Are you involved with extension in organic production or interested in the development of organic milk production in the Nordic countries? Now, you have the opportunity to learn from and exchange knowledge with colleagues from the other Nordic countries!

What can we learn from each other?
The market for organic products is growing rapidly in all Nordic countries. The dairies are looking for new farmers to convert to organic production. What are the similarities and differences between the countries? What can we learn from each other within organic milk production in terms of grasslands management, feeding, economy, grazing, production strategy etc.

The course is held in Uppsala the 27th of April
The course is in Uppsala the 27th of April at Park Inn Hotel, Storgatan 30. The day will start at 09:30 with coffee and finish around 17:00. The course will be held in English. The day is free of charge but you pay for the food yourself. The program was planned in a cooperation between Jordbruksverket, SEGES, Pro Agria and Norsk Lantbruksrådgivning. Sign up on www.jordbruksverket.se/kurserochseminarier before 15th of April or by mail to niels.andresen@jordbruksverket.se. Further information, phone Niels Andresen, +46-703803410.

Study-tour on the 28th of April
For those of you who are interested, we will prepare a study tour visiting organic dairy farms in the region of Uppsala the day after the course. A program will be presented later, but the tour will end in Uppsala at 16:30. If you want to participate, please select this opportunity when you sign up.
Organic milk production in the Nordic countries - Program

Wednesday the 27th of April

09.30 – 10.00 Coffee

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction and presentation

10.15 – 11.15 What is the situation for organic milk production in the Nordic countries? Short overview from Norway, Finland, Denmark and Sweden Kjersti Berge, Pirkko Tuominen, Finn Strudsholm, Niels Andresen

11.15 – 12.15 How do we feed the organic dairy cows? Presentations and discussion concerning organic type feed rations from the different countries Torbjörn Lundborg Växa, Pirkko Tuominen, DK and NO

12.15 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Research and experience with rations based on large quantities of home-grown feeds Milk production based on clover/grass and cereals. Eva Spörndly, SLU. Organic milk production – strategies for feeds and feeding, Birgitta Johansson EPOK, SLU.

14.00 – 15.00 Development of grazing strategies in organic milk production Grazing schools in Denmark, Robotic milking and grazing. Hans Lund ØkologiRådgivningen

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30 The conversion process – creative ideas to reach new organic producers Compare conversion advice in our countries, Øko-løftet in Norway, Kjersti Berge, Dan-Axel Danielsson, Jordbruksverket

16.30 – 17.00 Keeping the network alive – next meeting in ? Share your work with a colleague - introduction
Organic milk production in the Nordic countries – STUDY TOUR

Thursday the 28th of April

08.00  Buss depart from Central station in Uppsala

08.30 – 10.15  Visit family Gauffin at Stabby Gård, 180 organic dairy cows with replacement, sheep and horse keeping [www.sjugardar.se/stabby](http://www.sjugardar.se/stabby). Themes for the visit: Selling milk with own brand to the local market in cooperation with 6 other farms: [www.sjugardar.se](http://www.sjugardar.se), climate certification, actual farm questions concerning feeding and grazing.

10.45 – 12.15  Visit Lövsta Research Centre: [www.slu.se/lovsta](http://www.slu.se/lovsta). Presentation by Mikaela Patel of the Research Centre and on-going research. Themes for the visit: Research about cow traffic and feeding, short introduction to a project called "Kamp mot tramp", effects of different pasture mixtures for keeping an even grass sward.

12.30 – 13.15  Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  Visit Lars and Sölvi Ekström at Ola Gård. Large scale organic milk production with 370 dairy cows. Themes for the visit: Cooperation with local farms for feed production and litter material (straw). Cooperation with a partner around replacement production, “heifers hotel”. How to succeed with crossbreeding with dairy cows?

16.30  Arrival at the Central Station in Uppsala

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Getting to Uppsala

**Flight:** Fly to Stockholm/Arlanda, take the train from Arlanda to Uppsala

**Train:** You find train service on www.sj.se

Travel to the central station in Uppsala, Park Inn Hotel, Storgatan 30 is just a 5 minutes walk from the station.

**Accommodation**

If you need accommodation you will have to book it yourself. There are hostels in Uppsala from 500 SEK per night and a room of normal hotel standard is around 1000 SEK per night. In the evenings of the 26th and 27th of April we will gather together for dinner for those of you who are interested.

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