



The Swedish Rural Economy and Agricultural Societies

The Rural Economy and Agricultural Societies is an independent members' organisation dedicated to enhancing an enterprising spirit in rural areas and promoting a healthy environment in the country as well as in the cities.

The very first Swedish agricultural society was formed on the island of Gotland in 1791, and since 1850 there are agricultural societies in every county. We were the very first rural organizations in Sweden and have thus been involved in most issues relating to rural development. For instance, we initiated the first agricultural cooperatives in the country.

Members

The Agricultural Societies have approximately 65 000 members across the entire country. Our members are our most important resource, providing vital feedback and information.

Staff

650 employees who work to promote and enhance an enterprising spirit and better living conditions throughout the country.

Independence

The Swedish Rural Economy and Agricultural Societies is entirely independent of all commercial, religious and political agreements. Nationally we have about 40 facilities for research and demonstration. This number includes farms, fisheries, animal hospitals, chemical stations etc.

Membership

Our members want to participate and shape the conditions for urban and rural life, and believe it is important to keep rural life vibrant and alive.

For a couple of hundred Swedish crowns the members gain invaluable annual membership in the societies. The members decide for themselves just how involved they want to get. In addition to the local membership bulletin, they will be offered a whole range of activities, members' perks, study visits, theme days and meetings.