

Lantmännen's SEK 1.2 billion investment in Lidköping reaches halfway point – strengthening Sweden's food security

Lantmännen's construction of a new pea protein facility in Lidköping has now reached the halfway point. The investment amounts to 1.2 billion SEK and the project is progressing according to plan, with production scheduled to start in the first half of 2027. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in September 2024. Preparatory work began five years ago, followed by a feasibility study and then around two years of planning before the construction phase started.

On Wednesday, Lantmännen held an information meeting at the construction site, attended among others by the head of business development from Lidköping Municipality. The buildings are largely completed externally, and work is now continuing inside with installation and assembly of the process equipment. The facility is designed to receive around 40,000 tonnes of peas and faba beans per year and to process the raw material into roughly 7,000 tonnes of protein isolate for the food industry.

Lars-Gunnar Edh, Head of the Agriculture Division at Lantmännen, describes the investment:

“The pea protein plant will have the capacity to receive around 40,000 tonnes of peas and faba beans per year, and achieving that level of raw material supply requires a substantial increase in production.”

“This will not happen overnight, but we are already seeing a gradual increase and clear interest going forward.”

For farmers, the investment could mean that more of them choose to grow peas and faba beans as a complement to other crops. Sustainability is a core theme – legumes fix nitrogen in the soil, which reduces the need for mineral fertiliser. The project also includes treatment and reuse of process water, along with utilisation of side streams, and the facility has received support from Naturvårdsverkets Klimatklivet.

The investment is also part of strengthening Sweden's food security – an issue that Lantmännen has championed for many years, with a focus on increased food production and more processing in Sweden.

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Kungsörnen, Scan, GoGreen, FINN CRISP, Schulstad and Vaasan. The company is founded on the knowledge and values acquired through generations of farmers. By engaging in research, development and operations throughout the value chain, Lantmännen takes responsibility from field to fork. For more information: www.lantmannen.com