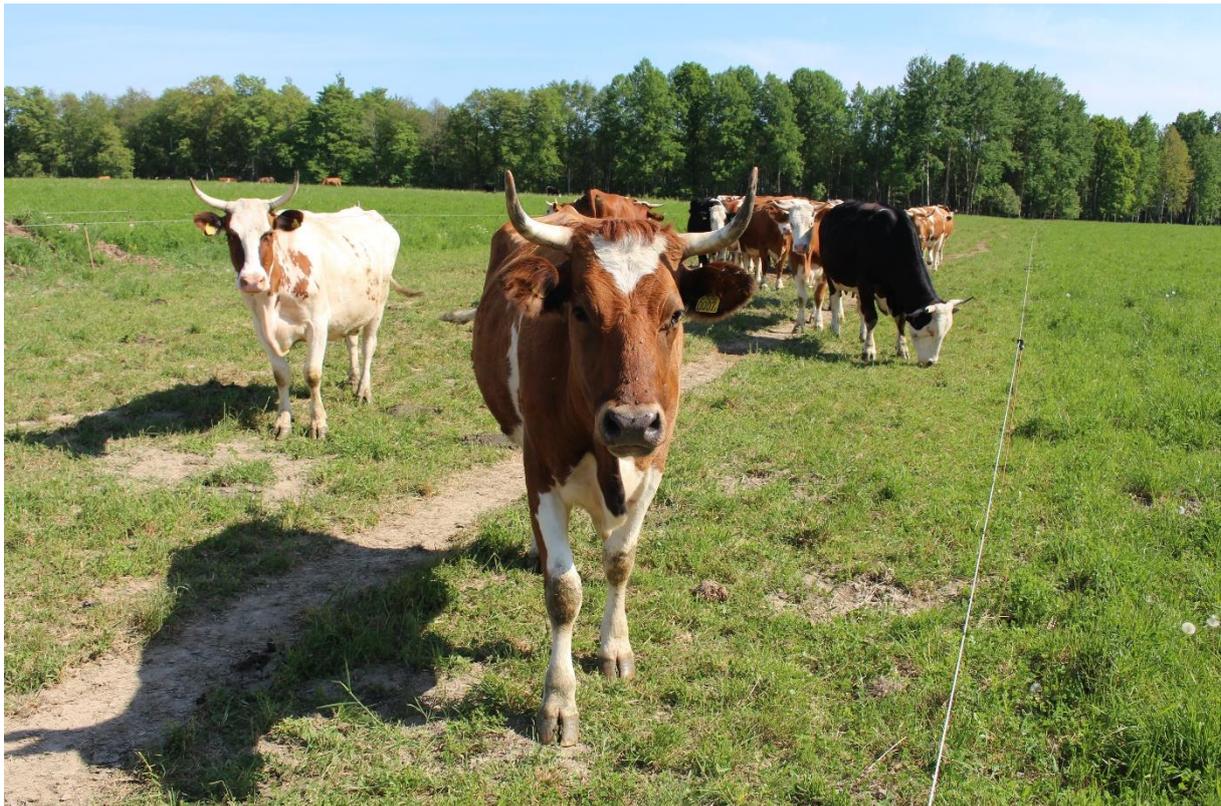


Report from Sweden to the Biodynamic Federation – Demeter International

Among producers the interest in Demeter certification in Sweden is increasing slowly. Two new market gardens have joined the Demeter certification recently.

In the very south of Sweden are some vineyards. Two of them investigate Demeter certification.

The dairy in Järna, processing milk from several Demeter farms had to close down this year, due to financial problems. But now several smaller dairies located on farms have started.



Ullberga farm

The translation of the new Demeter standards have occupied very much time and effort. So far only the production standards are translated to Swedish. Other Demeter standards are for the present available in English.

The Swedish Biodynamic Association and the Swedish Demeter Association have only part time staff and can easily share their office together. The cooperation between staff and organisations is very good.

At Skillebyholm in Järna, are three different gardening educations:

- two years education in: gardener, ecology and entrepreneurship
- one-year education in gardening
- 4-years part time education in biodynamic gardening.

All educations have full classes.



Herb garden at Skillebyholm

The Swedish section for agriculture and nutrition has taken the initiative, to invite representatives from several biodynamic initiatives like a wholesaler, Biodynamic Association, Demeter Association, research work, advisory, farmers and gardeners to meet five times a year.

There is the possibility to get to know each other's situations and initiatives and discuss together necessary steps for the further development of the biodynamic impulse in Sweden. This is also a suitable forum to discuss questions from BFDI. So far only the Swedish Demeter Association is member of BFDI, but at least the Biodynamic Association will also apply.



Summer camp at Skillebyholm

During three weeks several families from China participated in a summer camp at Skillebyholm. People from different parts of China had the possibility to get to know something about biodynamic agriculture and nature.

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