



FAMILY FARMS IN THE NETHERLANDS

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SHORT INTRODUCTION



- Eke Folkerts, boardmember of the young farmers association of the Netherlands: NAJK
- Responsible for everything involving the continuity of family farming
- Informing companies and the government on the needs of young farmers when they want to take over the farm. Representing in the young farmers debates.

SHORT INTRODUCTION



- More than 8000 members
- 10 regional departments with more than 120 local departments
- National board of 7 boardmembers representing the agricultural sectors



FROM A HISTORICAL POINT OF VIEW

- Lots of small family farms in rural area's – around 800.000 in 1800
- Late 1800 the raise of many cooperations



FARMING IN THE NETHERLANDS AFTER WW2

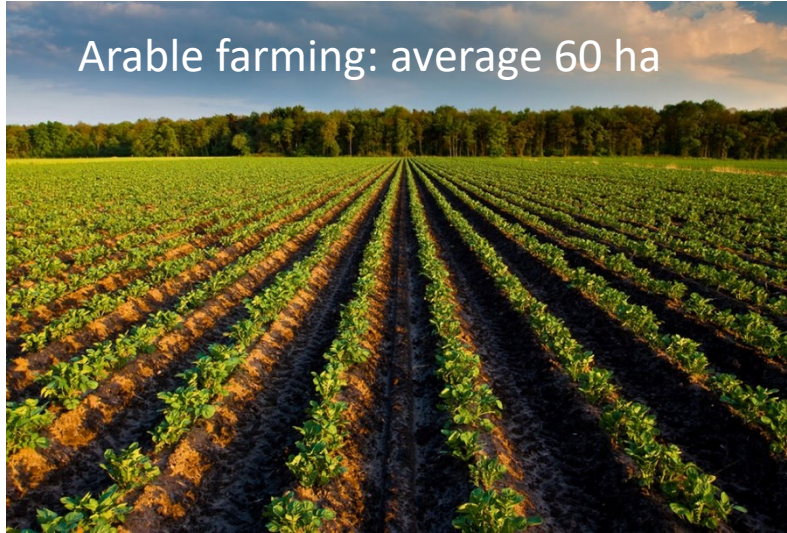


- 1950: 400.000 family farms.
- 1975: 150.000 family farms.



FARMING IN THE NETHERLANDS NOW

Arable farming: average 60 ha



Dairy farming: average 95 cows



Pigfarming (meat): average 3200 pigs



Poultry: average 80.000 chickens



FARMING IN THE NETHERLANDS

52.000 (family)farms now



Expectation: In 2030 34.000 left...



CHALLENGES

- New legislations on:
 - Manure
 - Nitrogen
 - Nitrate
 - Animal welfare
 - New CAP
- The battle for space



THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR FAMILY FARMS?

Avarage income: -12.000 - +120.000???



Price of 1 ha: 60.000 euro – 150.000 euro

60x 90.000= 5.400.000 euro



SUPPORT FOR FAMILY FARMS / YOUNG FARMERS?

- Special tax rules for farmers
 - BOR – escape on inheritance tax
 - landbouwvrijstelling – escape on profit tax
- CAP: investment support with extra high % for young farmers
 - Goal is to help them invest in a more sustainable way of farming
- New: installation support.
- fund for generational renewing

*Still... we believe there is a future for
farming in the Netherlands!*

