

YOUNG FARMERS TOUR

THE NETHERLANDS

3 DAYS REVOLVING AROUND GRAZING
& AGROECOLOGY

WHEN?

9TH - 11TH JUNE 2024

WHERE?

FARMS IN NORTHERN NETHERLANDS
& LEEUWARDEN, THE CAPITAL OF THE
AGRICULTURAL PROVINCE OF FRYSLÂN

WHO?

ALL YOUNG & FUTURE FARMERS,
AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS AND TRAINEES
ARE WELCOME!

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FARMWALKS

WORKSHOPS

PLENARIES

DISCUSSIONS

EVENTS

9TH JUNE

10:30: Start Young Farmers Tour in Leeuwarden

Registration, kick-off, get to know each other

Lunch

Interactive program with the Working Group "Grazing" of the European Grassland Federation: a few 10 minutes presentations will be mingled with workshops on Grazing4Agroecology. How grazed pasture-based ruminant production systems offer high quality food, and also a range of other benefits (economic, ecological, cultural and societal).

Focus is on innovations that promote the ecosystem services provided by grazed grassland

Free evening in Leeuwarden

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10TH JUNE

08:30: Bus leaves from Leeuwarden

Farm visits in the vicinity of Leeuwarden.

Visit two typical Dutch dairy farms (average farm size 60 ha, 110 cows, 9,500 kg milk per cow).

The **first farm** focuses on combining biodiversity & productivity with productive species-rich grasslands.

The **second farm** practices New Dutch Grazing, a compartmented continuous grazing system that combines efficiency with reduced labor needs. The New Dutch Grazing system is favoured by many Dutch livestock farmers.

Lunch

Connecting to the European Grassland Federation:

Plenary from Switzerland "How to balance different ecosystem services of grasslands?" & Romania "How can we value ecosystem services?"

- Meeting in small groups with leading industry members in Dutch Agriculture: Barenbrug, Vredo, Eurofins, ICL, Yara, CRV and Triferto
- Opportunity to meet the top grassland experts in Europe during a poster session and discuss with them the latest insights

Get together on a reception with EGF participants and the Province Fryslân in Leeuwarden

11TH JUNE

8:30: Bus leaves from Leeuwarden

Visit dairy farm and visit CRV Dairy Breeding Center in Wirdum
(<https://crv4all.com/en/service/crv-locations>)

Departure from Leeuwarden, travel by bus via "de Afsluitdijk" (www.theafsluitdijk.com)

Lunch

Arrival province North-Holland, farm visit: commercial dairy farm experimenting with innovations of Lely (www.lely.com/us). Demonstration "Exos", the exciting new fresh grass concept of Lely (<https://www.lely.com/exos/>), automatic milking and grazing

Closing session, check out

After the closing session, participants can be brought both to Schiphol and to Leeuwarden. Buses will first go to Schiphol and then to Leeuwarden (for those that do not need to go to Schiphol, there will be the possibility to have some free time in one of the characteristic cities of the province North-Holland). You can expect to arrive at Schiphol Airport (or Schiphol railway station) at approximately 4:30pm.



European Grassland Federation (EGF)

EGF is a group of students, researchers, advisors, teachers, industry representatives, farmers, policy makers and other people with active interest in all aspects of grassland in Europe. They will meet in June 2024 in Leeuwarden and focus on the value of grasslands. The role of animals in net food security is under debate. In connection with this, Europe's vast grassland areas are at risk. Already, a large area of grassland has undergone land use change in the last decades due to amongst others urbanisation and climate change. This pressure on the land area has further increased in recent years, which has led to shifts in how grasslands are managed. With the loss of grasslands we lose the associated benefits. The main theme revolves around the question whether grass is important, and if so, why and where?

FURTHER INFORMATION



COSTS

Bus transport, lunch, coffee/tea and all visits in the program are free. Accommodation and travel to Leeuwarden is at own expense.

On the 11th of June we will arrange free bus transport to two destinations: Schiphol Airport and Leeuwarden.



OTHER INFORMATION

Travel Information:

<https://www.egf2024.com/practical-information/how-to-get-there/>

Information on Leeuwarden:

<https://www.visitleeuwarden.com/en>



ACCOMMODATION – HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We negotiated special rates and conditions at the hotels listed in the link below for participants of the Young Farmers tour:

<https://www.roomkit.nl/egf-2024>

There are also other possibilities to book hotels in the links below or via regular booking sites:

<https://www.visitleeuwarden.com/en/plan/overnight-stay>

For a special experience, there is also a possibility to stay in a hostel located in an old prison:

<https://alibihostel.nl/en/>

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Please register via your national contact person or via [**a.van.den.pol@aeres.nl**](mailto:a.van.den.pol@aeres.nl)