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The Norwegian agricultural Policy – Rural Development

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Overview

- Some facts about Norwegian agriculture
- Norwegian Agricultural policies in general
- Special view on rural development programmes



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The conditions for production

- Much lower yields than other countries in Europe
- Long winter season, animals kept indoors 150 – 250 days
- Small scale structure, average 23 ha of land
- General high cost country



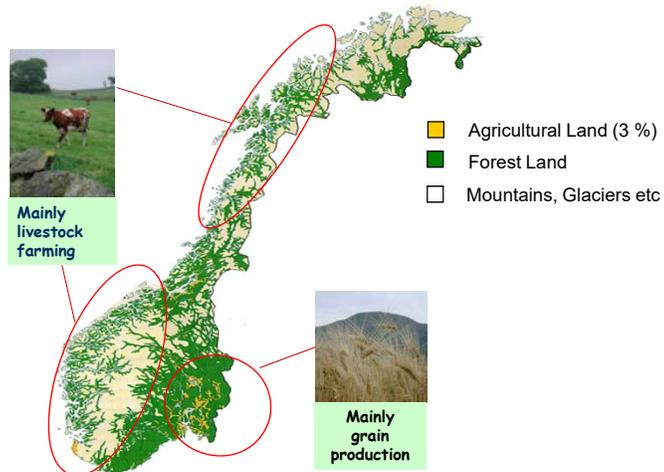
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Norwegian Agricultural Land

3% of total landarea,
Mostly grass



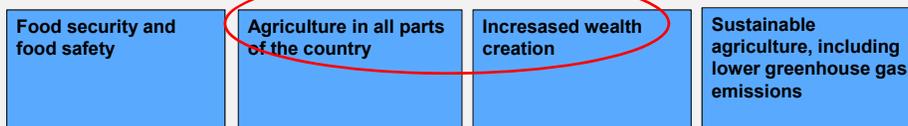
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Facts on agriculture in Norway

	2003	2005	2016	Change 2003/2005 - 2013
Number of farms		53 000	41200	- 22%
Agricultural land (million ha)		1.03	0.98	- 5%
Ha pr farm		19.5	23,8	+ 21%
Milk production in million litre		1 526	1 510	- 1%
Milk producers		15 800	8400	- 47%
Turnover in the agricultural food processing industry (bill. NOK)	99		150	52 %
Number of employees in the food processing industry	42 000		37 500	- 11 %



Goals for the Norwegian Agricultural policy



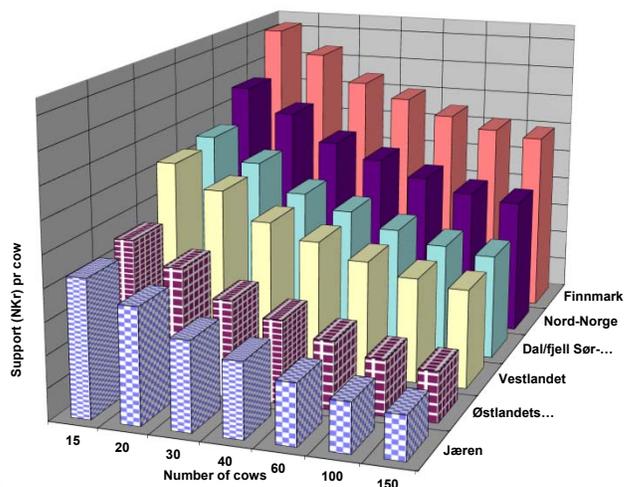
General policy instruments

- Border protection, market regulation systems, target price system
- Economic instruments
 - budgetary support, levies and taxes
- Laws and regulations
- Research, advice and communication



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Example: Differentiated support measures for dairy cows - to facilitate agriculture all over the country



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Challenges – in a rural development perspective

- Effectiveness vs agricultural activity in all parts of the country
- Recruitment
- Competent practitioners
- Employment
- Innovation and knowledge



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White Paper - Policies of developing alternative businesses at farms (2015)

- Main discussion: How to trigger the potential to increase entrepreneurship and business developments related to the resources on the farm as a whole
- Goal: employment and increased economical profit through entrepreneurship
- Possibilities just as big for small farms as for larger farms.
- Emphasizes areas like local food, agro-tourism, green care and bioenergy


 DET KONGELEGE
 LANDBRUKS- OG MATDEPARTEMENT

Meld. St. 31

(2014–2015)

Melding til Stortinget

Garden som ressurs – marknaden som mål

Vekst og gründerskap innan
landbruksbaserte næringer



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Business development, recruitment and capacity building

Business development

- Several national programmes are designed to stimulate innovation and establishment of alternative businesses on farms and alternative employment in rural areas
 - *Investment support,*
 - *Program for new businesses based on the resources from agriculture (and reindeer husbandry)* (ex. local food, agro-tourism, green care) Emphasise business development and growth and employment
 - *Program for bioenergy and technology development*

Recruitment and capacity building

- "The adult agronomist" – all counties
- Norwegian agricultural advisory services – all regions



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Regional rural development programs

- Regionally tailored schemes in each county
- Based on an analysis of challenges in each region
- Developed in cooperation with farmer's organisations at regional level, Innovation Norway and other regional central actors.
- Consist of three strategies
 - Regional Business Development Program
 - Regional Environmental Program (cultural landscape, pollution to water and air)
 - Forest and Climate Program



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Destination Røros: cooperation, buisness development, branding -> rural development



Culture



Food



Nature, experiences



Agriculture



Accommodation



Food processing industry



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