



Organic milk production in Nordic countries -seminar: Seventh network-meeting in Finland, 13th - 14th of September 2022

Are you working with advice or extension within organic milk production in Nordic countries? In this 7th annual meeting we will deepen the knowledge exchange between experts from different countries. The seminar language is English.

Boosting own feed production

Keeping the production high while lowering the feeding costs

Program (NOTE! Finnish time-zone):

Tuesday September 13th Farm visits

- 08:00 Departure from the Hotel
 - 09:30 Farm 1: pea-grain mixtures, quality silage
 - 11:30 Farm 2: own rape seed press, crimped/crushed pea-grain mixtures
 - 13:00 Lunch Kiuruvesi
 - 14:30 Farm 3: fully automatic TMR with feed-kitchen
 - 16:00 Heading back to the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday September 14th Presentations

- 8:45 Welcome and short introduction to today's program (short presentation from each country about where we are with organic milk production + near future)
- 9:15 Possibilities of low concentrate feeding, economy and GHG mitigation – Auvo Sairanen, Senior Scientist, LUKE
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Experiences of no-soya-concentrate feeding from Sweden – Niels Andresen + discussion
- 11:00 Towards better quality and lower-cost silage in small-groups – Maarit Partanen & farmer, ProAgria East-Finland
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 Economy and feeding strategies – Essi Tarsia, ProAgria South-Ostrobothnia
- 13:00 How to prepare Organic dairy farm for changes in the production facilities – Leena Eskelinen, ProAgria East-Finland
- 13:30 Break
- 13:45 Discussion /group work on the days' theme
- 15:00 Seminar ends

Location:

The seminar will be held at Hotel Rauhalhti, Kuopio <https://www.rauhalhti.fi/en/>

NOTE! It is also possible to attend the seminar on Wednesday on-line via Teams.

Getting there:

Finnair/ Norra flies from Helsinki to Kuopio regularly. From Kuopio airport it is about 24 kms to the hotel. Taxis are available at the airport.

You can also take a train from Helsinki to Kuopio. The trip takes about four hours. Train timetables and ticket prices can be found from <https://www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/frontpage> (also Swedish pages available).

Bus-services are available from Helsinki to Kuopio.

If travelling with your own car, check the driving instructions:

<https://www.rauhalhti.fi/en/information/connections-and-maps/arrival-in-rauhalhti> .

Price:

The price for the seminar itself is 50€/person/day.

Hotel Rauhalhti offers an accommodation-package including a room from Monday to Wednesday with breakfast, dinner on Tuesday and lunch on Wednesday for total price of 204€ for a single room OR 144 €/person in a double room. Please, book your stay directly from the Hotel: phone (+358)3060830 or e-mail myynti@rauhalhti.fi NOTE! Use code "Milk Seminar" to get the discount-package.

The lunch on Tuesday and travelling to and from Kuopio will also be at your own cost.

Sign-up:

Sign-up before August 13th 2022 from this link:

<https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/72CE402737C8A907>

WELCOME!

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