

## Lantmännen's grain facility in Hargshamn is officially opened

**Lantmännen opened its new grain reception facility in Hargshamn Thursday May 16th and in connection with the official opening, received the first symbolic delivery of grain from a farm in nearby Gimo.**

Today, May 16th, Lantmännen's new grain facility in Hargshamn, Uppland, was officially opened. Uppland and Mälardalen are major grain producing areas and an important region for both Swedish agriculture and Lantmännen. The facility in Hargshamn has both drying and storage capacity and will form a significant part of Lantmännen's reception structure in Mälardalen.

"This is a strategic long-term investment that will be able to significantly improve the further processing of grain cultivation in the northern area of Mälardalen. At Hargshamn, we have the opportunity to manage large volumes of grain efficiently, which will create a good platform for profitable grain cultivation and a stronger grain business over time," says Per Olof Nyman, Lantmännen CEO and Group President.

On average, Sweden exports 1,65 million tons of milling wheat, malting and feed barley, milling oats and rye per year. A high proportion of Swedish grain sold internationally is grown in the Mälardalen area.

"The port in Hargshamn will have the ability to load handysize vessels and will thus become one of Lantmännen's most important export ports," says Nyman.

The new reception facility will have a positive effect on farming in Uppland and is of significant importance for both Hargshamn and the Municipality of Östhammar as a whole. The project has been enabled thanks to a targeted approach and good cooperation in the region between the stakeholders

"Building a new facility of this size requires good cooperation and coordination between many different stakeholders. The involvement and commitment of both local politicians and elected representatives in Lantmännen's Uppland district and representatives of the port have made it possible for us to reach our goal," says Per Lindahl, Chair of the Lantmännen board.

The grain facility in Hargshamn is one of three new facilities which are replacing Lantmännen's facility in Kungsängen in central Uppsala. The facility in Hargshamn is now open and the other two, located in Örsundsbro and Uppsala, will open in time for the 2019 and 2020 harvests, respectively.

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