Dairy Farming in Denmark - and how to ensure the best conditions for dairy farmers

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Who is Danish Agriculture & Food Council?



About DAFC

The DAFC was established in June 2009 as a merger of:

- The Danish Agricultural Council
- The Danish Bacon & Meat Council
- Danish Pig Production
- Danish Agriculture (including the Agricultural Media Service)
 & the Danish Agricultural Advisory Service)
- The Danish Dairy Federation (partially)



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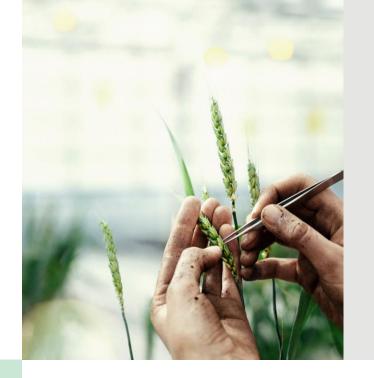


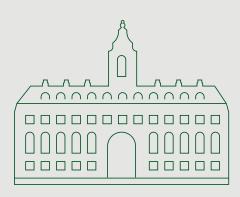
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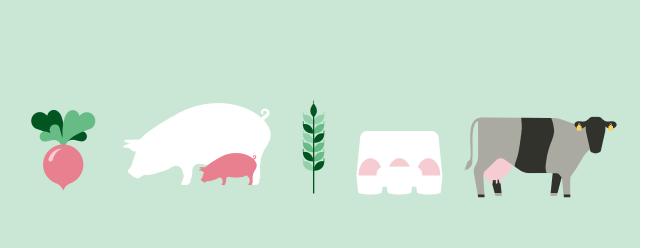


What we do in the

Danish Agriculture & Food Council (DAFC)









Sample of DAFC members





















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Cooperation in the cattle sector

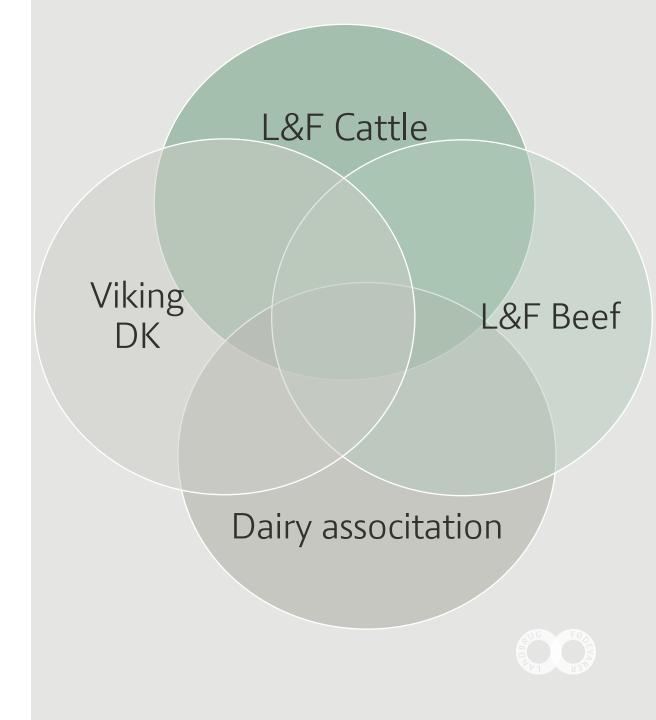








Four pillars working together across the cattle value chain



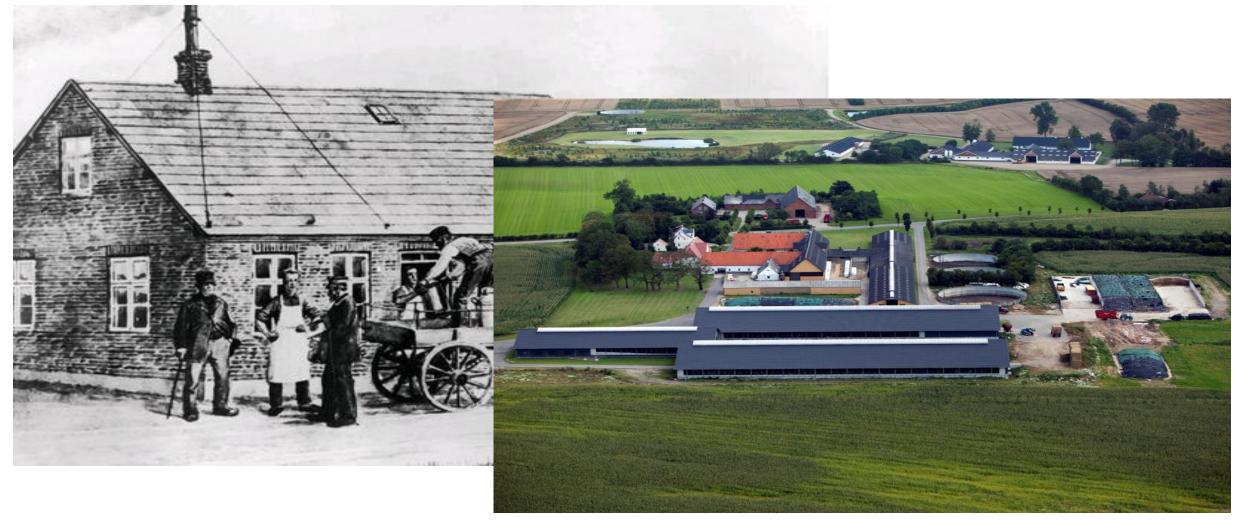




Who are the Danish dairy farmers?



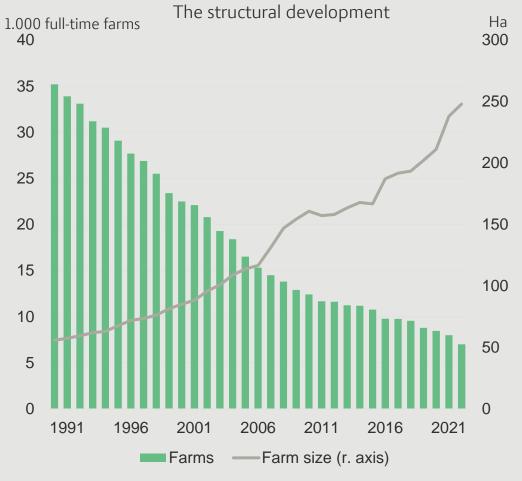
Hjedding Co-operative Dairy





There will be fewer, but larger, full-time farms in Denmark

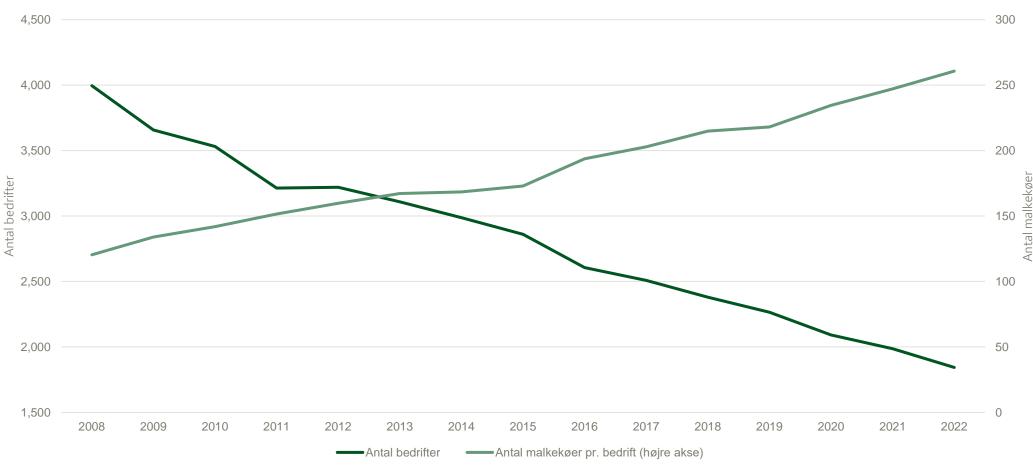
The structural development has since the 1990s resulted in a yearly average decrease of **4.9 per cent**. in the number of full-time farms.



Source: DAFC based on Statistics Denmark



Fewer -but larger - dairy farms







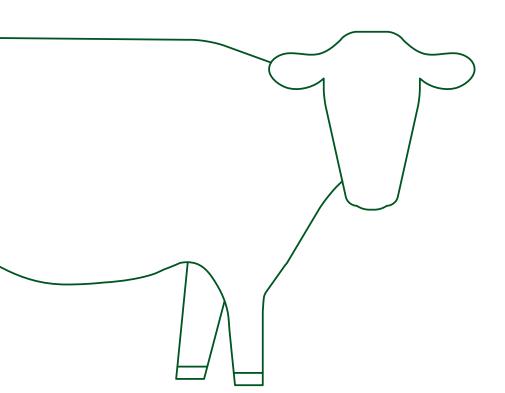
Farms and cooperatives - structural development

	1939	1964	1992	2009	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of farms	210.000	175.000	75.000	47.384	34.114	33.607	33.148	31.395	30.528
Dairy cooperatives	1.399	904	23	11	8	8	7	7	7
Pig slaughterhouses run by cooperatives	61	62	5	2	1	1	1	1	1



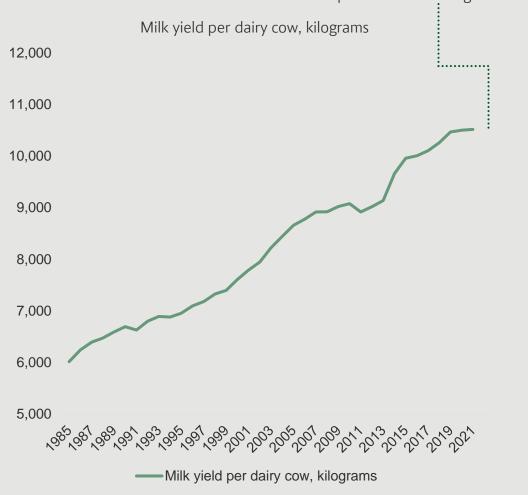
Milk yield

Since 1995, the milk yield has increased by 51 percent.



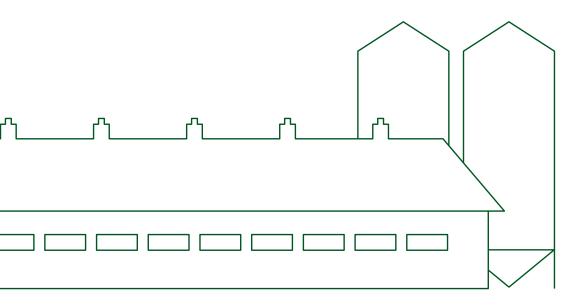
10.543 kg

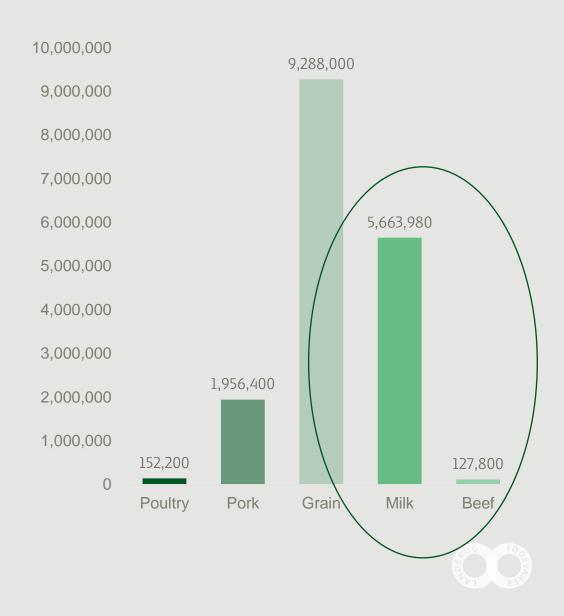
milk per year. That's how much a Danish dairy cow produced on average in 2022.



Source: DAFC

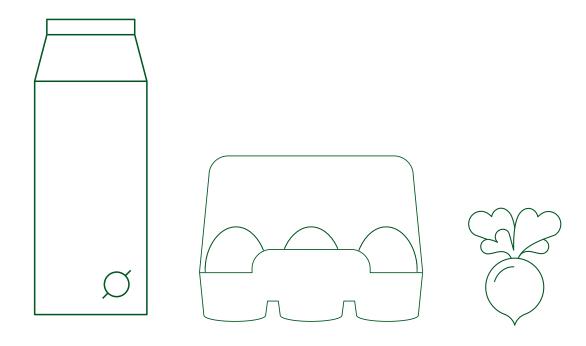
Agricultural production 2022



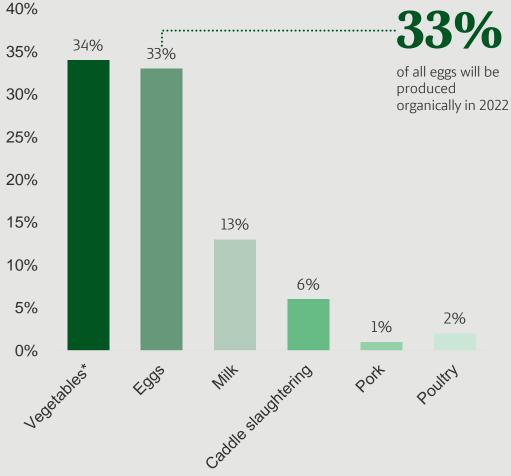




Especially eggs, vegetables, and milk are produced ecologically in Denmark

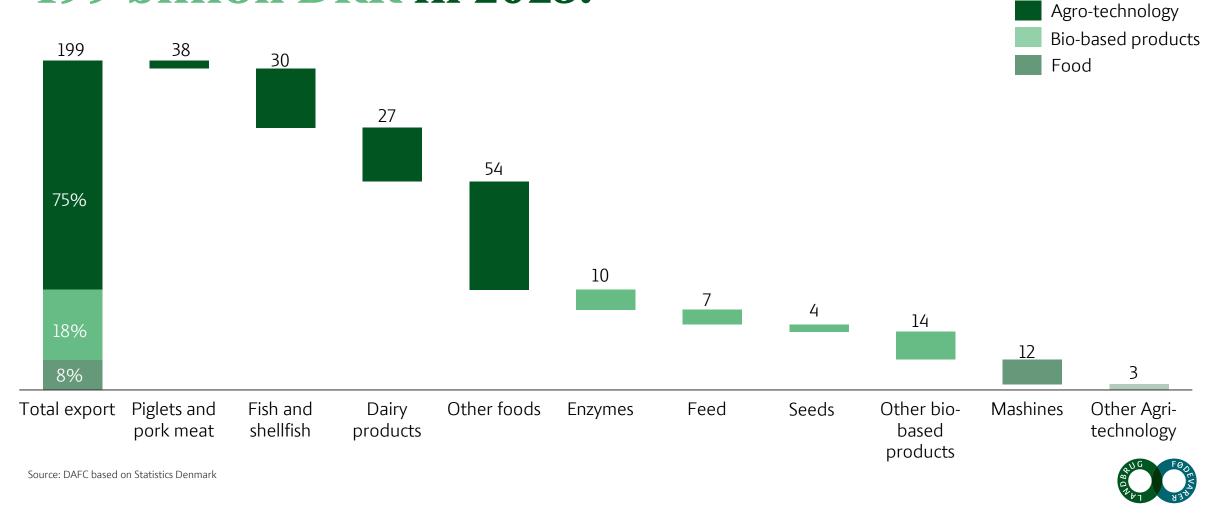


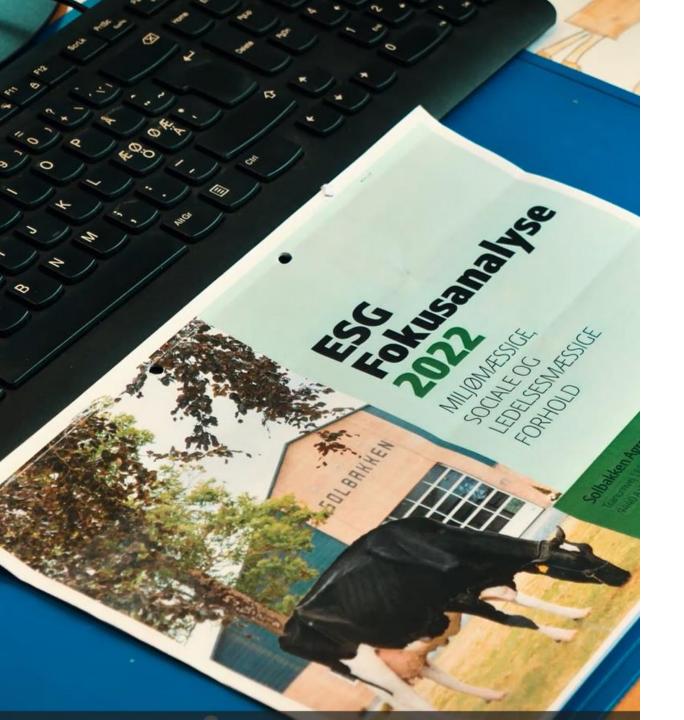
The organic share of the total production in percentage. In 2022.



NB.: *Vegetables are based on the area, the rest of the figures are based on production values. Source: DAFC based on Statistics Denmark.

The Danish food cluster exported for 199 billion DKK in 2023.

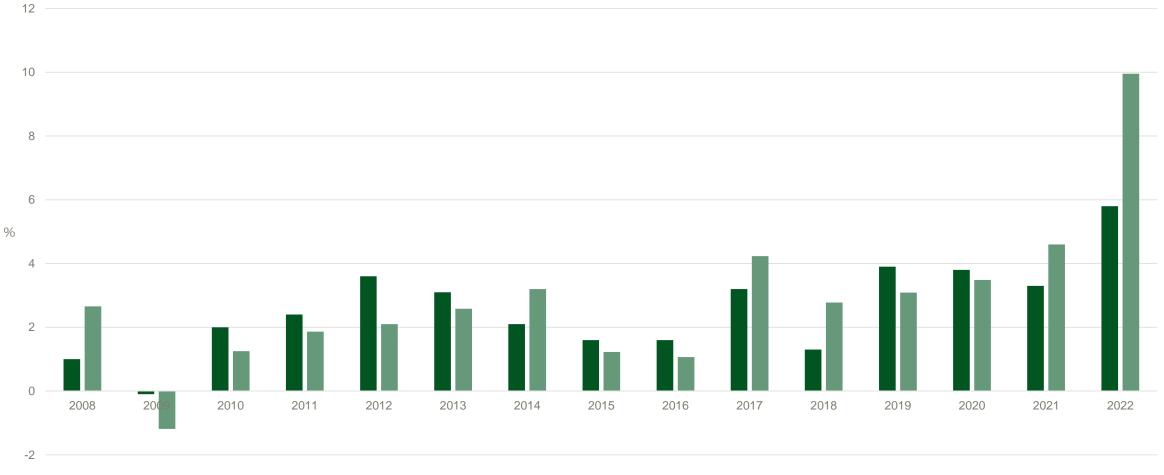




Professional bussines oriented farm owners

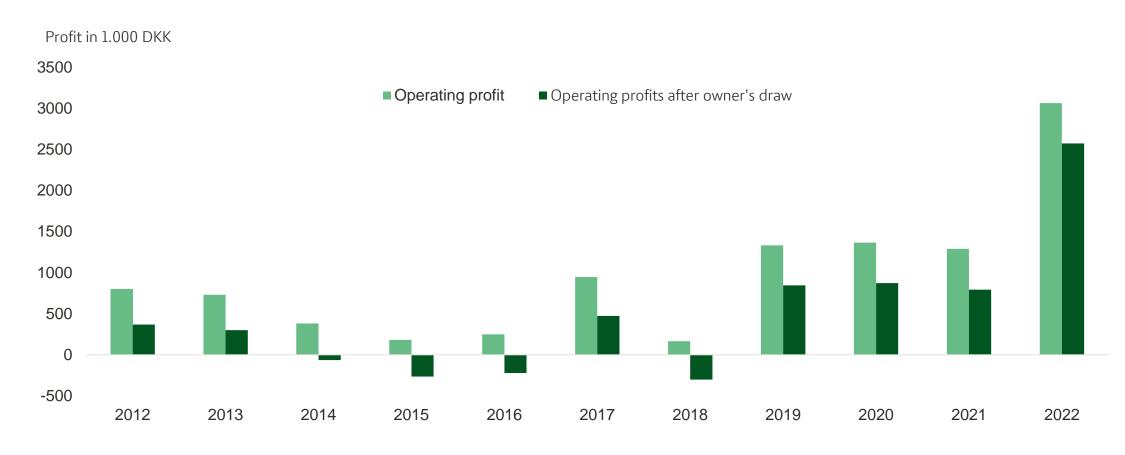


Return on investment for all farms and for fulltime dairy farms





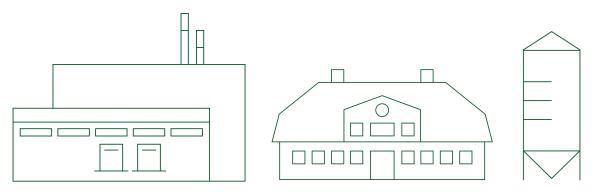
Average operating profit for full-time farms was 3 million DKK in 2022

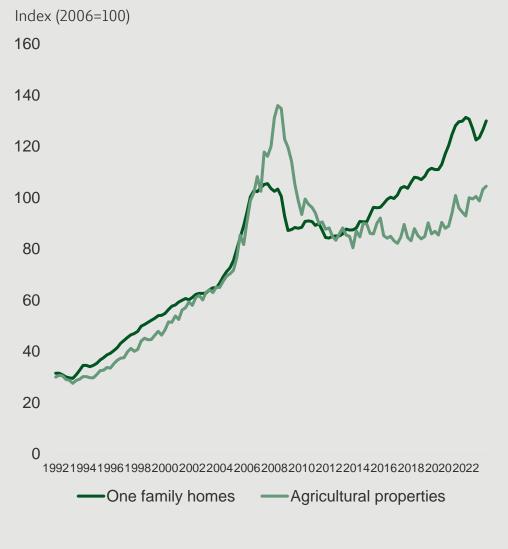






Farm prices are on an upwards trend

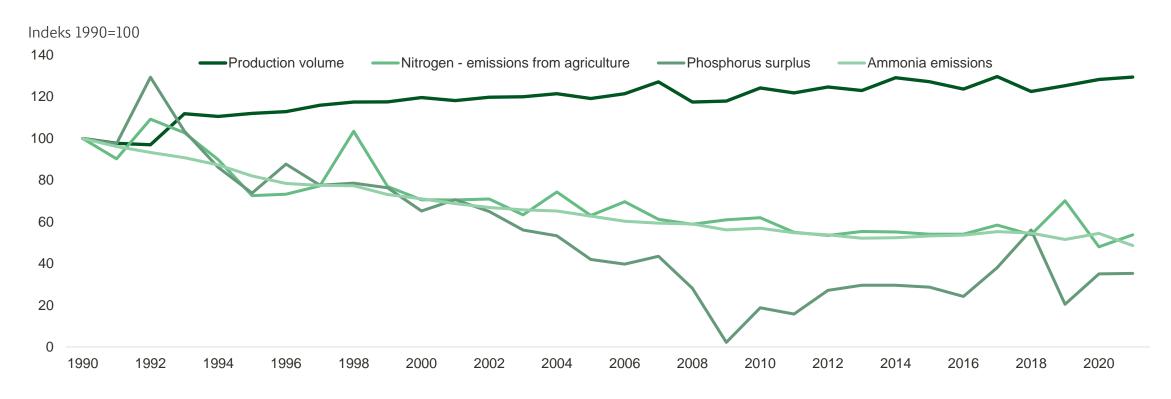




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Agriculture has increased production and reduced environmental impact since 1990.



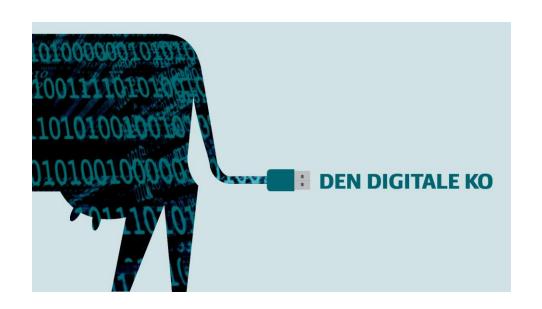


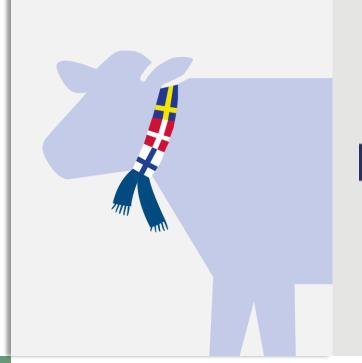




What do we do to improve conditions for Danish dairy farmers?













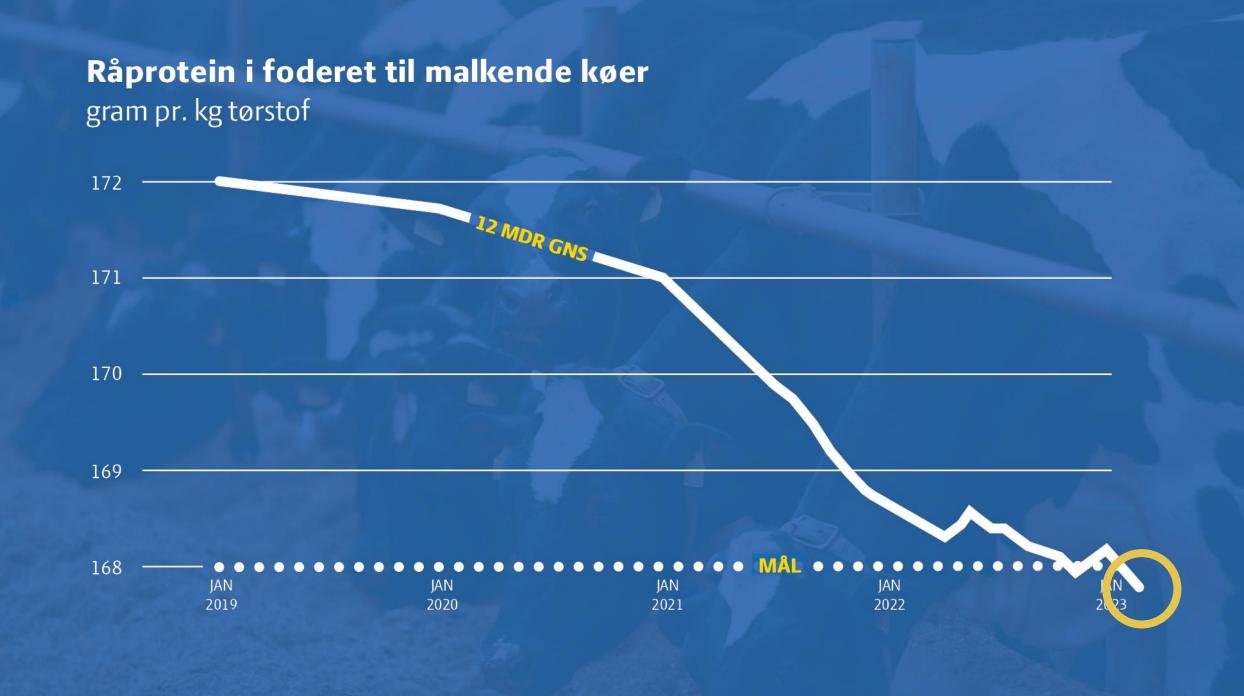
Increase in breed evaluation – Nordic Total Merit

NTM Holstein **RDC** Jersey -20 -30 -35 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Voluntary stop for culling of healthy calves

 By initiating and promoting beef x dairy we made it possible and feasible to stop culling healthy calves





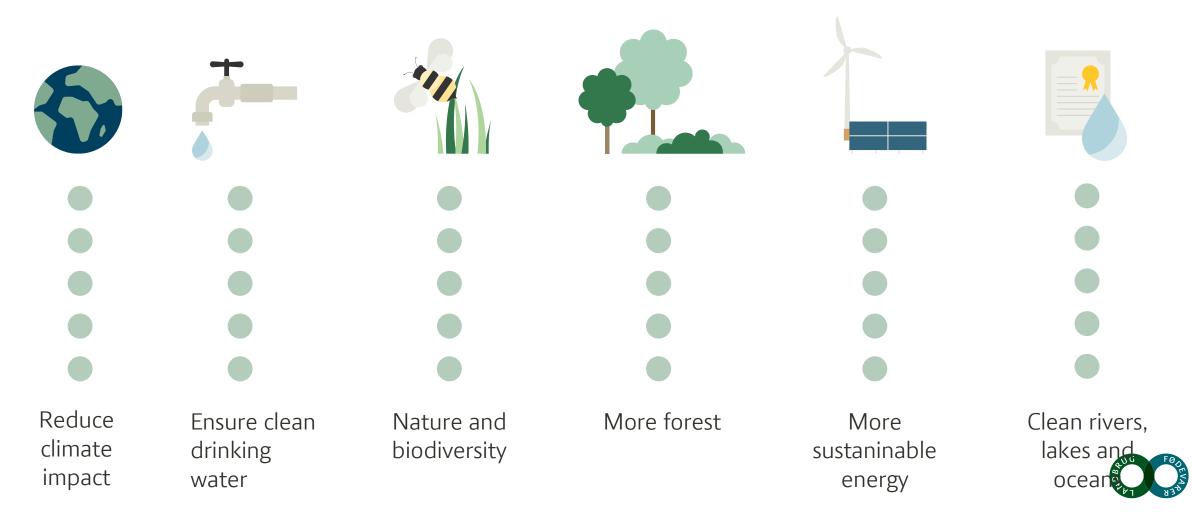
Grøn skattereform

Et stærkere og grønnere Danmark i 2030



Regeringen

The area we use for farming needs to deliver many other services



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