



 Andreas Stockner - Family farm



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12 hectares



workload reduction

GRASS AND LABOUR-EFFICIENT DAIRY PRODUCTION BY MEANS OF A GRAZING-ORIENTED CATTLE BREED AND FARMING SYSTEM

Maximising labour and feed efficiency, especially when using own forage use, is a pivotal issue for all livestock farms.

Aiming to match cattle needs and grass availability while minimising labour and resources, the Stockner family at Schnagererhof has developed over many years a pasture-specialised management system.

Key steps in this process were the introduction of full grazing in combination with a short sward grazing system, seasonal spring calving and the switch from an all-year-round indoor housing and Braunvieh xx breed to a grazing-based production with the Jersey breed.

By consistently focusing on an intensive grazing system, the farm achieves the best forage quality from the permanent pastures and produces fully grass-based milk.

By not using concentrated feed, there is no food competition with humans.

Grazing significantly reduces work processes in the field: fertilisation, mowing, forage field curing and harvesting of forage are strongly reduced. This leads to a considerable reduction in the amount of machinery required and therefore in fuel consumption.

Seasonal calving allows taking a break of about 8-12 weeks from milking during the winter, which increases the family's life quality.

Farmer Interview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chLMtGDjy1w>

