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Occupational health and safety strategy in Swedish agriculture

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The Swedish Committee on Working Environment in Agriculture (Lantbrukets arbetsmiljökommitté, LAMK)

- **A network** working for a good, healthy and safe working environment in Swedish agriculture from the view of the enterprise with the humans in focus
- **A committee** consisting of representatives from authorities, organisations, companies, research & education



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Organisation:

- LAMK has several meetings every year
- LAMK elects a chair person for one year - for this period our chair person is Catharina Alwall

Activities in LAMK:

- To prepare and effect seminars
- Target-groups are institutions, authorities, enterprises and organisations with connection to the green sector



Major partners working with the same goal

- The Swedish Work Environment Authority www.av.se
- The Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF) www.lrf.se
- The Federation of Swedish Forestry and Agriculture Employers (SLA) <http://www.sla-arbetsgivarna.org>
- The Swedish Municipal Workers' Union (Kommunal) www.kommunal.se
- The Swedish Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering (JTI) www.jti.se
- Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU) www.slu.se



Examples of ongoing initiatives & partners

The Swedish Work Environment Authority www.av.se

- Project (2009-2011) with inspections and supervision on Swedish farms
- The aim is to reduce the number of injuries
- Encourage farms to work according to the Systematic Work Environment Management (SAM)
- To introduce the new provision on working with animals



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- A large project called "Safe farmers Common Sense (Säkert Bondförnuft) www.sakertbondfornuft.se
- The aim is to reduce the number of injuries in agriculture by 50 % during 2009-2013
- A nation-wide system with >100 supervisors meet farmers face to face
- Financial support by the European Union (EU)





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The Federation of Swedish Forestry and Agriculture Employers (SLA) <http://www.sla-arbetsgivarna.org>

- To reduce the number of injuries by their small-scale farm safety extension services to their farming members
- Provided by safety engineers make on-farm visits



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The Swedish Municipal Workers' Union (Kommunal) [www.kommunal](http://www.kommunal.se)

- Have a system with regional safety representatives
- They give advice and service for their members on farms as well as their employers
- To support the use of Systematic Work Environment Management (SAM)



All Swedish Agriculture
The Ag industry, Authorities
Organizations

A joint mission against injuries

Now – or never!