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# TIME'S UP FOR FOOD WASTE!

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# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTIONS – PRIMARY PRODUCTION

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6 Ways to Avoid Food Waste

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## Focusing on the efficient use of resources

Food waste is a very important challenge that needs to be tackled from farm to fork because it has a significant social, environmental and climate impact.

Not all food waste can be avoided: there are inedible parts of food, for example skin, bones and coffee grounds, that must be separated and collected by a waste company for the production of bio-based sewage gas. Avoidable food waste, however, must be decreased. What does Lantmännen do? Lantmännen wants to contribute to reducing food waste by optimising the food value chain in its entirety and shifting from linear use of resources to circular use. An important part of our work to minimise waste is the use of resources in a coordinated and efficient manner throughout the food, feed and energy production process. Raw materials that cannot be used as food for quality reasons are used to produce feed or ethanol. In doing so, all parts of the raw material are used in the best way possible and almost nothing is wasted.

Lantmännen seeks to use waste from its own



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# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTIONS

## – OVERVIEW

Farmers do not generate significant amounts of food waste, but instead are concerned by **food losses**, often due to **factors outside of their control** (e.g. weather conditions, market disturbances, climate change, pests and diseases). Agricultural products not placed on the market for human consumption are used for:

- food processing
- animal feed
- redistribution
- bioenergy purposes
- soil improvement



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1. Carry out further research on **marketing standards**
2. Strengthen the **position of food producers** in the food supply chain
3. Better **align** supply with demand
4. Improve **resource efficiency** and reduce losses in agriculture by improving animal health and welfare and access to innovation
5. Strengthen **financial support** to farms to drive modernisation with a focus on tackling food losses and food waste
6. Include farmers and their cooperatives and farming service providers in **research and innovation activities** from the beginning of the process



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# STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF FOOD PRODUCERS IN THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- Transpose and effectively implement the **Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs) Directive** at national level in order to protect primary producers from unfair practices (e.g. short notice cancellations and unilateral contract changes).
- Support for establishment and functioning of **farmers' cooperatives and producer organisations**, where these are under-developed.



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# IMPROVE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE LOSSES IN AGRICULTURE BY IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE AND ACCESS TO INNOVATION

- Provide easier access to innovation and greater uptake of **plants varieties** and farming practices, which can boost **crops resilience and longer shelf-life**.
- Provide easier access to low-risk **plant protection products**.
- Support development of a sustainable animal production with a **good animal health and welfare**, to reduce losses and also the risk of antimicrobial resistance.
- Support availability and affordability of **new veterinary medicines (VMPs)**.



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# INCLUDE FARMERS AND THEIR COOPERATIVES AND FARMING SERVICE PROVIDERS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTIVITIES FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS

**Involvement of farmers** is expected to further improve uptake of innovative solutions and **technologies** within the sector. Foster discussions and exchanges of views between researchers, farmers and their cooperatives, in order for the latter to explain the challenges and difficulties that they are encountering. Information and **co-creation of solutions** to address farmers' challenges are key.

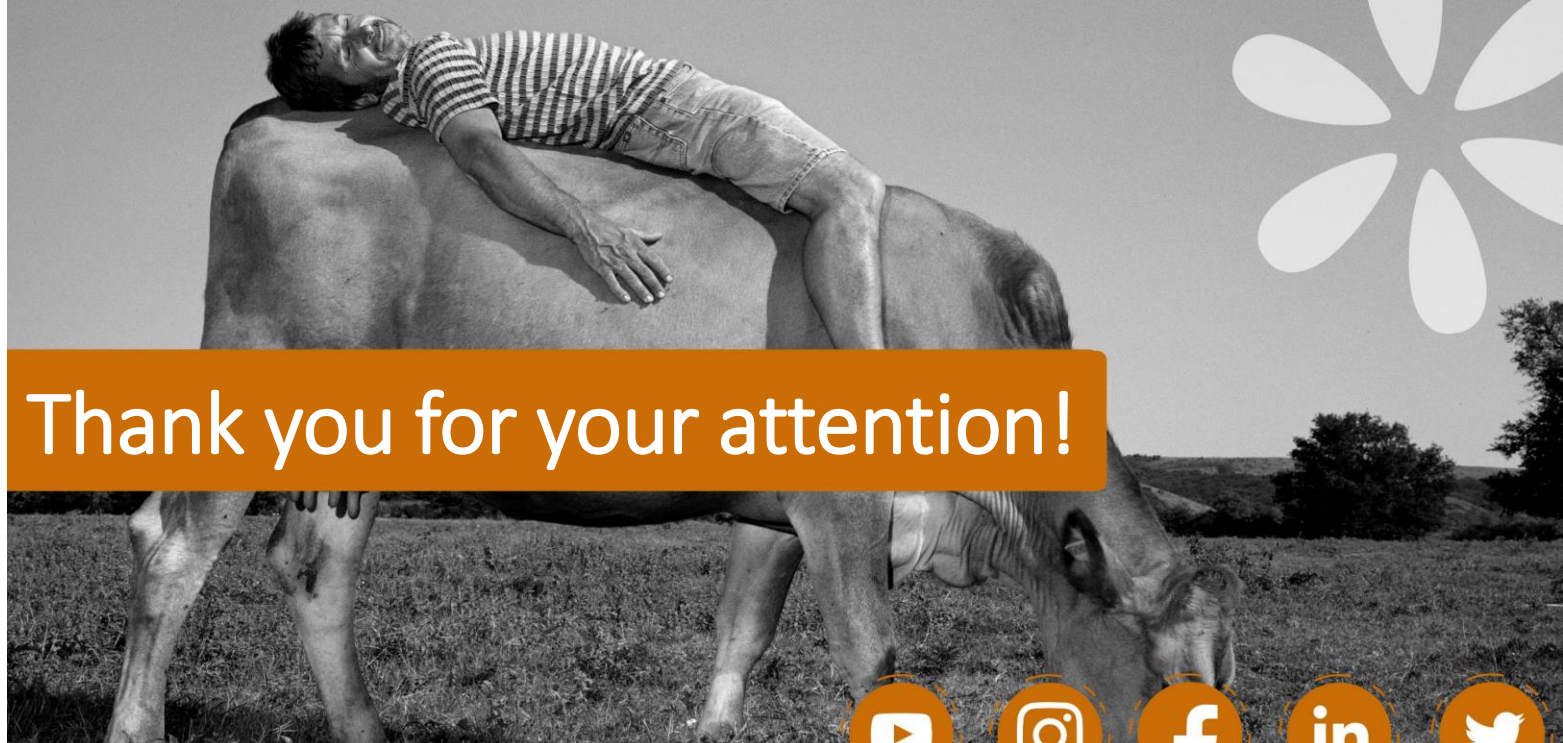


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Thank you for your attention!

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# PLATFORM'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

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