Federation of Swedish Farmers

Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners
LAND AND WATER IN SWEDEN

Total 45 million hectares

Land area 41 million hectares
- agricultural land 3 million hectares
- forest (FAO def) 27 million hectares
- other (mountains etc) 14 million hectares

Inland water 4 million hectares

Population 9 million

Agricultural land per capita (hectares) 0.3
Forest per capita (hectares) 2.5

Sweden EU 25

0.3 0.2
2.5 0.8
The Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF)

- Interest and business organisation for “the green industry”
- 170,000 individual members
- Create appropriate conditions for sustainable and competitive enterprises
- Develop a favourable base for social life and enterprise in rural areas.
LRF Skogsägarna
- The Federation of Swedish Family Forest owners

- The Federation of Swedish Family Forest owners, organized in 4 Associations
- Forest policies and politics
- National projects and development
- Work together with LRF
- Representatives in national, Nordic, European and also global organisations
Development activities / National projects

- Kraftsamling Skog (Focus on Forestry)
- Säker Skog (Forest safety)
- Kunskap Direkt (www.kunskapdirekt.se)
- Forest Management Plans
- PEFC Certification
- Water Councils
- Skogsriket (Government attitude campaign)
The Swedish Forest:

27 million hectares FAO def. Forest area

Standing volume 3.3 billion m$^3$
- 41% spruce
- 40% pine
- 13% birch

Annual increment 120 million m$^3$

Annual fellings 80-90 million m$^3$
Forest Ownership

- Family: 50%
- Company: 25%
- State: 18%
- Other public: 7%
Swedish family forest owners associations
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Individual members: 111 000
Affiliated area: 6.2 mill ha
Average holding: 70 ha
Annual fellings: 20-25 mill m³

Industrial production
2 million tons of market pulp
5 million m3 of sawn goods
The Family Forest Owners

- 330 000 individual forest owners
- 228 000 holdings
- 33% live far away from their forest
- 38% females
- 31% >65 years old
Forest Owners Associations
Cooperative principles

• Economic association
• Democracy: one member one vote
• Economic responsibility to equity capital limit
• Profit sharing via wood price bonus and interest on equity capital
The member structure

Mellanskog

- Association
- Region
- District
- Members
Activities of
the forest owners associations

• Pricing, marketing, timber trade
• Forestry services
• Industrial processing
• Training, extension, information
• Influencing forest and industrial policies (together with LRF Skogsägarna)
New Owner Profile

35 percent non residents (urban owners)

38 percent female owners

Only 20 percent in combined enterprises (incl with agriculture)

Less dependance of forestry income
We work with people
European forest resources

Source: EFI (European Forest Institute)