OK-Net-EcoFeed: Feeding organic pigs and poultry with 100% organic and regional feed.
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1. Description of the workshop and practical information

1.1 Purpose of the workshop:
To inform and discuss about the results obtained over the course of the OK-Net-EcoFeed project. In particular:
- Practical tests in the Innovation Groups
- Practice abstracts and tools
- Ration planning tool
- Organic Farm Knowledge Platform
- Farm visits to find out how Danish organic pig and poultry farmers are doing in reaching the goal of 100% organic and regionally produced feed

The meeting will include presentations, discussions, workshops and farm visits to share knowledge and foster discussion.

1.2 Outcome of the workshop:
When attending this meeting you will be updated, on how to achieve the goal of feeding monogastrics 100% organic and regionally produced feed, and you will get in touch with a European network of farmers, advisors, feedstuff industry and researchers.

1.3 Project meeting:
The workshop will be followed by the annual project meeting of the consortium members to discuss progress and plan the last months of the project.

1.4 Who can participate:
Project partners and Innovation Group members (2/country) involved in the OK-Net-EcoFeed project.

1.5 Costs
- Accommodation at Propellen Hotel: DKK 940 per night for a single room including breakfast.
- Dinner at Propellen Hotel: DKK 280 per dinner on 26 and 27 May.
- Fee for the workshop: DKK 190. Price includes lunch on 26 and 27 May and farm visit on 27 May.
- Fee for the workshop + project meeting: DKK 380. Price includes lunch on 26, 27 and 28 May and farm visit on 27 May.

2 Description of excursions: Pigs, Egg production and Poultry meat production:

2.1 Pigs:
Stenager økogris, Hovborgvej 69, Klelund 6682 Hovborg https://www.facebook.com/Okogriss/
Nicolaj and Lisbeth Pedersen run the farm with altogether 800 free-range organic sows. In addition, nine employees and two students are working at the farm taking care of pigs and fields.
The sows get more than 15,000 piglets a year, which we sell to four different pig producers. We also operate 350 acres of organic production of peas, grasses and grains. 40 % of the feed for the pigs, we produce ourselves.
We have been working on organic pig production since 2001. Since then we have continuously improved and further developed our organic production system.
We have planted poplar trees in the fields, which provides increased welfare for the animals while binding and absorbing CO2 and nitrogen from the pig manure. Three good things in one! We have also
succeeded in reducing our feed consumption by 20%. Thus, making our production more climate efficient.
From the summer of 2019, the manure from our stables goes to a biogas plant. Here it will be converted into energy as well as a more environmentally friendly fertilizer product, as a greater part of the nitrogen content will be available to the fields. Therefore, we have many exciting projects going on.
During the visit, we will see pregnant sows, farrowing sows, weaned piglets and some slaughter pigs in tents. We will see the feedstuffs used and how the animals are feed. Finally, we will discuss how to fulfil the demand of 100% organic and regional feed.
Please be aware: In respect of the risk of swine fever, we must comply with the quarantine of 48 hours!!!

2.2 Egg production:
Description of the organic layer farm (https://www.maanssons.dk/en/eggs/)
As organic egg producers, we are strongly focused on animal welfare and to provide our hens the best possible conditions from chicken to adult hen. We have white hens from Hendix and Lohmann, two different breeding companies. Both breeds are well suited for organic farming because they are robust and can finely cope with the many weather changes that characterize the Danish climate. They are also very stable in laying eggs and work well in our aviary inventory. Our hens have a nice quiet behaviour and are curious by nature.

Since the hens are originally forest birds, we have planted our large henyards with poplar. There, the hens feel safe and have shelter from birds and prey. It is a pleasure to see how the hens go out and enjoy themselves in small groups inside the growing of poplar.

Roughage provide healthy and happy hens: Besides the ample space both indoors and outdoors, the hens get lots of home-grown organic roughage every day. The roughage consists mainly of pea, lupine and corn. Roughage helps to activate the hens and give them a good and healthy digestion. Experiments with organic farming: We often participate in different experiments and studies in relation to organic farming.

Additional information: In addition to organic eggs, we also have a large production of vegetables, which we sell in our own farm shop. Together with Nature Energy, we have established an organic biogas plant where, from manure, we get gas for the nationwide gas network. The Nature Energy Månsson plant will produce green gas and secure valuable fertilizers for organic fields.
2.3 Poultry meat production

Description of the organic poultry farm at Gothenborg (https://gothenborg.dk/)
The organic farm Gothenborg breeds organic chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, which are sold in our webshop, farm shop and at dealers around the country.

Long life, outdoor production and excellent taste
At Gothenborg we focus on animal welfare and taste. Gothenborg poultry lives longer than conventional ones, and this means that we get larger and healthy birds with more taste. When grass and clover are growing in the spring and summer, our poultry goes on the field and in the forest around Gothenborg, where they can move freely and express their natural behaviour and forage on the outdoor areas with grass and herbs. The animals follow their natural rhythm as they do not live indoors chickens. They rise with the sun, while in the evening they go inside to rest in mobile houses, when it suits them.

Since we have chosen for our poultry to live outdoors and to go to shelter, we cannot produce meat all year. The field and the forest are empty of animals from late autumn until spring, where we again get

Different breeds
Gothenborg’s organic, black Forest chicken is of the Norfolk Black breed. In Denmark we are the only producers of Forest Chickens. The forest chicken is very special. It enjoys having its daily walk foraging for its food in the forest floor. The forest chickens can grow for a period of 90 days in the green areas. The longer life and active behaviour in the forest help to give the meat more texture and great taste. Ducks, geese and turkeys of different breeds have the same good conditions as the forest chickens and life in a natural environment.