

# Dairy Farming and Landscape Conservation



Baden-Württemberg (D)

Example of successful cooperation between a dairy farmer and a Nature protection foundation in realising nature and environmental objectives



## Family Thomas Huber

- Dairy Farm
  - Agricultural area: 120 ha
  - Grassland: 85 ha
  - Maize: 13 ha
  - Clover grass: 22 ha
  - Dairy cows: 82
  - Annual milk yield: 7,400 kg
  - Labour force: 1.6 AWU



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## Cooperation Partner

- Nature protection foundation Pfrunger - Burgweiler Ried
- Second biggest bog area in the southwest of Germany
  - 2,940 ha of which 1,680 ha are potentially usable for agriculture

## On what aspect do the partners cooperate?

- The foundation provides 30 ha of land to farmer
  - 15 ha are used as fodder for the dairy cows and the other 15 ha are extensively grazed by 13 Scottish highland cattle
- Farmer receives € 270 per ha from government funding for this kind of landscape conservation

## Common goal

- Maintenance of an unique cultural landscape
- Increase of biodiversity, especially species richness
- Stimulation of tourism compatible with nature
- Improved potential markets for regional meat to receive a higher prize

## How to achieve?

- Through extensive grazing
- Public workshops / open door days on a regular basis
- „Giving back area to nature“ by rewetting, visitor management, etc.

## Added benefit for society?

- Maintenance of a rare cultural landscape
- Recreation area for controlled tourism
- Possibility of buying meat from extensively grazed cattle (partly of rare and endangered cattle breeds, e.g. Pinzgauer, Heckrind)



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