

Dutch Farm Experience...

Connecting you to the most sustainable farmers in
The Netherlands!

Dutch Farm Experience is an initiative of Katrien van't Hooft, Dutch veterinary doctor and free-lance livestock development expert:
“Because of 25 years of experience with livestock development in various parts of the world, I am able to effectively support the ‘translation’ of the lessons learnt in Dutch farming to situations elsewhere...”



The Netherlands is known for its impressive dairy production. But how was this achieved?

What were the side effects of this success?

And what was learned in the process of intensification and scale enlargement that is relevant for other countries?

Come and find out!





What is Dutch Farm Experience all about?

Governments, universities and NGO's from all over the world are interested in the Dutch dairy production practices. They are usually connected to highly technological productive units. Meanwhile within the Netherlands a growing number of farmers have developed new ways to deal with the negative side effects of these high-input systems. This provides interesting – but often unrevealed – insights for foreign visitors.

Dutch Farm Experience enables international organizations to connect to such innovative and sustainable farmers within the Netherlands. Many of them have re-introduced 'old' practices in their farming enterprise, such as on-farm cheese making, direct marketing, care farms, local dual-purpose breeds, soil fertility measures and the use of medicinal plants to reduce antibiotics.

This history is largely unknown beyond the Netherlands. This is unfortunate, due to the immense importance for countries where such old elements are still in place – though usually referred to as old-fashioned. In the process of searching for the best combination of 'old' and 'new' practices people from developing countries and the Netherlands have important lessons to share. Effectively combining these practices is key for a better world, with more food and a better environment for all.

Services offered

Dutch Farm Experience believes in the power of joint learning by sharing sustainable experiences. Dutch Farm Experience facilitates direct linkages between development experts in developing countries and the Netherlands – and provides support to dairy farming projects worldwide.

Services include:

- Tailor-made farm visits and/or training for veterinarians, government- university- and other (livestock) development workers visiting the Netherlands. In groups or on individual basis.
- Technical and methodological support to dairy farming training activities worldwide
- Evaluation of livestock and dairy farming projects
- Studies and presentations on key topics related to sustainable livestock farming
- Linkages with interesting livestock-related organizations and networks

