

Handling Sheep without docking of the tail - Demonstration Project Animal Welfare

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The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture support the “Demonstration Project Animal Welfare” through the Federal Office of Agriculture and Food to give farmers the opportunity to change husbandry conditions in order to improve welfare to the sheep. In total 6 farmers were chosen to keep sheep with long tails.



Demonstration objects

- ❖ 6 farmers
- ❖ different grazing systems
- ❖ different experiences in sheep husbandry with uncutted tails
- ❖ dairy and meat sheep breeds
- ❖ different breeds of Merino Landschafen, Scottish Blackface and others
- ❖ flocks of 250 – 2000 ewes

Measures for keeping sheeps with undocked tails

- ❖ optimization of parasite management
- ❖ optimization of stable and pasture hygiene
- ❖ avoidance of feed changes
- ❖ additional roughage feeding
- ❖ use of herd management programs
- ❖ selection for short tails
- ❖ additional shearing around the backside
- ❖ battery machines for shearing
- ❖ continuous shearing system
- ❖ sheep handling systems
- ❖ Weighing machine for classification

Motivation to participate the project

- ❖ interchange between farmers and scientists
- ❖ increase of animal welfare
- ❖ taking a pioneering role
- ❖ share expertise with others
 - knowledge transfer

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