

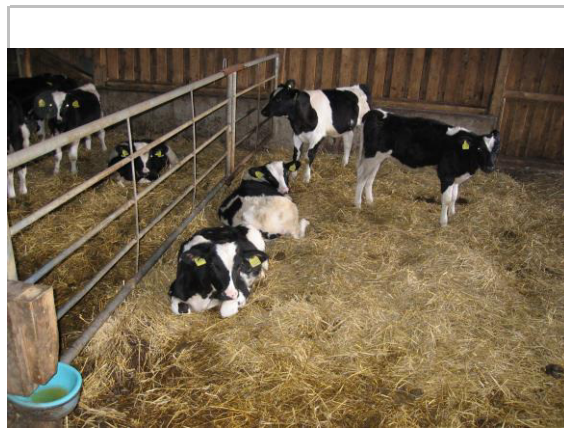
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Beef finisher

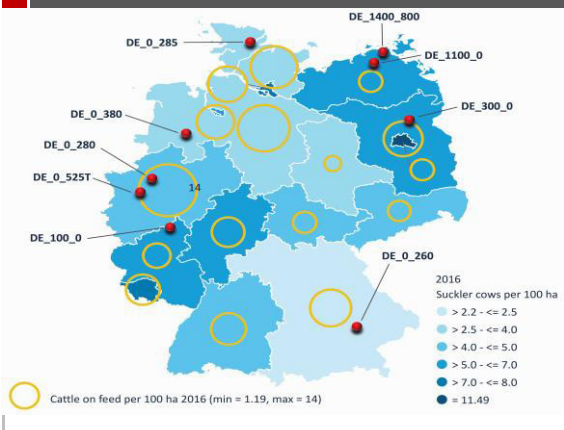
Farm overview

Legal status	Family farm
Production system	Silage
Breeds	Holstein
No. finished cattle sold per year	286
Barn/pen/grazing capacity	186
No. of breeding cows*	
Family labour (hours)	2 500
Hired labour (hours)	280
Other activities	Cash Crops

* only if cow-calf enterprise on the same farm



Location



Natural conditions

Country	Germany
Region	Schleswig Holstein
Relief	Coastal flatland
Elevation (above sea level)	1 m
Soil	Silty loam / clay
Climate	Df – wet all seasons
Main growing season	April – October
Average annual temperature	9,6 °C
Average annual precipitation	839 mm
Precipitation	Evenly (peak January, June – August)



Particularities

The family farm with 1.1 labour units is a specialized beef finishing farm. The farm represents the Northern German beef producer that raises male Holstein dairy calves. The calves are raised with milk replacer and an increasing proportion of maize silage. The feed basis for bulls is maize silage and grass silage with concentrates and minerals. The animals are kept whole year round in barns, the first 6 month on straw bedding, the prevailing time on slatted floors. Mainly contract labour is used for producing the forage.