

Research projects for climate-adapted grains granted 2.5 million euros in EU funding

Lantmännen participates in two research projects for climate-adapted grains that has been granted 2.5 million euros in EU funding. The projects are especially focused on increasing the knowledge of Nordic oats.

“This is yet another way for us to strengthen our oat breeding. Lantmännen has for a long time conducted very successful plant breeding in oats and is at the forefront when it comes to the use of new technologies,” says Alf Ceplitis, Group Manager Plant Breeding, Lantmännen.

Two international projects that aim to adapt cereals to the northern European climate have together been awarded €2.5 million in grants.

The two projects – OatFrontiers, funded by the Interreg Northern periphery and arctic programme, and RobOat, funded by the Nordic Public-Private Partnership – will conduct research on oat genetics and breeding tools to support the development of oat varieties adapted to the Nordic region and other regions in northern Europe.

Lantmännen is involved in both projects.

“It is important to constantly drive development forward so that we can continue to deliver the best varieties to agriculture and industry. These two projects are very important pieces of the puzzle in that strategy, and we look forward to working together with our Nordic partners to increase knowledge about Nordic oats,” continues Alf Ceplitis.

In addition to Lantmännen, the following actors are participating: Natural Resources Institute Finland, Boreal Plant Breeding Ltd., Graminor, Landbúnaðarháskóli Íslands, Lund University and NMBU - Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

Additional partners are Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, Teagasc & University College Dublin and Agrológica, NordGen, Nordic Seed A/S, Oatly and SLU - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

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