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# Special study

**Status quo und Entwicklungsperspektiven der  
Mutterkuhhaltung in Deutschland  
– eine empirische Studie in Niedersachsen und  
Brandenburg**

– English short summary –

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## Short summary

The objective of this diploma thesis was to find out the status quo and the perspectives of development of suckler-cow farms in Germany. A questionnaire was designed and sent to 956 farmers from Lower Saxony and Brandenburg being member of the marketing organisations MASTERRIND GmbH or the RBB. The results are mainly supposed to be part of the *agribenchmark* operated by the FAL Braunschweig.

The survey was done between January 22nd and February 15th 2007. The main results are based on questionnaires from 185 farmers and can be summarised as follows:

- Most of the farms will still exist in five years, but with a higher number of suckler-cows.
- Most of the farmers are satisfied with the quality of their life.
- In the opinion of most farmers, the quality of life will not change.
- Main risk for nearly every farmer is the reduction of subsidy levels.
- A regional risk in Brandenburg is water shortage caused by drought and related higher water prices.
- Farm production factors like labour, land and capital are not planned to be increased.
- Most farmers will not move their businesses to other locations in Germany or even in another country.
- Most farmers do not intend to enter a cooperation with another farmer.

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