another pig farm where the focus is on the production of piglets.

3. Arable farms

Here, we will look closer into arable farming in Denmark, including the production of high quality grass seed and the use of precision farming. Denmark is a major exporter of lawn grass, for example to e.g. the World cup in football, but how is that done? We will visit a farm which grows grass seed, and hear from one of the largest seed companies in the world (DLF) on how new varieties are developed as well as how the strategic path for such a company has developed. On the way to the next farm, we will see the production of sugar beet and the challenges after the producers have had to adjust to world market prices. We will also visit a farmer, who has used conservation agriculture for many years. We will look at the pros and cons and what the future holds in relation to regulation regarding pesticide use and targeted nitrogen regulation which has been introduced in Denmark.

4. Alternative productions

We visit Vallø Castle and have a look at organic egg production looking at how quality eggs (organic production and animal welfare) can be developed and marketed. We will look at other alternative products (top quality tomato production) in Toftegaard and try the craze regarding chilli (very hot chilli). We taste some of the products and hear about the break through regarding marketing their products to top restaurants in Copenhagen. We will finish the tour visiting an exciting farm producing organic and biodynamic vegetables and hear about their approach to marketing.

5. Swedish farming

This trip will take you across the Øresunds Bridge known from the TV-series, “The Bridge”. We will have a look at the region Skåne, which allows for more agricultural production than in the rest of Sweden. We will visit a farm which grow potatoes for consumption and hear about marketing and how to increase the value as well as hoe to develop good relations to consumers. We will then visit Alnarp, which is a part of the Agricultural University of Sweden. Here we will hear about the gen banks and want can be gained from keeping old varieties of seed. We will then look at a farm Kornheddinge Bryggerikompani, which has a brewery and they are growing their own hops. The tour finish with a visit to Övedskloster looking at how to keep and preserve a 250-year-old cultural building and at the same time use the most modern technology in our agriculture. We will also look at arable farming and get an insight to the approaches used in advisory work in Sweden such as “Catch the nutrients” (Greppa næringen).

6. Swedish Agricultural Show (only Thursday)

Borgeby Fältdagar is the agricultural fair in the field. Down-to-earth, trade fair with a clear focus on the professional farmer. The meeting place for everyone who has agriculture as their main interest and employment. The fair offers a successful and unique combination of exhibiting companies for agriculture and horticulture, demo plantations, practical machine demonstrations and seminars. Our guide for the day will show us key technologies just as you will have time on your own. See more on <https://www.borgebyfaltdagar.se/>

