

Invitation to the third NorFor Adviser's Workshop in Uppsala the 23-24 of August 2012

Hereby you are invited to participate on the third NorFor Adviser's Workshop in Uppsala, Sweden the 23-24 of August 2012.

This workshop, offer the opportunity to increased experience between advisers in the countries who are using the NorFor feed evaluation system. Such experience would strength our competence about feeding ruminants in general and especially about the NorFor system. This will also contribute to further development of the NorFor system and we can exchange ideas how we can improve feeding advice.

During the workshop we are primarily using English as language (especially in lectures and presentations) but there are several who can translate if you want to comment or ask questions in your own language.

Most of the time during the Workshop will be focused on specific NorFor issues. This year we will discuss a common subject – **Feeding strategy during the lactation** – where we get the chance to discuss feeding strategies in the NorFor countries. Advisors from each country will present how feeding strategies are used in early lactation, mid lactation and late lactation and transition period. It is of special interest how you use different feedstuffs and how you fulfill the basic requirements according to optimization settings and feed ration controls.

Prior to the NorFor workshop there is a Swedish advisor's conference in Uppsala called "Djurhälso & Utfodringskonferensen" arranged by Swedish Dairy Association. If you are interested you are offered to participate on the conference. The conference will be held the 21-22th of August at Uppsala Konsert & Kongress. You can find information about the conference on <http://www.svenskmjolk.se/Aktuellt/Seminarier-och-Konferenser/Djurhalso---Utfodringskonferensen-DU/>. The conference will be held in Swedish and English. NorFor does not pay costs related to the conference. You might pay costs for the conference, extra hotel nights etc. by yourself.

We hope that the workshop will be rewarding and instructive for us all and I want to welcome you warmly.

Hans Lindberg

Managing Director, NorFor

- Time:** The 23-24 of August 2012. Coffee from 09:30. The lectures start at 10:00
- Place:** Viktoria Hotel & Conference, Uppsala, Sweden
- Hotel:** Viktoria Hotel & Conference, Uppsala, Sweden,
<http://www.cgnordic.com/sv/Eurest-Sverige/Konferens/Viktoria-Hotell--Konferens-i-Uppsala/>
- Price:** NorFor pays the conference, hotel (the night between 23-24 of August) and food during the conference. Costs for work time and travel will be payed by each participant.

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Program - the third NorFor Adviser's Workshop in Uppsala

Thursday the 23 of august

09:30 – 10:00 *Coffee*

- 10:00 Workshop starts.
Introduction and presentation of participants
- 10.30 **Run 1:** News in NorFor release 13th of august 2012 Harald Volden
 - Mobilization and deposition in NorFor
 - Effect on AAT and energy requirement
 - Prediction of methane in NorFor
- 12:15 *Lunch*
- 13:00 **Run 2:** Rumen load index Nicolaj Nielsen
 -Effect on chewing index, rumen pH, rumen acids
 and milk fat content.
- 14.45 *Coffee*
- 15:15 **Run 3:** Intake capacity and FV balance Henrik Martinussen
 -Effect on intake capacity and FV balance
 according to mobilization and deposition.
 -Prediction of FV balance in Jersey and Holstein
- 16:30 **Run 4:** Feed analysis in NorFor Maria Åkerlind/
 - Uncertainty in feed analysis Ingunn Schei
 - Comparison of feed analysis between labs.
- 18:00 End of day one
- 19:00 *Workshop Dinner*

Friday the 24 of August

- 08:00 **Theme:** Feeding strategy during the lactation – Importance of the diet for good production and healthy cows. An adviser from each country prepare a post about experiences and ideas about feeding strategy representative for the home country (Prepare for about 25 minutes – discussion included). Also explain your basic requirements according to optimization settings and feed ration controls.
- 09:30 *Coffee*
- 10:00 Working together in nationally mixed groups preparing feeding plans (TMR1, TMR2, PMR, Individual and PMR in AMS-system) for the early lactation, mid lactation, late lactation and discuss feeding strategy for the transition period.
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 12:45 Presentation of results from the exercise. It is of special interest to hear about the discussion within the group according to optimization settings and feed ration controls.
- 14:30 Summing up the workshop
- 14:45 Workshop closed – ending up with Coffee.