



Lantmännen on expert panel at Livsmedelsdagarna

Lantmännen took part in this year's edition of Livsmedelsdagarna in Tylösand, organized by the association Livsmedel i fokus, where companies, industry associations, and researchers gathered to discuss future priorities. The agenda included Sweden's national food strategy and its implications for exports, competitiveness, and preparedness. Patrik Myrelid, Head of Strategy at Lantmännen, served as an expert.

"We welcome the direction of the strategy, but to truly succeed we need clear, measurable targets. Sweden has all the conditions for a growing and sustainable agricultural sector and, by extension, a growing food sector, but we must also set the ambition to achieve a zero trade balance. Today, the food trade balance shows a deficit of about SEK 80 billion. We can close that gap through increased exports and more Swedish products on store shelves," says Patrik Myrelid.

According to Lantmännen, Sweden can increase production of grain, milk, meat, and legumes while meeting sustainability requirements, providing a strong base for high-quality Swedish food products. The company also underscores that the Swedish Board of Agriculture's mandate to define clear targets is critical for ensuring the strategy takes hold.

"Food exports are a key driver of growth, profitability, and jobs. They are also the most cost-effective way to build preparedness. By strengthening exports, we unlock momentum that benefits the entire value chain from farm to fork. This is an opportunity to position Sweden as a world-class food nation," Myrelid concludes.

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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