

Research cooperation in the dairy cattle sector; Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D



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Nordic research cooperation in alteration!



- Sweden and Denmark in cattle research cooperation since 2006. Extensive and ambitious.
- Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D:
 - Three meetings performed during the first half of 2011
 - Norway, Finland and Island invited. OK from all!

Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D

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Denmark

Finland

Norway

Sweden



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Three focus areas prioritized for 2012:

1. Environment & sustainability
2. Management
3. Animal welfare.

Applications in each country, but also submitted to Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D

Cooperation with funding bodies



- The owner organizations of **Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D** need a close cooperation with the research funding bodies in each country.
- The funding bodies, including the consideration of the applications, are differently organized in all Nordic countries
- The cooperation between the owner organizations and the funding bodies are thereby varying
- Application dates, and also the processes up to appropriation, are not synchronized between countries.

Cooperation with the scientists, I



- A long and positive tradition of cooperation exist between scientists in the Nordic countries
- **The Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D** give high priority to cooperation and communication with the scientists
- A workshop was performed (2011 10 06) before the Call was formulated in order to get input from scientists and experts in Nordic countries
- The Call for applications was presented in November 2011.

Cooperation with the scientists, II



- **The Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D** aim to improve and increase the cooperation among scientists in order to:
 - Stimulate a more innovative research environment
 - Improve the possibility to specialization
 - Avoid double-work (in two or more countries) which is not necessary

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Call for applications February 1, 2012, for projects starting 2013

A joint Nordic call for project applications, organized by **Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D**, is hereby announced. It is displayed on all owner organization national websites. The deadline for applications is 1 February 2012. The farmer-owned organizations behind this joint research funding initiative are the Swedish Dairy Association, TINE SA, the Federation of Norwegian Agricultural Co-operatives, ProAgria, FABAs Coop, and the Knowledge Centre for Agriculture – Cattle. They have all decided to harmonize their research activities, which are partly funded by the agricultural industry and farmers in the respective countries. Thus, we announce this research call within dairy production and associated beef cattle production.

Results 2012 (so far)



- Three (3) relevant Nordic applications submitted by February 1st.
- **Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D** evaluated and ranked the three applications.
- Final decision only in Sweden so far; only one project funded (Feed Efficiency with 4 countries involved)
- Evaluation of the whole process in the Nordic Dairy Cattle R&D will take place late 2012.