

EU Commissioner Jessika Roswall visits Lantmännen – bioeconomy, climate benefits and resilience

EU Commissioner Jessika Roswall met with Lantmännen for discussions on the bioeconomy, industrial transition and Europe's long-term supply resilience. At Lantmännen's facility in Norrköping, Northern Europe's largest biorefinery, the company demonstrated how grain and residual streams from the food industry can be used in resource-efficient production with clear climate benefits.

"This is an example of how Swedish industry can combine competitiveness with high resource efficiency and tangible climate benefits," says Per Arfvidsson, Deputy CEO of Lantmännen.

At the facility, ethanol with substantial carbon dioxide savings is produced, along with protein for food and feed, and feedstock for the chemicals and materials industries. The raw materials are utilized efficiently across multiple value streams.

During the discussions, it was noted that only around two percent of the EU's grain is used for fuel ethanol, and that ethanol produced within the EU delivers, on average, approximately 80 percent lower carbon dioxide emissions compared with fossil fuels. At the same time, EU road transport remains heavily dependent on fossil energy, with petrol and diesel together accounting for more than 90 percent of energy use.

"To meet climate targets while strengthening Europe's resilience, long-term, technology-neutral framework conditions are required," says Alarik Sandrup, Director of Public Affairs at Lantmännen.

Through its biorefinery operations, Lantmännen can contribute practical experience from applied bioeconomy solutions, where agricultural raw materials are used across multiple stages. In dialogue with policymakers, the company seeks to contribute to discussions on how food, energy and industry can develop in parallel, with a focus on lower emissions and stronger preparedness.

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Lantmännen is an agricultural cooperative and Northern Europe's leader in agriculture, machinery, bioenergy and food products. Owned by 17,000 Swedish farmers, Lantmännen has 12,000 employees, operations in over 20 countries and an annual turnover of SEK 70 billion. With grain at the heart of the operations, Lantmännen refine arable land resources to make farming thrive. Some of Lantmännen's best-known food brands are AXA, 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