

## **Lantmännen spoke at Folk och Försvars seminar on Sweden's food preparedness**

**Folk och Försvar arranged a seminar on 7 April with the theme "Is Sweden's food preparedness good?". Among the speakers was Lantmännen's Head of Strategy Patrik Myrelid.**

Patrik mentioned, among other things, the following during the seminar.

Sweden's food preparedness and production are in focus when we face major global challenges such as population growth, climate change and geopolitical instability. At present, Sweden is heavily dependent on imports, especially mineral fertilizers and fuel, which makes the food supply vulnerable in crisis and war situations.

Sweden also has a trade deficit in food of about SEK 80 billion per year, which is not only a lost economic opportunity but also a preparedness vulnerability. With the Food Strategy 2.0, the aim is to increase Swedish production of cereals, animal products, milk and green proteins, which is positive.

Lantmännen, which is owned by 17,000 Swedish farmers, has a turnover of approximately SEK 70 billion and has operations in about 20 countries, emphasizes the importance of creating resilience in the food system. Throughout the value chain – from seeds and machinery to food and bioenergy – the company works to improve production conditions.

To achieve increased preparedness, several measures are required:

- To enable increased harvests over time, continuous investments in climate adaptation measures such as improved water management and plant breeding are required
- Strategic storage of cereals and agricultural inputs
- Domestic, production of green mineral fertilizers
- Needs-oriented research and innovation
- The right policy instruments and financial incentives for increased production

The solution lies in a combination of increased profitability and production, strengthened preparedness and effective climate adaptation, according to Lantmännen.

### **More information**

#### **Folk och Försvar**

Folk och Försvar conducts training and provides a platform for public debate on defence and security policy and crisis preparedness in Sweden. The association was founded in 1940 with the goal of "building a bridge between society and the armed forces". Folk och Försvar has over 100 member organisations, including several voluntary defence organisations, political youth organisations, civil society organisations, trade unions and representatives of Swedish business, trade and employee associations. Read more on <http://folkochforsvar.se/> (In Swedish).

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**About Lantmännen**

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](http://www.lantmannen.com)