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Seminar

Water buffaloes in Sweden 6 years later – what has happened?

Time	Wednesday 2 December 2015, at 10.00–16.15 (registration from 09.30.)
Venue	The Royal Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Drottninggatan 95 B, Stockholm, Sweden.
Registration	No later than 28 November via this link or through our website www.ksla.se .
Fee	The seminar is free of charge, but cancellations must be made no later than 30 Nov or we will invoice SEK 500 to cover costs.
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In March 2009 KSLA arranged a two days seminar discussing possibilities to introduce water buffaloes in Sweden as dairy, meat and grazing animals. The agenda covered presentations of: buffalo biology and behavior, social organization; thermo regulation; grazing/browsing (incl. wetlands); temperament traits; health/parasites; milking (incl. milk products and regulatory issues). The seminar was very well attended and stimulated a process in Sweden to realize the vision of establishing water buffalo farms in Sweden. Already in 2010 the Ritter family imported water buffaloes as grazing animals. And in early 2012 the Elvingsson family imported dairy buffaloes from Germany.

Over the following years additional buffalo farms have been established in Sweden. Thus, over the six years a lot has happened as regards establishing a new farm animal in Sweden. This follow up seminar aims to summarize the process and results so far, and the future prospects of keeping water buffaloes in the Swedish countryside.

Welcome!

Carl-Anders Helander
Academy Secretary and Managing Director



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Moderator Carl-Gustaf Thornström, SLU

- 09.30 **Registration**
- 10.00 **Welcome**
Carl-Anders Helander, Academy Secretary General and Managing Director, KSLA
- 10.05 **Brief background and context**
CG Thornström, chair of the seminar, SLU
- 10.10 **Introducing Water Buffalo grazing in the south Baltic area for landscape maintenance issues and its economic feasibility**
Mr Weert Sweers, Germany
- 10.50 **Challenge when you establish a water buffalo farm in Sweden**
Sabine Ritter and Pontus Elvingsson
- 11.30 **Differences between Bos Taurus and B. Bubalis**
Rose-Marie Winroth,
- 12.00 **The Food Perspective including the examples that precedes the lunch**
Christina Möller,
- 12.15 **Lunch**
- 13.15 **Government agencies perspectives**
To be confirmed
- 13.45 **Products from WBs – which niches and marketing challenges?**
Mattias Dernelid
- 14.15 **Entrepreneurial challenges – future challenges**
Linda Elvingsson, Ängsholmens mejeri
- 14.45 **Making economy work**
Per Hansson, agricultural economist, Landshypotek Bank
- 15.15 **Panel discussion and follow up**
- 16.15 **Concluding remarks – closing of seminar**