

Swedish NRN activities "Young Farmers"

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Farmers getting older and older in Sweden

- Average age: 58 years
- Average age for full time farmer (1600 h/year): 55 years
- Farmers younger than 35 years:
1996 8 %
2010 4 %
- Farmers older than 65 years:
1985: 17%
1996: 22%
2010: 27%



NRN thematic working group

“Young in area based industries”

- Matilda Göransson, farmer, Fed. of Swedish Farmers youth league (chairman)
- Johanna Svensson, farmer
- Martin Anderberg, farmer
- Märta Jansdotter, farmer
- Josefin Heed, All Sweden Shall Live
- Hanna Österberg, Swedish Agr. Societies
- Simon Wancke, student league, Swedish University of Agr. Sciences
- Linnea Andersson, County adm board



Adjoint:

- Maria Elinder, Association of Agricultural Schools
- Sofia Lindblad, Fed. of Swedish farmers
- Nils Lagerroth, Swedish NSU



Education in agriculture, horticulture and forestry

- **Activities accomplished:**
 - Workshop with representatives from farmers organizations, cooperatives and rural authorities regarding joint activities to promote education in agriculture, horticulture and forestry.
 - Participation at a fair where students (15 years old) select upper secondary school.
 - Short film made to promote participation in fairs
- **Activities planned:**
 - Project, supporting farmers org., cooperatives and rural authorities to cooperate with agr. schools, participating in more fairs during 2016 and 2017
 - An article arguing that local authorities and student advisers need to be more active and have more knowledge regarding possibilities for employment and entrepreneurship in agriculture, horticulture and forestry



Improving the image of young farmers

- **Podcasts** with seven young farmers with different production, describing their situation in life and how they have bought/taken over a farm or plan to buy/**take over** a farm (one podcast is it about a young fisherman)
- Each podcast is about 30 min long.
- Every podcast is broadcasted together with one week **at Instagram** from the farm. (eller **“Every podcast is published in a week when you also can follow the farm at Instagram”**)
- **A live** podcast will be sent from Swedish rural parliament
- The group plans a project **to make** more podcasts and live podcasts from agricultural fairs.

