

"ProWeideland: Supporting grazing using the value-add chain by labelling

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Background

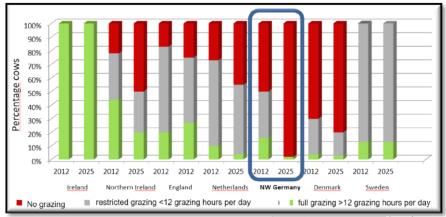


Societal expectations (Germany)

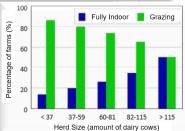


- Grazing determines positive image in dairy farming
- ➤ 80% of society expect cows to be in the pasture at least in summer
- 77% cannot imagine agriculture without grazing cows

vs. Reality in dairy farming



- Decreasing number of dairy farms
- Increasing numbers of dairy cows per herd
- Increasing milk production per cow
 - Along the structural change the tendency goes to full housing.



Starting point in 2014 and often today

There is a proven willingness from society to support grazing... & farmers need financial support to maintain competitive... <u>but:</u>

- Standardization bodies and hence common standards for meadow-based products are not available
- Despite "sustainability" and labelling is increasing in retail; <u>Value add concepts</u> <u>for farmers are still in their beginning</u>



> A multi-stakeholder approach was used in this project

Introduction



Year 2014: Project to support grazing through the introduction of a meadow label

- Funded by: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Lower Saxony and supported by the Federal Institute for Agriculture and Food (BLE)
- Project term: April 2014 December 2018 (2 project terms)

<u>Aim:</u> Maintaining grazing by using the value add-chain: Create a value-add for consumers, <u>declare it on products</u> demand a higher price for them

Goal: Support grazing farmers with a premium for their products



What has been realized until now



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Multi-Stakeholder Community

<u>Until now:</u> 27 organisations have been drawn together:

- Composed of science, practice & government (agriculture, industry, NGO, consumer protection, ministries of agriculture etc.
- Signed a <u>common</u> <u>"Charta" (covenant)</u>
 committing themselves to <u>common value</u>
 supporting grazing
- <u>Constitute basis</u> to establish and maintain criteria for meadow based production in a multi-stakeholder dialog

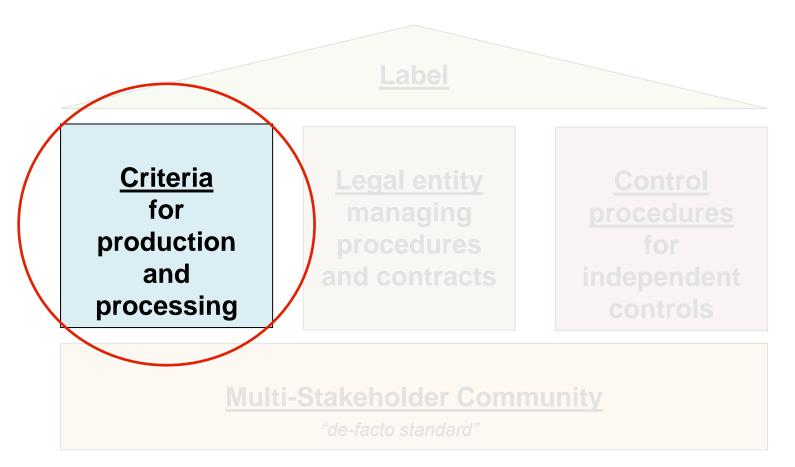




Multi-Stakeholder Community







Stakeholder community

- agreed on common criteria for production and processing of meadow milk
- meaningful for consumers &
- feasible for producers (farmers)
- moderated by centre for Grassland



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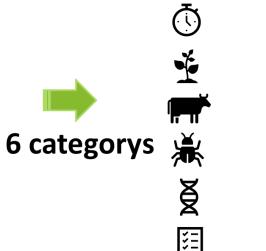
Area of available forage supply from pasture

Animal welfare & animal health

Protection of natural resources

GMO- free forage and feeding

Separate milk stream processing



Additionally: Determined in document:

Long term goal: **+5ct premium for producers** in commensurate with market acceptance





<u>Foundation of</u> a new (dedicated) <u>organisation</u> (<u>legal entity</u>) <u>"ProWeideland GmbH"</u>

- Managing organisation to work with industry
- To bring this initiative forward beyond project term
- > Centre for Grassland as single share holder

for production and processing

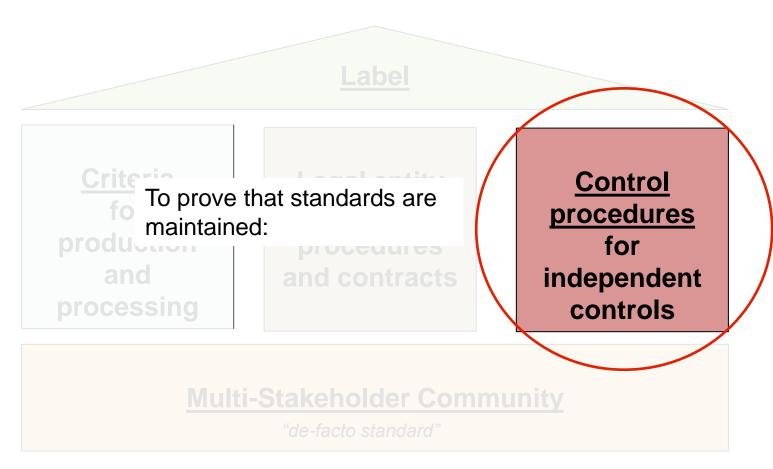
Legal entity managing procedures and contracts



Controls

<u> Multi-Stakeholder Community</u>

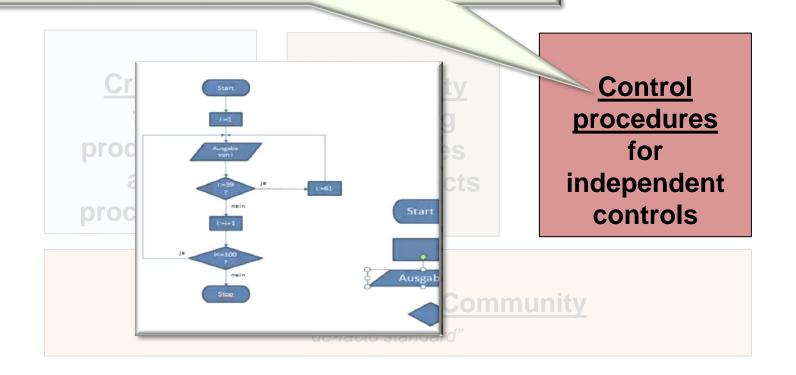




<u>Creation of procedures to control production compliance</u>

- > Independent controls by external organisations
- > Approval (accreditation) by ProWeideland
- > 100 % of farms are externally controlled in 3 years
- > One-stop address of all control results in ProWeideland







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Control procedures for independent controls

Multi-Stakeholder Community



- Introduced in April 2017
- Basic production criteria on products, full explanation of criteria on web-site



Label



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Marketing through biggest retailers in Germany

- > LIDL ("Milbona")
- > **REWE** ("Beste Wahl")



Currently 5 contracted processors (dairy companies):

- Ammerland, Gropper, Marburger (Germany)
- Friesland Campina (NL, for German market)

Example Ammerland: Current premium paid to producers:

- 500 Euro/a for grazing calendar
- 200 Euro allowance in the case of controls
- 1ct meadow-milk premium per kg

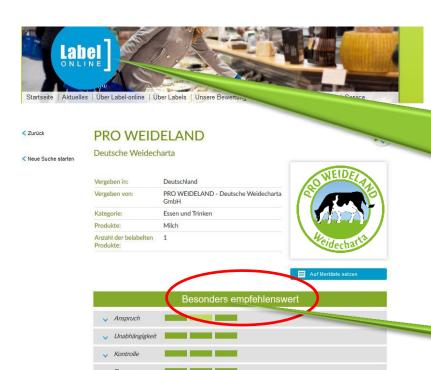
Products: Milk / Butter / Cheese



Meadow meat in preparation

Expected by 1st of November 2018

ProWeideland: "Highly recommendable"



Unsere Bewertung

Fs handelt sich um ein anspruchsvolles Label, das wesentlich zu ökologischen v

Umfassende und regelmäßige Kontrollen machen das Label glaubwürdig.

wichtigen Informationen zum Label kostenlos abrufen.

Die Kriterien für die Vergabe des Labels werden von unabhängigen Stellen mitentwickelt, der Vergabe

Verstößt ein Labelnehmer gegen die Vergabekriterien, so werden ihm Sanktionen auferlegt. Verbraucher können alle





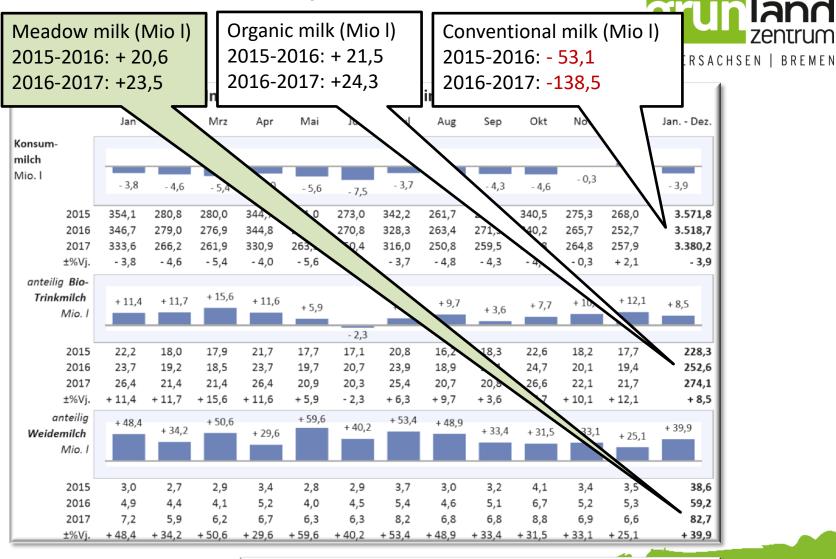
Label online: German organisation to evaluate labels on behalf of the

- Federal <u>Ministry of Environment</u> &
- Federal <u>Ministry of Food and</u> <u>Agriculture</u> (BMEL)

Result: Highly recommendable

contributes significantly to ecological improvements concerning the production of milk and dairy products...

Current state: Quantity of sales in retail











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Absatz von Konsummilch, Imitaten und Frischprodukten im LEH

	Jan	Feb	Mrz	Apr	Mai	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dez	Jan Aug.	
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2016 2017	345,0 341,2	275,8 272,6	273,4 266,2	339,9 335,0	275,7 268,2	268,1 254,2	327,3 321,7	262,5 255,5	271,9 263,0	339,8 330,1	266,3 270,7	258,3 264,3	2.367,7 2.314,7	
2018 ±%Vj.	326,0 - 4,5	273,1 + 0,2	277,8 + 4,3	317,8 - 5,1	262,9 - 2,0	259,5 + 2,1	313,5 - 2,5	251,8 - 1,4				Cor	ntinues i	ncrease of
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Conclusion





ProWeideland

- is <u>based on expert knowledge and participatory approaches</u> (science, practice and administration)
- is balanced between meaningfulness for consumers and producibility for relatively large quantities of farmers
- aims at supporting the competitiveness of grazing at farm level
- has been introduced in German market by biggest retailers



... Grazing - wherever it fits.



Thank you!

More info on: www.proweideland.eu

www.gruenlandzentrum.org

2. General background The point of view of the society on the topic



Example Sweden

A positive image can be profitable !!!

- Major food retailers (ICA, Coop & Willys) had started a swedish initiative to support their farmers during milk crisis between 2015 and 2016 → "Mjölkronan"
- Disbursements to the farmers: 10 million Euro
- > 7,5 million Euro from consumers, 2,5 million Euro from food retailers
- In just 6 months



